



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Tan,
Deacon George Piech-Meat

12 May 2024 - Feast of the Ascension

Our readings are from Year B: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20



What does the Ascension of our Lord mean to us?

Ascension is a celebration of Jesus ascending into heaven, and he promised that he will send us a protector, the Holy Spirit, who holds us close to God, helping us to live a life that in imitating our Lord Jesus we continue to draw strength from God.

As Jesus promised: He is going to the Father to prepare a place for us. He will return to bring us to the Father.

Jesus had ascended into heaven, but through the Holy Spirit, he remains with us in the Church. Jesus continues teaching us and opens our mind and consciousness through the Words he has revealed to us. And through the Holy Eucharist, we can receive Jesus into us, and make us part of Him. As Jesus said: "I will be with you till the end of time."

The Holy Spirit is like a motherly figure that nurtures and protects us in our faith journey. It is timely that we are celebrating Mother's Day this weekend. May Mary pray and intercede for us all, help us to stay closer to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Ignatius Tan
Assistant Priest

Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am* Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at: m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass *no 8am Sunday live stream this week.

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

Parish Announcements

Alpha

Please pray for every guest who is currently doing Alpha in our parish. Our Alpha guests and teams will be enjoying the Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat Day on **Saturday 18 May**. Please pray that they can powerfully encounter God in his Holy Spirit, transforming their lives for the better. Pray for courage for those inviting friends and family to attend our **next** Alpha series, which we plan for **September 2024**.



Our Scripture & Friendship Group

will meet on **Tuesday May 14** at Ann's home: 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. All are welcome to join as we discuss Sunday's Gospel. We start with a cuppa at 10am and conclude at 11.30am.

Bob's Knitting Group

will meet on **Friday 17 May from 10.00-12pm** at St. Louis'. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the company of friends as we knit for a cause and share a cuppa together.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent **St Vincent de Paul's 'Let's Do Mothers' Day High Tea'**. It was a very enjoyable event with almost 60 people in attendance and thanks to everyone's generosity we have been able to sponsor 6 children through St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program that assists students in developing countries.



Praise and Worship Night

Our next Praise and Worship Night will be on **Friday 17 May from 7.30 - 8.30pm** at St. Louis' Church. All are welcome to come and experience the love of the Holy Spirit in the company of friends.

We are an Earthcare Parish - Kingston Council Plant Giveaway

The autumn plant giveaway program is open to all Kingston residents. Each household can collect 5 free plants (while stock lasts). You do not need to register. Just attend one of the events listed and bring along your proof of address (e.g. a drivers licence, rates notice or utility bill with your address). Up to 1000 plants will be given away at each event. First in, **best dressed!**

Events: Carrum Indigenous Nursery on Tuesday 14 May, 9 am – 12 noon

Kingston Heath Reserve on Saturday 18 May, 9 am – 12 noon



Laudato Si Week May 19-26, 2024

This year marks the ninth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' **Laudato Si' encyclical** to every person living on this planet. Seeds of Hope is the chosen theme of the weeklong Laudato Si' celebration. We are invited to be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, and to be rooted in the Christian virtues of faith, hope and love. A **Celebration Guide** has been prepared especially for celebrating the week. It proposes daily actions such as inspiring ecological conversion, promoting sustainable food and transportation, reducing waste, and educating ourselves in integral ecology, among other things.

Annual Mass Attendance

The Archdiocese requests a weekend mass attendance count from all parishes annually. This will take place over the 4 weekends of 4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May.



Finding Fatima

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our parish has a **FORMED** subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Announcements



Special 3rd Collection

We will have a 3rd collection this weekend to raise funds for Australia's National Breast Cancer Foundation. Donations will go directly to funding world-class breast cancer research towards a vision of Zero Deaths from breast cancer. You can also make your donation online at <https://nbcf.org.au/>

Longbeach Parishioner Luncheon

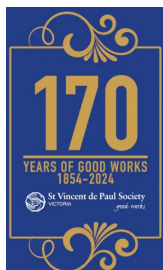
The next Longbeach Parishioner Luncheon will be held at **12:30pm on Wednesday 15th May** at the Cove Hotel Thompsons Rd Patterson Lakes. For bookings ring either Patricia Adams on mobile 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733, alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.



CatholicCare VICTORIA
Strengthening families & communities

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria. CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full.



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works Exhibition

Members of the public are invited to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Australia at an interactive exhibition showcasing the remarkable journey of the Society. The exhibition is located at Xavier College, Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre, 135 Barkers Rd. Kew. **The exhibition will run each day from Tuesday 21 May to Friday 24 May from 11am - 4pm .**

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19

Don't forget to wear red!



Children's Liturgy.
4-10-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month.



Praise & Worship.
3rd Friday of the month
7.30-8.30pm.



Rosary & Adoration.
1st Saturday of the month 4.30-5.30pm
St. Louis'.



Scripture & Friendship.
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
10-11.30am.



Prayer Ministry.
Intercessory prayer.
4th weekend of the month - all masses.

Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster - Pentecost Sunday 18/19 May 2024.

18/19 May 2024	PENTECOST SUNDAY Readings (Year B) Genesis 11:1-9 Romans 8:22-27 John 7:37-39							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Confirmation Yr 5/6 Level Mass		Marie Medlicott	Micheal Barker	Bernie Stuart	Sonia Williams	Annette Brilliant	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Graham Jones	Joan Healy	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Barry Wheeler	Jack Meyer	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Confirmation Yr 5/6 Level Mass		Felice Cortese	Maureen Wraight	Volunteer	Berna Wake	Ann Furlong	Tony Allday
11.00am (M)	Confirmation Yr 5/6 Level Mass		Juan Wilson	Philippa Pecora	Vikki Fitzgerald	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 4 Bernadette Terrell Geoff Terrell Susan Dornom							

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brenda Jennings (sister of Glenice Laughlin), Chris Morris (CTC).

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Inez Garlick, Barry Hirning, Vito Giarratana, Christine de Niese, Beryl Lomas, Samuel Dornom, Terry Feely, Margaret Maley, Norm McCloud, Terry McCloud, William Doherty, Michael Cleary, Rodney Aldridge, Guiseppe Favola, Rhys Gillard, Joe Curtain, Maisie Slattery, Maria Godeassi, Rachael McCarthy, Kathleen Noonan, Daniel Bennett, Geraldine Brunner, Evelyn Laragy, David Graham, Patricia O'Sullivan, Tony Drinan, Peter Fergus.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS:

Rob Ward, Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, Valerie O'Hara, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Steve Gobac, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Sam Finnochiaro, Pam Ulbrick, Anne Burke, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Fr Barry Ryan, Kathleen Ryan.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Mass Times

Weekend Masses



Saturday: 6pm Vigil Mass (St. Louis')
 Sunday: 8am Mass (St. Brigid's)
 Sunday: 9.30am Mass (St. Louis')
 Sunday: 11am Mass (St. Brigid's)

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.15am Communion Service (St. Louis')
 Tuesday: 9.15am Mass (St. Louis')
 Wednesday: 10am Mass (St. Brigid's)
 Thursday: 9.15am Mass (St. Louis')
 Friday: 11.30am Mass (St. Brigid's)

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary



Friday 10.30am St. Brigid's
 and 1st Saturday of the month
 St Louis' 4.30pm

Reconciliation



Friday - 12pm St. Brigid's,
 Saturday - 5.30pm St. Louis'

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 Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Parish Schools

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sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St. Louis de Montfort's -

9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Parish House - 03 9412 8432

Parish Office - 03 9580 7981

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults in our community.

Our Child Safeguarding Team:

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