



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

PARISH VISION STATEMENT: *We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God. We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.*

4th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 30 April 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Acts 2:14, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Trish Angliss, Kristian Tangso,
Berna Wake

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Ann Fitzgerald

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m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

I am the gate of the sheepfold

This is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus uses several features from sheep herding to characterise the relationship between himself and his followers. Pope Francis when reflecting on this theme highlighted "three realities- the door, the way, and the voice".



When Jesus described himself as the gate (door) of the sheepfold, his audience immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment. As both shepherd and gate of the sheepfold, Jesus is concerned with the welfare of the sheep.

Francis offers the second key word: "way: following Jesus". This involves everyday life which "is following Jesus". The instruction is clear: "Do not go astray!" It is Jesus "who is the door through which we enter and through which we exit with him to follow the way of life". It is Jesus who "shows us the way".

The sheep follow Jesus "because they know his voice". In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can follow it.

Pope Francis sums up this message- Jesus is the door. He guides us along the way, we know his voice in the Beatitudes, in the works of mercy and when it teaches us to say 'Father'. "May the Lord make us understand that this is Jesus, this is the icon of him: the pastor who leads, who shows the way, and teaches us to listen to his voice."

By Jodie Marziano - Deputy Principal St Brigid's Primary School

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**



Wild Goose - Please join Week 4 Wednesday 3 May 2023 for The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Fr Dave Pivonka will take us on a journey over 7 weeks, culminating in Pentecost week. We will be invited to encounter or renew our encounter with the Holy Spirit. This "Watch & Share in Small Groups" event is part of our Parish Discipleship Pathway as developed by our Parish Pastoral Council. Everyone is invited as we adventure together with the Spirit leading us to a place of mercy, healing, peace and presence. Watch the trailer here: watch.formed.org/videos/the-wild-goose-trailer. Details: Wednesday 3 May 2023 7.30-9pm at St Louis'. Even if you couldn't make it to any other weeks all are invited to join Week 4. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Blessings Parish Magazine

Our Parish Magazine Blessings is available this weekend. Filled with news, stories and photos of the happenings in our vibrant parish. Please pick up a copy in the church foyers or online at our parish website and via our weekly digital newsletter.



Volunteer Readers for Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday the 28th of May we are looking for a reader at each weekend Mass who speaks another language other than english. If you can help please contact the parish office.

Scripture & Friendship

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month (excluding school holidays). An open invitation is extended to all who may enjoy discussing the weekend Gospel and gathering in friendship. Our next time together is Tuesday 9th May at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. Ann 0425 712 741 or Carmel 0425 773 608.

New Sound System installation St. Louis'

St. Louis' church is unavailable during the days from Monday 8th - Friday 12th May. The communion service on Monday the 8th is cancelled. Mass on Tuesday the 9th will be at St. Brigid's at 9.15am. Mass on Thursday 11th will be at 9.15am in the St. Louis' School hall (with the whole school - Mother's Day mass).



Tuesday and Thursday morning masses next week. (2nd and 4th May)

We welcome our Year 4 classes to these masses next week as part of their preparation for the First Eucharist.



Baptisms this weekend!



WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Ayla Megan, Romeo, William Thomas, Daisy Sylvia

God has you in His hands on this special day. With every little step you take, He guides you on your way.





Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate

Do You Feel like Being Called to Serve? The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 3 June 2023, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. For more information: Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. The links are a source of additional information. <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>, Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>, Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage, <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>, or <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate> **Contact details** - 03 9412 3357 / Email diaconate@cam.org.au.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2023

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him."*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



A prayer request

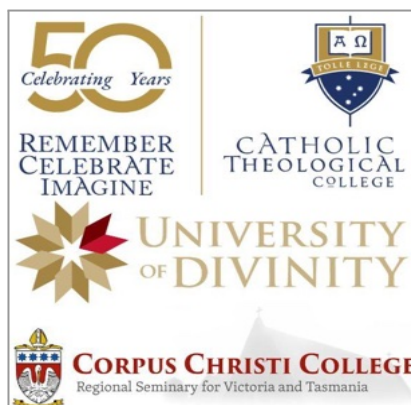
You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious person. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au. This is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church

You are invited to make your contribution to the training of seminary students for the Catholic priesthood: ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/



Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

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A movie poster for "JOSEPH OF NAZARETH" showing a man in a desert setting. The text "JOSEPH OF NAZARETH" is prominently displayed.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and *graciously praxis*

Kingston Native Plant Giveaway

Next Event: Carrum Indigenous Nursery **Tuesday 2 May, 9.00am - 1.00pm**. For more dates and further enquiries, please contact Customer Care on 1300 653 356.



With St Mary of the Cross We Pray

Recently Deceased

Rona Hennessy (Patrick Jurd's mother)
Petre Stan (Chelsea)

Anniversaries

Doreen Power, Margaret Hickey, Chris Wragg, Gregory Costa, Lucy Costa, Pam Dusink, Barry Stanton, Mary Porter, Bill O'Connor, George Le Brocq, Charles Cromer, Jim Rix, George Hannan, Kevin Campion, Mark Payton, Dylan Walker, Pierre Kennan, Ron Smith, Anna Cortese, Maud Smith, Catherine Williams, Lilian White, Peter Taylor, Mary Crowe, Thomas Maher, Brian Juliff, Andrew Casey, Norm North, Norma North, Nancy Daglish, Jessie Quek, Mollie Buxton, Joan Freeman, Nesan Murugayan, Noel Williams, Nora Monaghan, Eileen Owen-Tucker, Marjorie Currihan, Byron Myles-Johnson

Healing Prayers Asked For

Mathew TreDenis Foley, Breda Cooney, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Michael Bell, Sophia Bicos, David Morris, Helen Pedrazzini, Sue Kelly, Claude and Lily Fabris, Yvonne Graham, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Kathy & Ray Martin, Sam Finnochiaro, Peter Camerino, Sally McGloin, Josephine Wood, Pam Ulbrick, Mathew Trewin, Brenda Sin Hidge

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training. Copies of the policy are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office. For any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432 Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432 Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849 Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568 Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184 Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
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Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

5th Sunday of Easter	Readings (Year A) Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12			
6th & 7th May	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Tanya Jhoomun	Tony Aloysious	Lisa Tuke	Vikki Fitzgerald
Commentator	Ann Brennan	Anglea Meo	Ann furlong	Adam Whatmore
Special Minister	Carmel Barker Gail McGillivray Julius Lau	Chris McAleer Carole Guthrie Jack Meyer	Alison Krishnadas Elizabeth Newington Ron Shneider-Loos	Donna Cardamone Peter Wain Glenice Laughlin
Welcomers	Adrienne Kennedy Annette Brilliant	Jane Standish Barry Wheeler	Joe Corda Berna wake	Helen Rocks Tung Phan
Counters	Gary & Joanne Partleton		Ron Soares	
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Pamela Shanley	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change.




If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office

PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS:

Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS:

Monday 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

PARISH SCHOOLS



St Brigid's School,

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

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