



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.*

3rd Sunday of Lent - 20 March 2022

Our readings are: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12, Luke 13:1-9

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 Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tango**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

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9am - 4pm



PARISH LINKS:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

[melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale](http://melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale)

Live-streamed Mass:

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
6pm Saturday and **8am Sunday**

[Digital Bulletin](#)

The Fig Tree

Patience and forgiveness are two things difficult to exercise. Difficult because they require on our part to go a little further to consider other people and not just our own needs. If we compare the times that we have exercised and not exercised these two virtues, what an enormous difference they make. Conversely, if we have been on the receiving end of someone's patience and mercy then we would appreciate how much they mean. Being patient and forgiving doesn't mean things will go on as normal but a chance for reflection and conversion.



Leave the fig tree one more year

The fig tree is a symbol of hope and not of disaster. The fig tree's purpose is to bear fruit. Imagine how frustrated the owner would be if their hard work in planting and watering does not yield a single result.

As people of God, addressed to Moses in the first reading "*I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt.*", our purpose is to blossom and flourish into the person that God intended. We find it reassuring to know that God's patience and forgiveness are endless but at the same time a sombre realisation that our existence is not, just as Ash Wednesday reminds us. We're being constantly nurtured by God and it also requires a decent effort on our part.

by Fr Hoang Dinh

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

Parish News

Parish Survey - 10 Values Analysis

This weekend we are launching an online survey, evaluating how our parish is doing in living out the Ten Values common to healthy and growing parishes. This is an important next step in our parish missionary renewal journey to assess where we are and where we need to improve. It is particularly apt given this week's Gospel - The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree. Healthy things grow and bear fruit, we need to regularly check the condition of the soil (assess the 10 Values). You are a valuable member of our community, we value your opinion. The survey will be sent to everyone on our email database and will also be on our parish website. Please do take the time to complete the analysis. For a direct link to the survey go to: m.stmaryofthecross.com/survey

Parish Event - What is God saying to the Church?

Thank you to the many people who came to our parish event on Tuesday 15 March to listen to an engaging conversation between Bishop Robert Barron, Fr James Mallon and Revd. Nicky Gumbel. The discussions and feedback from our parish community was inspiring and Spirit-filled. Look out for more opportunities to hear from leaders in parish missionary renewal and continue our discussions and ideas to grow our parish.

Easter Roster for Mass

We're looking for volunteers for the Easter Rosters across all masses: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday vigil and Sunday Easter masses**. If you're able to assist please sign up on the list located in both church foyers.

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on **Thursday 24th March 2022, commencing 7.30 pm** in the meeting room at **St Louis'**. Please attend and have your say, as the future of the group, which has a history of supporting the school and parish for more than 50 years, is at stake. Something has to change to justify continuation. Are you the person to bring about that change? All men of the parish and school community are invited. Fr Andrew Jekot will also be attending. Enquiries to Tony Allday 9580 7344 or ajallday@optusnet.com.au.



Kingston's Autumn Plant Giveaway



Kingston Council have just opened their Autumn Plant Giveaway. So our Parish Earthcare team is hoping to encourage people to **register for 5 free plants** as part of our commitment to Care of our Common Land.

Have a look at their Facebook post on the [City of Kingston Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/cityofkingston) for more details. Register at: eventbrite.com.au/cc/kingstons-autumn-plant-giveaway-196389

St Louis' Church Garden Weeding UPDATE

We have had to defer the St Louis' garden weeding planned for **Monday 21 March** due to unforeseen circumstances. Look out for a new callout for volunteers soon.

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 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC)**, East Melbourne.

For more information contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate 03 9412 3357 / diaconate@cam.org.au A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below are working: Melbourne's Deacons youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0, Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY, Brochure cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate

2022 Longbeach Parishes Luncheon

Please join us at the **Longbeach Hotel** on **Wednesday 23 March at 12.30pm** for the Longbeach Parishes Social Group luncheon.



St Joseph's Youth Group musical production of "Call of Guadalupe"

The musical production "Call of Guadalupe" will be performed in November at St Joseph's Hall, Chelsea. **Auditions** for main roles and chorus will be held on **Saturday 26 March at St Joseph's Hall**. Kids over 10 years old are welcome to attend the auditions. Further details on the church noticeboard.

Parish News

Flood Appeal – Society Of St Vincent De Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to **support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society** in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: vinnies.org.au or by calling Queensland – (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales – (02) 9568 0262.

Caritas Australia – Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to **support Caritas Ukraine** and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. Donate at caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine or contact 1800 024 413.



Project Compassion speaker – Nicole Dobrohotoff

We welcome Nicole, who is one of our parishioners working for Caritas. She will be speaking at all masses about this year's Project Compassion appeal.

Godspeed Kristian

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person."

(St Therese of Lisieux.) This weekend we farewell Kristian Tangso, a member of our Parish Leadership Team who is embarking on a glorious adventure to study Sacred Art in Florence, Italy for 12 months. We wish you blessings Kristian, may God protect you and return you to our community safe and well.

Ethically Sourced Products

Your choices can make a difference - When choosing your chocolate, coffee, tea or cocoa this Easter, please ensure to look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced with the forced labour of children). Look for - 'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified' or 'Cocoa Horizons' (Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable). For further information on Slavery Free products go to acrath.org.au.



**Third Sunday of Lent
19 & 20 March**



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Baptisms this weekend.
We welcome into our parish family:
*Myles PJ - Finn Taylor - Veda -
West - Mackenzie Anne*



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

Recent Deaths

Br Kevin Moloney FSC

Anniversaries

Margaret Barnett, Grazia Basile, Ted Burke, Jennifer Crawford, Marie Dorian, Nello Fabris, Michael Goss, Hector Jones, Charles Judd, John Langer, Philippe Laval, Stacey MacInnes, Faye Marshall, Laurie Mattea, Gordon McCarthy, Vivian Morillion, John Nelson, Gabrielle O'Donnell, W/O Gordon Parker RAAF, Bevan Porter, Thomas Raines, Peg Smith, Alan Stoppa, Jim Stynes, Richard Thorne, Peg Weaver

Healing Prayers Asked For

Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, Jason Turner, Ferena Zienau, Paul Dodkians, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives, Minnie Joseph, Odette Ward, Pat McDonald, Sam Finnocchiario, Lisa Downing

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
 - Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.
- Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592



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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 (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

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,

129 Albert St, Mordialloc

9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

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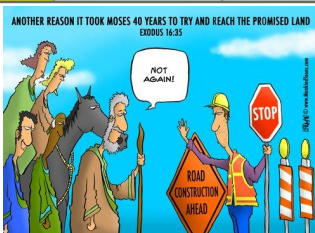
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If you know of anyone who
needs prayers or a pastoral
visit please contact the
Parish Office

Next Week's Roster

4th Sun Lent	Readings (Year C): Joshua 5:9,12 2 Corinth 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32			
26th & 27th March	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Michael Barker	Stefanie Carino	Lisa Tuke	Vikki Fitzgerald
Commentator	Carmel Barker	Angela Meo	Brenda O'Leary	Mark Carrazzo
Special Minister	Bernie Stuart	Carole Guthrie	Felice Cortese	Helen Rocks
Welcomers	Julie Buick Ann Furlong	Barry Wheeler Volunteer	Berna Wake Maureen Wraight	Vanessa Fernandes Judy Lamb
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin



Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples