



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.*

6th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 14th May 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

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

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

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m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

ONLINE BULLETIN

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit, God's continuing presence in the world, is with us always. Last week Jesus told us, *'I am the way, the truth and the life'*. So the Spirit of truth, that Jesus tells us about in today's Gospel, is sent by the Father and is an extension of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts and also reminds us of the gifts that we already have. Our task is to develop such God-given gifts and use them to build community, like many do in our parish.

In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to follow his commandment: love one another as I have loved you. This is part of the way, truth and life we heard in last week's Gospel. The self-sacrificing love of which Jesus spoke is a way

of living that develops over time, that leads each of us on to be true to ourselves and each other and gives life to everyone touched by it. We each have our own examples, which surely include mothers.



Since we believe that God is love, we need no more tangible a symbol of God than those who mother others. Thus those who mother others are, like the Holy Spirit, part of God's continuing presence in the world. Some we call 'mother' are no longer with us but have 'gone home'. We cherish their memory. Let us celebrate mothers - in name or nature - for all the good that their love engenders. Such love builds each of us up so that we can be all that God intended us to be. What a gift!

By Patrick Jurd



Let us honor those who mother others -
the light of our family,
like the Holy Spirit!

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

PARISH NEWS



THE WILD GOOSE SERIES CONTINUES - PLEASE JOIN WEEK 6

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

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. This week's session is entitled **"The Fruits of the Holy Spirit."**

"By the way we live animated by the Holy Spirit, our lives produce fruit that not only makes our own life more peaceful, patient, and loving but also positively influences those whom we encounter each and every day." All are invited to encounter or renew our encounter with the Holy Spirit who leads us to a place of healing, mercy, peace and presence. This "Watch & Share in Small Groups" event is part of our Parish Discipleship Pathway as developed by our Parish Pastoral Council. Details: **Wednesday 17 May 2023 7.30-9pm back at St Louis' church this week.** Even if you couldn't make it to any other weeks all are invited to join Week 6. Please register at the Welcome Desk.

VOLUNTEERS READERS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY 28th MAY

Shlam'alokhon, Ciao, Bonjour, Witam, Xin chào, Namaste, Guten Tag, , Konnichiwa, Kia Ora, Howzit!

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

JUSTICE ACTION GROUP - CARITAS KILOMETRES FOR COMPASSION

Every day, millions of individuals around the world need to cover many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or flee from natural disaster or conflict. In an act of solidarity, we invite you to join us as we cover kilometres of compassion to raise awareness and much needed funds to support the work of Caritas Australia. Together we will walk (or run) approx. 4 km around the wetlands. On return enjoy a sausage sizzle and scones. **Date: Saturday 20 May, Time: 2pm, Venue: Start/ finish at St Louis Church**
Cost: If possible a donation to Caritas Australia is appreciated. You can donate online: m.stmaryofthecross.com/caritas or donate cash on the day.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

Our next Praise & Worship Night is on **Friday 19 May at 7.30-8.30pm at St Brigid's Church**. All are welcome to join in a time of uplifting, spiritual praise to our Lord.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CHELSEA & DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Chelsea & District Inter-Church council are holding an Ecumenical Service on Pentecost Sunday at St Chad's LongBeach Anglican Church, 12-14 Thames Promenade Chelsea, **Sunday the 28th May at 2:30pm**. All are welcome

SORRY DAY WEBINAR

Caritas Australia is pleased to invite our parish community to the Sorry Day Webinar with survivors from Kinchela Boys Home. In this special event, you will hear from Uncle Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations. Caritas Australia's First Australians Programs team will also speak about what truth-telling and intergenerational healing means to our partners. **Date: 25 May 2023 Time: 11-12 pm AEST** Location: Zoom Webinar **Please register at** www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar



Due to a shortage of A3 paper there will be less printed bulletins at each parish.

The parish bulletin can still be accessed online at

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

or receive it in your email inbox each week by subscribing at

m.stmaryofthecross.com/subscribe



Receiving a digital copy and using electronic communication wherever possible supports our goal of minimising single-use paper resources, further helping our parish on its journey as an Earthcare Parish.

Parish News

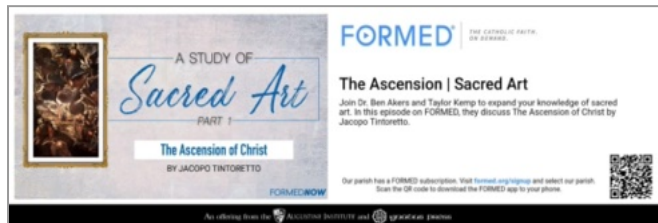
INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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. youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0, Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons and video youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY, Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage, vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate, or www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate **Contact details** - 03 9412 3357 / Email diaconate@cam.org.au.



FOOD FOR FRIENDS

Our St Mary of the Cross Food for Friends Team creates **delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community** who at times of need might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. Members of the team create meals at home or together in our St Louis' parish kitchen. Dishes are frozen and made available as soon as the need arises. A great way to meet others in the parish and make a difference in the lives of others. If you would like to nominate someone/family to receive meals or if you are interested in creating meals either at home or at the kitchen at St Louis', please contact the Parish Office.



Mothers' Day Breast Cancer Collection

The third collection this Mothers' day weekend will go towards the Breast Cancer appeal. May this be an opportunity for us to support all women this weekend.



For women who have nurtured another, perhaps their own mothers or, their children's children. A niece or nephew or, the children next door or, refugee children Or indeed your own children. May you be held in the loving arms of our good and generous God Our God who shines brighter than the sun which lights our way. Our God who is deeper than the deepest ocean, an ocean which nurtures body and soul. Our God who is warmer than the warmest campfires which warms and comforts our very being. Bless you all on this special day And forever more. Amen



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Curtin (Joe Parker's cousin)

Helen Pedrazzini (Aspendale) **Helen's funeral will be held at St Louis' @ 11 am, Thursday the 18th May**

ANNIVERSARIES

Annette Corda, Rhys Gillard, Bill Poynton, William Doherty, Michael Cleary, Guiseppe Favola, Rodney Aldridge, Tony Drinan, Maisie Slattery, Maria Godeassi, Rachael McCarthy, Kathleen Noonan, Daniel Bennett, Evelyn Laragy, Maria Luxton, David Graham, Patricia O'Sullivan, Peter Fergus, Zoe McDonald, Bruno Prochilo, Meleisea Leugamata Meleisea Si'u, Eileen (Gay) Cahir, Joe Curtin, Margaret Mailey

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Denis Foley, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Michael Bell, Sophia Bicos, Sue Kelly, Claude and Lily Fabris, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Kathy & Ray Martin, Sam Finnochiaro, Brenda Sin Hidge, Sally McGloin, Peter Camerino, Josephine Wood, Pam Ulbrick, Daneille Spencer

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

To keep each other safe, we encourage
mask wearing when attending Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6pm 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)

KIDS ZONE - CHILDREN AGED 4 - 10

4th Weekend of the Month

During 6pm, 9:30am & 11am Masses

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12pm – St Brigid's, **Saturday** 5.30pm – St Louis'

PRAYER GROUP

1st Saturday of the Month - St Louis' 4:30pm - 5:30pm

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Brigid's School, 9580 4518, sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School, 9580 5169, stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

**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	Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

The Ascension of the Lord - Readings (Year A) Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20								
20th & 21st May	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Lesley Bailey	Marg DeVries	Anthony Barnhoorn	Maire Seddon	Margaret Deveson	Berna Wake	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Frances North	Kystyna Wrzesinski	Marlene Tangso	John Guthrie	Angela Meo	Jack Meyer	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Niko Tovia	Brenda O’Leary	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Ann Furlong	Jon Searle	Norma Taylor	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Volunteer	Mark Carrazzo	Donna Cardamone	Peter Hannan	Peter Wain	Helen Rocks	Vanessa Fernandes	Glenice Laughlin
COUNTERS	Group 3 - Deborah Joseph, Joe Corda, Nelson Popley							
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.								

