



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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 5 February 2023

Our readings are from Year: A: Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

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,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

PARISH HOUSE:

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PARISH OFFICE:

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

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Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

The gospel readings on the 4th to 9th Sundays in Ordinary Time, Year A, focus on the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus teaches us discipleship. This weekend Matthew the evangelist reminds us as a disciple of Jesus, we are like "salt of the earth and light of the world."

Salt is a crucial element for taste, as salt enhances food flavours. We are called to live our lives like salt to bring out the meaning of life. Our lives can be more meaningful by trusting in God; because Jesus brings us to the Father, the source of eternal salvation.

The suffering in our life will become meaningful because it is a trial for our faith and we draw strength from God in following the footsteps of Jesus' passion. This endurance of hardship in life is like a light to others, that through our trust and dependence on God's grace we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, so that more people will see the hope of salvation in our enduring and trusting faith.

But how to be a sustainable salt and light for us all? Jesus said: "if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." (Matthew 5:13-14)

Pope Francis in one of his homilies in 2016 said: "Prayer is the battery of Christians living to keep giving saltiness taste and giving light burning." Pope Francis emphasised that prayer is a serious matter in our daily lives, we need to pray from our hearts, even a prayer of adoration to God, a prayer of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving, or a prayer of petitions to God.

Thus, Pope Francis reminded us that the conversion of heart is the fundamental process we need to become a true disciple of Jesus. We need to renew ourselves every day, listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and live a life like the salt of the earth and light of the world.



Assistant Priest Fr Ignatius Tan

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

Parish News

Parish Catechist Program 2023

Our 2023 Parish Catechist Program begins on Tuesday 21st February and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving their Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact: Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish 9580 7981.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes from **5th of March through to 25th of June** will be in the church foyers for collection next weekend. If you give via credit card or direct debit please contact the parish office for a copy of your receipt. Thank you



Serve Ministries

One of our four parish mission anchors is **Servant Leadership** - Where we are all called to serve in our parish ministries and wider community. On the weekend of February 18/19 we will offer our masses to give thanks for all who serve in our parish and ask all current serve ministers in **all** parish roles to re-confirm their commitment and encourage new people to step forward. Our Serve Ministry booklet outlines all of the serve ministry roles and is available on our parish website, printed copies are also available in the church foyers.

Current Serve Ministry Roster The Roster for 5th March to 9th April is currently being organised. If you wish to go on / come off the roster or are away during this time please let the parish office know. All volunteers are welcome and must have a WWCC and some ministry roles require a police check.

Covid Virus

The Covid Virus is in our community and wearing a face mask is recommended to protect yourself and others around you. Face masks are available in the church foyers. And, don't forget to Sanitise your hands.

Scripture & Friendship Group

The Scripture and Friendship group will gather on this coming **Tuesday 7th February**. This is an open invitation to all who have been and those who may be interested in seeing what we are about. Tuesday will be an informal cuppa, chat, prayer and general discussion as we look to the year ahead. Ann's home 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale 10 am Tuesday 7th February Carmel 0425773608, Ann 0425712741

Mass on Tuesday

The whole of St. Louis' school will be present at the mass on Tuesday to ask for God's blessing on the new school year. Mass will be held in the school hall. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday

Masses on 22nd February will be at 10am at St. Brigid's church and 7pm at St. Louis' church.

International Day of Prayer & Awareness against human trafficking

Pope Francis has designated 8th February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking** following a request from Talitha Kum, the worldwide Network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking. **"Journeying in dignity"** is the theme of the 2023 International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.



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Lenten Scripture Groups

There are a number of different scripture groups that you are invited to partake in beginning the week Monday 20th February.

- **Tuesdays (beginning 21st Feb)** at 10.30am, St. Louis' church led by Carmel Barker.
- **Tuesdays (beginning 21st Feb)** at 2pm, 63 Nepean Highway, Aspendale led by Mary Nayna.
- **Wednesdays (beginning 22nd Feb)** at 10.30am at St. Louis' church led by Trish Le Brocq.
- **Wednesdays (beginning 22nd Feb)** at 7.15pm at 41 Rivette St. Mordialloc led by Jack Meyer
- **Wednesdays (beginning 22nd Feb)** at 7.30pm via Zoom led by Kim Jeremiah.
- **Thursdays (beginning 23rd Feb)** at 7.30pm via Zoom led by Ann Furlong.

Thank you to our facilitators. Please register at the Welcome Desk

Justice Action Group



Are you
interested in
social justice
issues?
If so please
join us.

Our JAG Mission is to become better informed and raise the awareness of social injustices. We endeavour to respond as a parish and network with others working on these issues: Treatment of refugees & people seeking asylum; Domestic violence & homelessness; Protecting the environment; Understanding & respect for First Nations People; Human trafficking and Inter-faith initiatives.

We are a passionate and active group and welcome ideas from all. If you have been thinking about getting involved we encourage you to join us at our first meeting for 2023 which will be held on **Wednesday 8 February , 7.30-9pm at St Louis' Meeting Room. All are welcome.**

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of the darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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Bernadette

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.

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Recently Deceased

Trina Wilson

Val Scroggie (Chelsea)

Anniversaries 1st February - 10th February

Francisca Diaz Amaya, Ronald Aquilina, Anthony Archer, Debbie Arundel, Antonia Attar, Giuseppe Basile, Olive Bellamy, Paul Brennan, Eleanor Burns, Bill Carey, Sophy Cherian, Ann Cotter, Jack Cotter, Margaret (Anne) Cox, Kay Cresswell, Harold Leslie de Monte, Elvie Monica Doherty, John Earp, Brian Enright, Cecil Fernandez, Elizabeth Fernandez, Lois Formani, Carmel Franklin, Sofia Tovia, Vittorio Giuliano, Stewart Gowans, Jenny Harston, Peter Hodgkinson, Peter Kelly, Barney Kelly, Michael Kiely, Arthur Malone, Ken McClure, Anka Mihaljevic, Pamela Murphy, Judex Neeamuthkhan, Richard Payne, Richard Anthony Payne, Margaret Reid, Jennifer Rix, Henry (Robbie) Robertson, Sheila Marjorie Sladen, John Smith, Patrick Smith, Emanuele Tovia, Mary-Kate Velten, Caterina Vinci, Alex Williams, Resa Williams, Anne-Marie Willicott, Elizabeth Wood, Ponamma Zachariah

Healing Prayers Asked For

Brenda Cortese, Ray Martin, Sophia Bicos, David Morris, Sue Kelly

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 12 February 2023				
Readings (Year A): Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37				
11th & 12th Feb	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Debra Searle	Tony Aloysious	Michael Shortal	Michelle Campbell
Commentator	Marg De Vries	Joan Healy	Brenda O'Leary	Judy Lamb
Special Minister	Alison Krisnadas	Marlene Tangso	Mary Nayna	Phillipa Percora
Welcomers	Jhoomun	Jack Meyer	Niko Tovia	Gail Bell
	Family	Jane Standish	Maureen Wraight	Tung Phan
Counters	Anthony Barnhoorn	Kelvin & Helen		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	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

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Our Parish Mission Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples



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,
129 Albert St, Mordialloc
9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



Support
our Parish



KIDZ ZONE CALLING ALL 4-10 YR OLDS
JOIN US EVERY 4TH WEEKEND DURING MASS

Face Mask Strongly Recommended

Let's take care of each other

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