



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 Lent - Sunday 27 March 2022

Our readings are: Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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 Tangso**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

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03 9580 7981

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



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

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**

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

A PRODIGAL is a person who squanders money recklessly and selfishly, then comes to regret their foolish behavior. The term PRODIGAL has come to represent the repentant return of a person, no matter the reasons they left in the first place.

One message from Luke's Gospel, The Prodigal Son, is that it doesn't matter how far we stray from our Heavenly Father or how much we squander the gifts He provides, He is always delighted when we turn back to Him. His unconditional love is waiting for us to return home where He greets us with open arms. Every lost child (a sinner, meaning all of us) who is found (turns to God) is cause for the greatest celebration. The father's



extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace, mercy and love. God's mercy does not run according to the standards of our conventions of human justice. The heavenly standard of 'fairness' seems 'grossly' unfair in our eyes; yet that's God's standard. His mercy is for latecomers, being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. And yes it seems so unfair!

Which son we relate to may change depending on where we are in our Christian journey. At times, we may be seeking God in earnest and relate to the older son. Other times, we may have let the priorities of the world come between us and God and we may relate more to the prodigal son. In any case, the parable speaks to all of us, no matter our perspective. The parable of the prodigal son is really about living your life between you and God and not worrying about keeping score with anyone else. Be thankful He's there for you when you follow Him and will always be there to welcome you back if you fail Him.

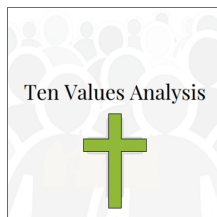
One unanswered question in the parable is, "Did the elder brother go into the banquet or not?" This parable predominantly appears to be about the younger son and his amazingly forgiving father, but it's equally about the elder son, just as lost-jealous and hate filled. If you want to know how the story ends and want to know if the elder brother joined the party, danced merrily, ate the feast and called his brother by name, if you want to, then look into your heart. The story ends with us, we write the last lines.

by Marylene Douglas

**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



Last weekend we launched 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. Thank you to all who have completed the survey. If you are yet to complete the survey, please do so, as we would like to collate the results by end March. For a direct link to the survey go to: m.stmaryofthecross.com/survey

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.

Fr. Peter Matheson and Fr. Kevin Burke

We welcome back Fr. Peter who will be celebrating the masses at St. Brigid's and Fr. Kevin Burke who will be celebrating the masses at St. Louis' this weekend. Fr. Hoang will be away for a friend's ordination to the priesthood and Fr. Andrew will be celebrating the two First Eucharist masses Sunday afternoon. A presentation will be made at the 11am mass to Fr. Peter as a thank you for his many masses over the last number of years prior to Fr. Hoang's appointment.

Cuppa after masses this weekend

All are welcome to stay for a cuppa after mass. If anyone wishes to bring some food to share after any mass they are most welcome. Could the Welcomer's please assist in this? Thank you.



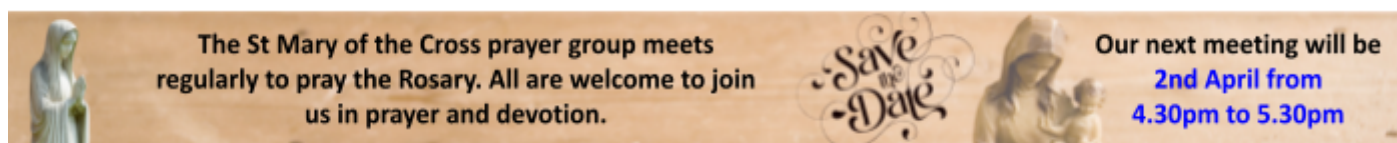
Year 4 Level Commitment masses next week

We have just celebrated the First Eucharist masses for the Year 5 students from St. Louis'. These were scheduled for last year but, yes, you guessed it, lockdowns got in the way. We are now back to our normal timetable for the sacraments and we begin with the Year 4 level commitment to First Eucharist masses next weekend. (2/3 April).

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](#), [Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons](#), [Brochure](#).



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.

Ethically Sourced Products

This Easter when choosing your chocolate, coffee, tea or cocoa, 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).



Parish News

Funeral of Tony Medicott

The Funeral for *Tony Medicott* will be held on **Wednesday the 30th of March at St Louis' Aspendale**. Commencing with the Rosary at **11:30am**, funeral Mass at **12 noon** and followed by refreshments in the church foyer.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 March



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.

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.

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.



'Pondering Grief' session

Back by popular demand, Heart of Life brings you **'Pondering Grief' on Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm**. Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experience and spirit to guide individual exploration. Venue: Heart of Life Centre 7.027 for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Please book and pay via heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.



Baptisms this weekend at St Brigid's!

We welcome into our Parish family:
Rose, Tayte, Alora, Tom Harry Neal,
Poppy Elsie

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



Recent Deaths

Tony Medicott (Marie's husband)
Fr Josip Vranješ (Croatian Chaplain)

Anniversaries

Marsha Anderson, Guiseppe Aparo, Mary (May) Bell, Ken Bramich,
Francis Colin Butler, Paul Camerino, George Clark, Kathleen Crowe, Peter Dennis,
Pat Direen, Ann Fernandez, Lance Forkgen, John Gazzo, Denis Govinder,
Thomas Hogan, Anna Iacono, Jim Laws, Kevin Laws, Alice Madden, Patrick Madden,
Margaret Malone, Jesus Manahan, Br Maurice Nicholson,
Margaret (Peggie) Pashley, Frank Patterson, John Payne, Chris Rafter,
Mary Rebeschini, Maria Rutigliano, Hazel Sweeney, Michael Van Staveren,
Veronica Wagstaff, Frank Lebler

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 Finnochiaro, Lisa Downing, Margaret McGovoen,
Sophia Bicos

**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	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	

Next Week's Roster

5th Sun Lent	Readings (Year A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45			
2nd & 3rd April	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Grade 4 St L	Barry Wheeler	Grade 4 St L	Grade 4 St B
Commentator	Grade 4 St L	Graham Jones	Grade 4 St L	Grade 4 St B
Special Minister	Michael Barker	Stephen Pooley	Ron Schneider-Loos	Glenise Laughlin
Welcomers	Adrienne Kennedy John Bainbridge	Jane Standish Volunteer	Niko Tovia Rosemary Miller	Stefanie Carino Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Mary & Serge Nayna	Aileen Dynes		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenise Laughlin

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



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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
9580 5169

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



Support
our Parish



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

Our Parish Mission



**Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples**