



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.*

The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday 21st May 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:16-20

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,
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m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

ONLINE BULLETIN

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We have been reflecting in the last few weeks that our Lord Jesus is our "Good Shepherd," and he is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." He has shown us the way to the Father.



Our Lord Jesus Christ who was incarnated to be one of us, was sent by the Father to fulfil his earthly mission, to atone the sins of all humanity, through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. In these forty days, Jesus had appeared to his disciples giving them the joy of resurrection and with a new hope. He instructed them to stay put in Jerusalem, and wait for the coming of the advocate, the Holy Spirit.

The apostles would not want Jesus to leave, just like Mary Magdalene holding on to Jesus. But Jesus said: "Do not cling to me, because I have not ascended to my Father and your Father." (John 20:17)

Jesus said it is for our benefits for him to go. If he did not go, the Holy Spirit would not come. Jesus needed to leave us to finish atoning for our sins, so that the Holy Spirit could come to mediate Christ's forgiveness beginning in baptism and to provide us with God's divine life (2 Pet.1:4). Thus, before ascension, he commissioned his disciples: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them everything I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of time." (John 28:19-20)

Yes, the Holy Spirit is with us always, helping us to understand the Word of God, to endure all trials and difficult moments in life, and guiding us to make good decisions and right decisions. Come Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit!

By Fr Ignatius Tan - Assistant Priest

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

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THE WILD GOOSE SERIES CONTINUES - PLEASE JOIN OUR FINAL WEEK WEDNESDAY 24 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 Spirit Gives Witness."**

"Evangelisation is never possible without the Holy Spirit... It must be said that the Holy Spirit is the evangeliser." Pope Paul VI. It has been a truly special time to watch and share together, as we have grown into a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. All are invited to join for our final week, where we will watch, and share and then enjoy a special cuppa and dessert.

Details: **Wednesday 24 May 2023 7.30-9pm at St Louis'.**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday will be a very special event for our parish, as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. Our Eucharistic Celebrations next weekend will be Spirit-filled and uplifting, and everyone will be offered a special Holy Spirit blessing.

All are welcome to join in extra special hospitality roasted marshmallows, cuppa & cake, photo archway and much more.

Remember to wear RED!

VOLUNTEERS READERS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY 27th & 28th MAY

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

On Pentecost Sunday the 28th of May we are looking for the following **Volunteer readers** who speak another language other than English to read at the weekend Masses - **1 at 6:00pm, 2 at 9:30am and 1 at 11am**. If you can help please contact the parish office on 9580 7981 or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 4 STUDENTS FROM ST. LOUIS'

We congratulate the Year 4 students from 2 of the 4 classes from St. Louis' school whose special First Eucharist celebrations are **this Sunday (12pm & 1.30pm)** and the other 2 classes on Sunday the 28th May. We continue to pray for these children and their families.

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 28th May at 2:30pm**. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays **17, 24 June; 7, 14 October**, Teaching Meditation and Prayer Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris. To enrol or for further information: Dr Christopher Knauf, Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.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.



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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 please visit the Vocations website for the Archdiocese: cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate Contact details - 03 9412 3357 / Email diaconate@cam.org.au.

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

THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse

Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention. **You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.** This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.



HEART OF LIFE PRESENTS: Passion on the Big Screen – A Day at the Movies with Peter Malone msc

Sat 17 Jun, 10am–3.30pm. Religious images have always been part of spirituality. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). See www.heartoflife.melbourne for more details or email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.



Next Weekend 27/28 May Calling all children aged 4 – 10

An opportunity to play, dance, sing, make friends and have fun hearing stories from the Bible and getting to know your friend Jesus.



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.





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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ted Buick (Julie Buick's brother in law)

ANNIVERSARIES

Justin Bidgood-Kerlin, Grace Summerton, Monica Pickles, John Greenwell, Chris & Rose Harper, Olive Maguire, John Pompei, Don Newcombe, Bill, Carl, Emily, Les & Winston Perry, Frank Rankin, Ted Munro, Mary D'Rozario, Mireille Martin, Brian Cuffley, Dianna Atherton, Eileen Dart, Barry Skehan, James S Noonan, Michele Inguanti, Rosario Costanzo, Faust Alphonso, K.M. Zachariah, Dorothy Partleton, Scarlett Forde, Dulcie Kulman, John Wain, Margarette Chung Yew, Hilda Sequiera, Lucia Soupe, Vincent Fernandes, Gaetano Di Benedetto

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Christine Wagstaff, Denis Foley, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Sophia Bicos, Sue Kelly, Daneille Spencer, Pam Ulbrick, Claude and Lily Fabris, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Kathy & Ray Martin, Sam Finnochiaro, Sally McGloin, Brenda Sin Hidge, Peter Camerino, Josephine Wood, Graham Owen, Michelle Ives, Maree Burns

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 AND ADORATION

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

Pentecost Sunday - Readings (Year A) Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

27th & 28th May	Reader LOTE	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Sara Ferguson 1 Volunteer	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Pauline Parker	Sonia Williams	Berna Wake	Danny Carey	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Jenny Meneses Josie Aloysius	Graham Jones	Barry Wheeler	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Wence &	Paula Rodrigues	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	2 Volunteers	Brian Martin	Ron Schneider-Loos	Elizabeth Newington	Volunteer	Maureen Wraight	Niko Tovia	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Tung Phan 1 Volunteer	Lucy Cameron	Helen Rocks	Louise Breslin	Peter Hannan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Tung Phan

COUNTERS

Group 2 - Anthony Barnhoorn, Helen and Kelvin Rocks

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.

Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples