



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Tan

24 March 2024 - Palm Sunday

Our readings are from Year B: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Gospel Reflection

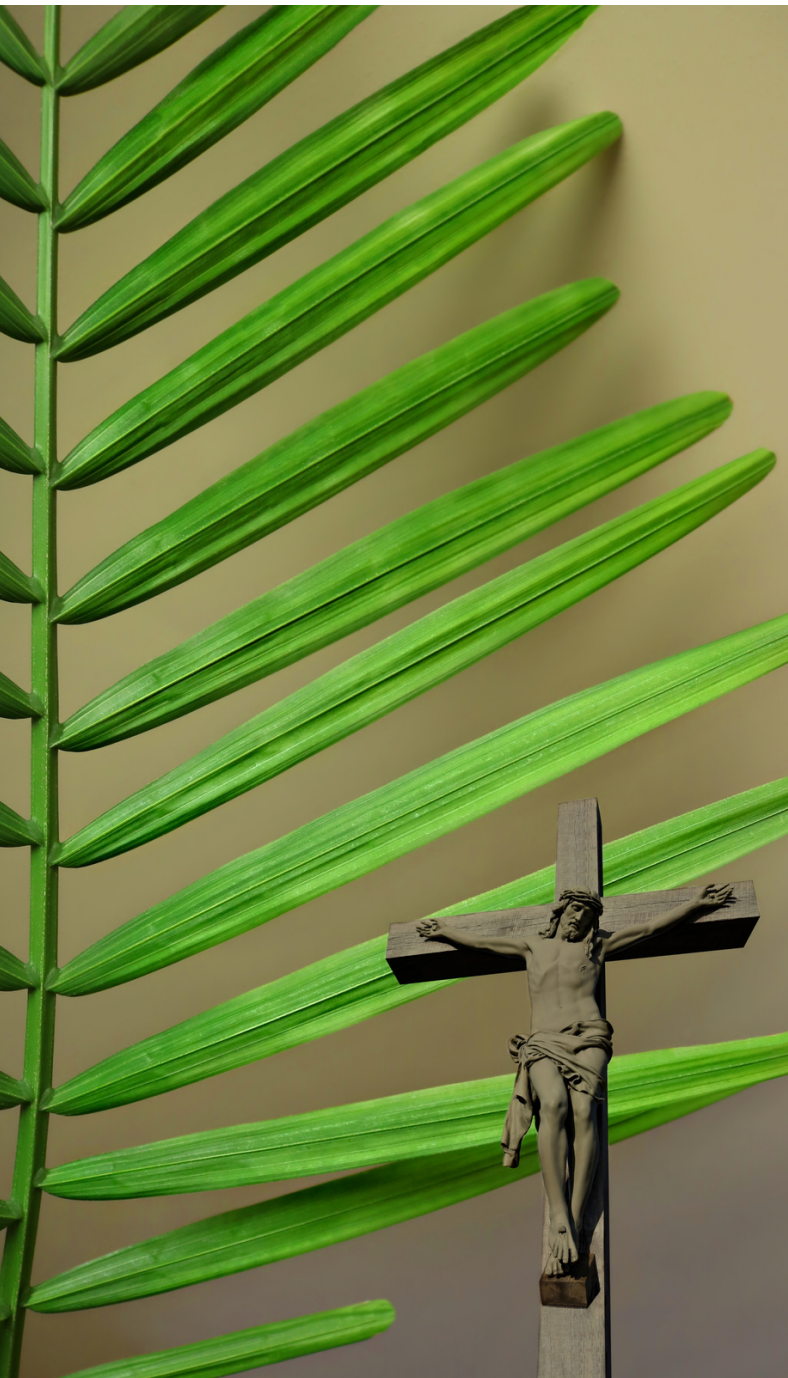
In this week's gospel, we are invited to contemplate the depth of Jesus' love and the significance of his sacrifice for us. The values and example that Jesus shows in the Passion story gives us examples of how we can honor and show our devotion to him by

living these values. We see how Jesus shows us the qualities of forgiveness and compassion despite being abandoned by his closest followers. He shows us that even when ridiculed and humiliated he displays grace and humility. He shows compassion praying for those who persecuted him.

Despite facing betrayal, denial, mockery, and pain, Jesus chooses to endure the cross, out of love for us. This serves as a powerful example of selflessness and inspires us to love others with the same compassion and sacrifice. Jesus' words of forgiveness from the cross demonstrate the power of redemption and reconciliation. Despite being wronged, Jesus extends forgiveness to his persecutors, showing that love triumphs over hatred and violence. This encourages us to seek forgiveness and reconciliation in our own relationships, fostering peace and healing.

Tanya Stefanec

***St Louis' School Deputy Principal and
Wellbeing Leader***



Coming Up

**Divine Mercy Sunday
7 April**

**Alpha 2024 Begins
9 April**

**Parish Forum with
Archbishop 20 April**

**Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass**

Holy Week at St Mary of the Cross

All welcome

Holy Thursday 28 March - Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm at St Brigid's followed by The Watch concluding with night prayer at 10pm.

Good Friday 29 March - Stations of the Cross 10.30am Beeson Reserve Edithvale.

Good Friday 29 March - Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Liturgy 3pm at St Brigid's.

Holy Saturday 30 March - Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 7.00pm at St Louis' followed by supper (please bring a plate to share).

Easter Sunday 31 March - Masses 8am St Brigid's; 9.30am St Louis'; 11am St Brigid's.

Sacrament of Anointing

The sacrament of anointing will be offered at mass next **Tuesday 26 March (9.15am at St Louis')** and **Wednesday 27 March (10am at St Brigid's).**

Parish church working Bee - Do you have any spare time?

There is a working bee planned for Holy Saturday **30th March from 10am-12pm** at both churches. General cleaning, dusting, sweeping, tidy up etc in preparation for the Easter celebrations. Morning tea included.

Good Friday Holy Land Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, March 29th**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. You can also donate directly at holyland@franciscans.org.au

St Vincent de Paul collection

There will be a St Vincent De Paul Collection taken up at all our Easter Masses, the money collected will be shared between Aspendale and Mordialloc. Funds will be used to assist people in need throughout the year. Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul Society please call 1800 305 330.



Project Compassion

As we enter Holy Week, we continue to reflect on the lives of people vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Your generosity empowers the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Watch this Thank You film:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/thank-you-film

Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the parish office or at weekend masses or donate online via the Caritas Australia website at www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Reconciliation During Lent

1st Rite on **Tuesday 26th March 7.30pm St. Brigid's**. Also, each week, see back page.

2nd Rite during our Lenten Retreat on **23 March at St Brigid's**.

Parish Vision Morning

Thank you to all parishioners who attended our Parish Vision Morning at St Louis' on Saturday 16 March. It was a very productive and informative time together. The full results are available on our parish website at m.stmaryofthecross.com or can be accessed [here](#).

Parish Announcements



Congratulations Sr Anita Le Clerq

We give thanks to Sr Anita Le Clerq, a regular at our Saturday Vigil Mass at St Louis' who on March 25, 2024, celebrates 70 years with the Brigidines. May the joy of God be with you and bless you all the days of your life. Thank you, Sister for your love and dedication.



Congratulations Jack Guthrie

A very happy birthday to Jack Guthrie who will turn 80 on Wednesday 27 March. May God's blessings continue to shower upon you, and may your special day be filled with love and happiness.



Serve Ministers Roster 6 April - 25 August 2024

The latest roster has now been emailed to all who serve in our parish. There are printed copies on the Welcome Desk, and you are welcome to pick one up.

NOTE - A reminder, if you need to change your day and time, please let the Parish office know on 9580 7981 or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au. If you would like to become a serve minister, please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministers booklet in the church foyers or online at the parish website [here](#).



Bob's Knitting Group

A big shout out of thanks to the team who have created beautiful quality hand-knitted items which have been donated to very appreciative organisations including St Kilda Mum's, Frankston Pregnancy Assist and KOGO (Knit One, Give One) - more about KOGO in the April issue of Blessings.

The team have made 50 bags -Adult bags made up of a scarf, beanie & small bag of toiletries, and Child bags made up of beanie scarf or sweater & a toy. If you would like to join the team you would be most welcome, they meet **on the 3rd Friday of the month from 10-12noon at St Louis'.** P.S. Bobs was the name of Mary MacKillop's beloved pet dog.

Alpha - Come & See - Tuesday 9 April 7-8.30pm at St Louis'



Who is it for? Alpha is for anyone who's curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning in a Christian context. Alpha is not heavy on religious doctrine or judgement. Alpha offers, food, friendship and faith. The talks are designed to encourage conversation. You can say anything you like or nothing at all.

We invite you to ask a family member or friend (maybe someone who is not sure about faith at all) to join you at our **Alpha 'Wine & Cheese Launch Night' on Tuesday 9 April, 7- 8.30pm at St Louis'.** An opportunity to see what Alpha is all about with no obligation. **Please register attendance by 4 April, 2024.**

We have invite postcards available on the Welcome Desk for you to give out to family & friends. Remember no obligation, lets leave that to God.



Register by scanning the QR code or at <http://m.stmaryofthecross.com/alpha>

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.



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Our parish has a subscription to FORMED which means that all parishioners can access the amazing online content for free. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the **FORMED** app to your phone. **This week FORMED features Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage** - a walk through the locations of Holy Week. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the landscape and the reality of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

RECENTLY DECEASED

David Burgess (UK) grandad of Katey Penberthy (St Louis' school parent)

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dianna Atherton, Eileen Dart, Barry Skehan, James S Noonan, Michele Inguanti, Rosario Costanzo, Faust Alphonso, K.M. Zachariah, Scarlett Forde, Dorothy Partleton, Dulcie Kulman, Margarette Chung Yew, Vincent Fernandes, Hilda Sequiera, Lucia Soupe, Gaetano Di Benedetto, Paul Burrows, John Wain, Laurence McCann Hudson, Jane Mannix, Branka Kuzmar, Chanelle Ibrahim, Robert (Bob) Orchard, Rupert Hood, Ashley Chatelier, James Edwin Silarsah, Eric Dickinson, Anne Thorne, Neal Joseph Frawley, Eddy Dalton, Alfred Anthony Sladen, Eric Anthony de Monte, Katrina Leason, Maureen Gray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, Brother Roger Burke FMS, Valerie O'Hara, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Steve Gobac, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Sam Finnochiaro, Sr Rita Hayes, Pam Ulbrick, Anne Burke, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit, please reach out at:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Mass Times

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm Vigil 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)

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary

Friday 10.30am St Brigid's
and 1st Saturday of the month
St Louis' 4.30pm

Reconciliation

Friday - 12pm St Brigid's,
Saturday - 5.30pm St Louis'

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m.stmaryofthecross.com

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Parish Coordinator

Ann Fitzgerald

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Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

Parish Leadership Team: Fr Andrew,
Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Parish Schools

St Brigid's - 9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's -

9580 5169,

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Parish House - 03 9412 8432

Parish Office - 03 9580 7981

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults in our community.

Our Child Safeguarding Team:

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