



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 19 March 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

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

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Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

In the gospel, the man who was born blind was marginalised by the Pharisees, calling him a sinner. The Pharisees think that it is a punishment from God to be born blind; it must be the sins of his parents or his own. But Jesus objected to such accusations. Jesus said: "He was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Jesus has opened our perspective of hope that we live to manifest the glory of God, no matter what circumstances our lives may be. We should not think that our suffering and difficulties in life is a punishment from God. But in fact, God is trying to open our eyes through the journey of our darkness.

It is a powerful symbol for Jesus to mix his spittle with mud to make into a paste and apply it on the blindman's eye. This mud reminded us of our origin, humanity is made from mud. Jesus who is God, using his divine spittle to make mud with soil to repair the imperfect creature, our blindness. All of us have some kind of blindness that needs the divine power from God to heal our defects and allow us to see clearly again.

I recall myself in the high school years, I was blinded by my own prejudice towards Christianity, and I did not allow myself to join the youth group, despite my friends having invited me to join them several times. The grace of God had allowed me to see the joyfulness of his followers. This joyfulness is like the paste that sticks onto my eyes, allowing me to see clearly with my heart opened. It had generated the curiosity that fostered me to respond and partake in a journey of searching. God opens my eyes and my heart, allowing me to fail, repent, and return to him.

By Fr Ignatius Tan - Assistant Priest to St Mary of the Cross



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

Parish News

Upcoming events!

- ★ 1st Rite of Reconciliation **Thursday 23rd March** 7pm St. Brigid's church - See notice.
- ★ Sacrament of Anointing offered at weekday mass **Tuesday 28th March & Wednesday 29th March**
- ★ **Saturday 1st April** - Parish Lenten Retreat and Penitential Service 9am - 1pm St. Louis' - See notice.
- ★ Wednesday evenings for 7 weeks beginning **12th April**. Seminar on the Holy Spirit 7-8.30pm

Lenten Retreat and Penitential Service - Saturday 1st April 9am -1pm St. Louis'

Mary Ryan from the Archdiocesan Proclaim Office will be leading this day inviting us to take some time out in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Mary will gently invite us to reflect on the upcoming liturgies of Holy Week and walk with Jesus to his cross and rise with him in the resurrection. Our half day will include a penitential service finishing at 1pm. All are welcome. *(Please note - the monthly Exposition and Adoration at 4.30pm is cancelled that day)*

First Rite of Reconciliation

There is an extra opportunity for first rite reconciliation on Thursday evening at 7pm at St. Brigid's church. Our weekly opportunities for this rite are Fridays 12pm at St. Brigid's and Saturdays 5.30pm at St. Louis'.

Congratulations Julie Buick - Nominated for Kingston Women of the Year 2023

Our very own Julie Buick was shortlisted amongst an exceptional group of 38 women acknowledging their contribution to Kingston's industry, community and society.

Julie was nominated and acknowledged for her work as a paediatric physiotherapist who continually advocated for children and their families and for her 12 years as a member of Kingston Council's Access and Equity Advisory Committee. Although the eventual winner was named as Adrienne Fleming for her work in the aviation industry, we salute Julie for her passion and dedication in helping others, her leadership of our Parish EarthCare Team and her active involvement in our Justice Action Group. Congratulations Julie.



Holy Week Roster

Serve Ministers are required for the Holy Week Rosters across all masses: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Vigil and Sunday Easter Masses**. If you're able to assist please sign up on the lists located in the church foyers.

Ethically Sourced Easter Products

When choosing your chocolate, coffee, tea or cocoa this Easter, please ensure to look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically. Look for - 'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified' or 'Cocoa Horizons' (Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable). For further information on Slavery Free products go to acrath.org.au.



Longbeach Parishes Dinner

Our next social event is a Dinner on **Wednesday 22nd March** at Doyle's Hotel (The Bridge) at 6pm. To book, ring Patricia Adams 0488-866-020 or Keith Reiter. 0417-350-733 or leave a message on 9772-7292.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please continue to pray for Jon Searle, Mandy Hammond, Feodor Frukhtman, Nikki and Brett Hill, now known as the Elect, as they come closer to being received into our parish community on Holy Saturday night. This weekend they will receive the second scrutiny at the 9.30am mass and then go into their special retreat day run by Jacqui Giuliano from the Archdiocesan Proclaim Office. Next week, the Elect will receive their third scrutiny at the 11am mass.

Parish Catechist Program 2023

Our 2023 Parish Catechist Program has begun and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools preparing children to receive the 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.

St Bede's College Mission Action Day

On **Friday, 24 March St Bede's College** will be holding its annual **Mission Action Day**, to raise awareness of, and funds for, the Lasallian Missions in Australian Indigenous Communities, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Thailand, India and other identified areas of need. Students will complete a 10 kilometre walk to raise funds to support their Lasallian brothers and sisters. For more information see, lasallianfoundation.org.au. Please consider contributing to St Bede's College Mission Action Day.



Parish News

Holy Land collection Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Holy Land mission continues to face challenges financially and spiritually and so we ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. *Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you*

St Louis' Stations of the Cross will be held each week throughout Lent on Thursday's after the 9:15am Mass.
St Brigid's Stations of the Cross will be held each week throughout Lent on Friday's at 11:00am.
All are welcome

Stations Of The Cross

Choir practice for the Easter Triduum
Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Come along and join us to help celebrate the Easter Season
Singers and musicians all welcome.

We will be alternating practices at St Louis and St Brigid's churches
Tues 28 Feb at St Louis, 7 March St Brigid's, 14 March St Louis,
21 March St Brigid's, 28 March St Louis, 4 April St Brigid's

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GOOD FRIDAY 2023 · Friday, April 7th
Be generous!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 19, 2023



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ
Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him and enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth



The Annunciation Sacred Art
Join Dr. Ben Hurst and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Delaisio that depicts this incredible scene



St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father
While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, St. Joseph's life has inspired countless hearts. St. Joseph's value, however, is not just in his life but in his example. Discover St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father



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An offering from the Aqueduct Institute and Gratitude Project

90 Happy 90th Birthday
Teddy Dennis
May God continue to bless you and surround you with family and friends!!



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Photo: Phan Tan Lam/Caritas Australia



Donate now



“

We haven't seen an earthquake of this magnitude for a

long time...

We must do all that we can to support.”

Sally Thomas,
Caritas Australia's
Humanitarian Emergencies
Lead for the Middle East.

www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey



Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Jessica Rose, Matilda Cate, Ella Daisy, Liam Patrick,

Noah Parisi, Charles Weston, Jia Sydel Neriah

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



With St Mary of the Cross We Pray

Recently Deceased

Gary Fitzsimmons (Trish & Barry Le Brocq and Jack Meyer)
Gwen Matthies (Trish & Barry LeBrocq)

Anniversaries

Marie Berg, Judith Carboon, Audrey Castleman, Geoffrey Colwell, Josef Laude, Alexandrina Connelly, John (Jack) Delahey, Brian Denman, Robert (Bob) Dynes, Patrick Fallon, Mary Irene Graham, Helen Grogan, Arthur Hager, Doris Lavery, Lily Lebler, Mary Logan, Anthony Malone, Bernice Marshall, Joan McMahon, Alfred Moncrief, John (Jack) Mooney, Domnick O'Donnell, Jean Parker, Peter Perazzo, Florence Rizzo, Barry Sims, Norma Smith, Dorothy Stevens, Nicole Strickland, Luciana Tenace, Maureen Varney, Charles Vassallo, Victor Vellozo, Brian Stanley Wagstaff, Christopher Walley

Healing Prayers Asked For

John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Ray Martin, Sophia Bicos, David Morris, Helen Pedrazzini, Sue Kelly, Craig Martin, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Michael Bell

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
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Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

5th Sunday of Lent	Readings (Year A)			
	Ezekiel 37:12-14	Romans 8:8-11	John 11:1-45	
25th & 26th March	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Michael Barker	Graeme Jones	Gen Martin	Vikki Fitzgerald
Commentator	Helen Healy	Tony Aloysious	Brian Martin	Carmel Girolami
Special Minister	Gail McGillivray	Carole Guthrie	Maureen Wraight	Carolyn Ellul
Welcomers	Ann Brennan	Jack Meyer	Trish Le Brocq	Judy Lamb
	Ann Furlong	Odetta Budge	Rosemary Miller	Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Gary & Joanne Partleton	Ron Soares		
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Vo Johnson	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

Welcomers' please note this is a 'cuppa' weekend, we appreciate your help. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.

Cuppa after all Masses

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



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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



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

