



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 of Easter - Sunday 7 May 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

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,
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus brings us words of hope and encouragement in today's gospel. Jesus told the disciples that He was going to Heaven and would prepare places for His followers. Thomas asks how they can follow Him, so Jesus replies "I am the Way."



Jesus also says that those who know Him, know God too. Jesus starts with asking the disciples to have faith in Him. They all have faith in God, and now Jesus is asking them to have faith in Him. He says if they know Him, then they know the Father. The Father is in Him, and He is in the Father. It means that Jesus is the Way to Heaven. We know Jesus, and through Jesus, we also know God. We can get to Heaven by following Jesus. We don't need to understand, we just need to trust in God.

Jesus says, "***I am the way, the truth and the life***". Jesus is our Way to true life. I take comfort in the belief that there is no need to worry when Jesus is leading. When I find myself worrying about my kids or my work or my health, I remind myself to "give it up to Jesus." Jesus tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

Just as Jesus told his disciples, he is also telling us: My teachings will guide your feet. My presence will sustain your spirit. In all the twists and turns your future path may take, 'I am the Way.' Jesus is asking the disciples and us to open our eyes and to open our hearts to the will of God.

He assured his disciples that there is more work for them to do. The work of God was also his work, and because he is ascending to heaven, it is now our work. In fact, Jesus tells us in the last line of the gospel, "I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, in fact, will do greater works than these". These are encouraging words for us. We all must keep doing good works to carry on the mission of Jesus. What kind of good works is Jesus calling you to do?

By Marylene Douglas - St Louis' de Montfort Primary School

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

Parish News

THE WILD GOOSE SERIES CONTINUES



PLEASE JOIN WEEK 5 WEDNESDAY 10 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. Fr Dave Pivonka will take us on a journey over 7 weeks, culminating in Pentecost week. We will be invited to encounter or renew our encounter with the Holy Spirit. This "Watch & Share in Small Groups" event is part of our Parish Discipleship Pathway as developed by our Parish Pastoral Council. Everyone is invited as we adventure together with the Spirit leading us to a place of mercy, healing, peace and presence. Watch the trailer here: watch.formed.org/videos/the-wild-goose-trailer. Details: Wednesday 10 May 2023 7.30-9pm **at St Brigid's church for this week only**. Even if you couldn't make it to any other weeks all are invited to join Week 5. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLATION ST. LOUIS'

St. Louis' church is **unavailable during the days from Monday 8th - Friday 12th May**. The communion service on Monday the 8th is cancelled. Mass on Tuesday the 9th will be at St. Brigid's at 9.15am. Mass on Thursday 11th will be at 9.15am in the St. Louis' School hall (with the whole school - Mother's Day mass).

VOLUNTEER READERS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Shlam'alokhon, Ciao, Bonjour, Witam, Xin chào, Namaste, Guten Tag, Nǐn hǎo, Konnichiwa, Kia Ora, Howzit, Dia dhuit !

On Pentecost Sunday the 28th of May we are looking for **two readers** at each weekend Mass who speak another language other than english. If you can help please contact the parish office.

BLESSINGS PARISH MAGAZINE

Our Parish Magazine Blessings is available! Filled with news, stories and photos of the happenings in our vibrant parish. Please pick up a copy in the church foyers or online at our parish website and via our weekly digital newsletter.



SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month (excluding school holidays). An open invitation is extended to all who may enjoy discussing the weekend Gospel and gathering in friendship. Our next time together is Tuesday 9th May at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.

PROJECT COMPASSION COLLECTION

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the Project Compassion Collection. To date the amount donated is \$3,039.70 thank you for your generosity.

JUSTICE ACTION GROUP - NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 9 MAY

Our next JAG Meeting is on **TUESDAY 9 May at 7.30pm** in the Upper Room at St Brigid's. All are welcome to join and be involved in the JAG priority areas: Refugees & People Seeking Asylum; Human Trafficking; First Nations People; The Environment; Domestic Violence & Homelessness and Inter-Faith Initiatives.

"Never see a need without doing something about it." Mary Mackilop



Cuppa after all Masses - Next Weekend

All parishioners are welcome to stay after mass next weekend. If you wish to bring a plate to share after any mass they are most welcome.



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ST BRIGID'S YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to our Year 4 children from St. Brigid's school who are receiving Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. We thank the teachers and staff for accompanying the families of these young people in bringing them to the Table of the Lord. May our generous and welcoming God bless all who are part of this special mass.

JUSTICE ACTION GROUP - CARITAS KILOMETRES FOR COMPASSION

Every day, millions of individuals around the world need to cover many kilometres to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or flee from natural disaster or conflict. In an act of solidarity, we invite you to join us as we cover kilometres of compassion to raise awareness and much needed funds to support the work of Caritas Australia. Together we will walk (or run) approx. 4 km around the wetlands. On return enjoy a sausage sizzle and scones. **Date: Saturday 20 May, Time: 2pm, Venue: Start/ finish at St Louis Church**

Cost: If possible a donation to Caritas Australia is appreciated. You can donate

online: m.stmaryofthecross.com/caritas or donate cash on the day.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For further questions, itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818. Many thanks for letting parishioners know about the Pilgrimage.



LONGBEACH PARISHES SOCIAL LUNCH

The next Longbeach Parish Social to be held at the Cove Hotel Patterson Lakes on Wednesday 17th May at 12:30 for a 1pm luncheon. Ring for bookings Keith on 0416 350 730 or Patricia Adams on 0448 866 020.

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: Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. The links are a source of additional information. youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0, Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons and video youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY, Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage, vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate, or www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate **Contact details** - 03 9412 3357 / Email diaconate@cam.org.au.

GOD AND BEER: 'DIVINE RENOVATION'

An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross, God and Beer brings together people of all ages from across the south-east suburbs several times a year. This month's speaker is Kevin Bailey, a champion of parish renewal and evangelisation in Australia. Join us **Monday, May 8, 2023, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**. Dinner available for purchase from 6.30pm. Talk begins at 7.30pm. For any enquiries, email John Smyth at jtsmyth@gmail.com or call 0406 747 123.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Dundon Snr, Angelo Licciardo, Vincent Licciardo, John O'Toole, Maree Carson, Robert Mattea, Inez Garlick, Helmut Hartig, Mary Shoppee, Rita Sarmento-Cardoso, Muriel Reed, Philip John Murphy, Tom Wain, Terry Feely, William O'Brien, Patricia O'Leary, Frank Jones, Eugen Vitulic, John Popley, Virginia Popley, Wayne Williams, Ruth D'Cruz, Steve Coultas, Jan Clark, Patricia Joy Elis, Ted Newton, Joan Hopkins, Len Hopkins, Marlene Stockdale, Samuel Dornom, Barry Hirning, Vito Giarratana, Christine de Niese, Beryl Lomas, Margaret Maley, Norm McCloud, Terry McCloud

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Helen Pedrazzini, Denis Foley, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Michael Bell, Sophia Bicos, Sue Kelly, Claude and Lily Fabris, Yvonne Graham, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Kathy & Ray Martin, Sam Finnochiaro, Brenda Sin Hidge, Peter Camerino, Sally McGloin, Patrick Brennan, Josephine Wood, Pam Ulbrick

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

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	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 of Easter - Readings (Year A) Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

13th & 14th May	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Pauline Parker	Juile Buick	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marie Medlicott	Monique Bruce	Ann Brennan	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Volunteer	Barry Wheeler	Carol Guthrie	Joan Healy	Stephen Pooley	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Christopher McAleer	Elizabeth Newington	Julius Lau	Maureen Wraight	Carmel Smith	Jon Searle	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Trent Alphonso	Dianne Wain	Philippa Pecora	Vikki Fitzgerald	Jaun Wilson	Helen Rocks	Volunteer	Glenice Laughlin

COUNTERS

Group 5 - Bernadette & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom

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.

