



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.

3rd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 12 March 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42

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,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tangso**

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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

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

There are so many layers to this week's Gospel. Living when we do, it could be easy for us to completely miss that not only was Jesus speaking to a woman, as a Jewish man he was talking to a Samaritan.

Think Northern Ireland during 'the Troubles'. Not just 'not done', but an action that could endanger your life. This explains why the disciples were 'amazed' at Jesus. Maybe the disciples were also judging the woman - and Jesus - but didn't say anything. The outsider status of the woman among the Samaritans is confirmed by her being at the well in the hottest and least desirable part of the day. This is most likely to be because of her uncertain marital status.



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May we be like Jesus and not just 'stick with our own' but go out to those in need. May we be people of faith like the Samaritan woman - who also lead others to faith. This Lent may we be forgiving and accepting of ourselves and those around us - no matter what. Leaving judgement to God is the safest route for everyone!

By Patick Jurd

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

Parish News

There will be no Communion Service this Monday 13th March due to the public holiday.

Upcoming events!

- ★ 1st Rite of Reconciliation Thursday **23rd March** 7pm St. Brigid's church
- ★ 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 Brigid's
- ★ Wednesday evenings for 7 weeks beginning **12th April** Seminar on the Holy Spirit 7-8.30pm

Servant Leadership - One of our Four Core Parish Mission Anchors

Thank you to everyone who has re-committed to a role/s in our Serve Ministries and to the new people who have stepped forward to serve. One of the Parish Leadership Team members will be in touch with all of our new people to explain more about the role and answer any questions you might have. It is not too late to express your interest. The Serve Ministry Booklet and sign-up sheet is available in our church foyers and on our parish website. You are also always welcome to pop into the Parish Office and Ann will be only too happy to help.

Pastoral Care Ministry

- ❖ Jesus needs you to be His hands and legs! If you come across anybody in your neighbourhood who is unwell, home-bound, needs meals, or wishing for prayers, please let the Parish Office know. When we reach out with kindness and care to our neighbours that is evangelisation (Growing Wider) in action!

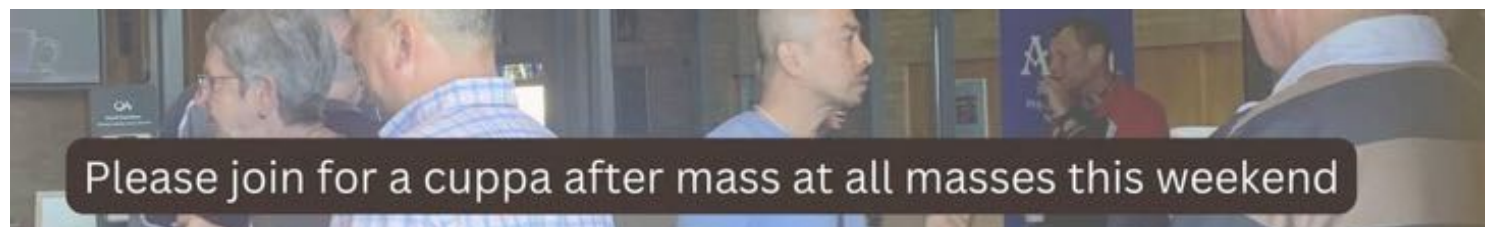


Holy Week Roster

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

Your choices can make a difference - 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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details, 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne. Information and Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: wwme.org.au Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au.



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Rite of Election Photographs

The Rite of Election is a significant occasion in the life of our local Church in Melbourne. It marks the beginning of the final preparations of our catechumens and candidates towards receiving the sacraments of initiation. If you would like to view photos from last Sunday's Rite of Election 2023 please subscribe to our digital newsletter: stmaryofthecross.com/subscribe.

Subscribing to our digital newsletter keeps you informed of all our Parish notices so you never miss any of our key events and stories.

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 **Fridays at 11:00am.**
All are welcome



Stations Of The Cross

Archbishop to deliver 2023 Patrick Oration – Friday 17 March 2023

Four years ago, Archbishop Comensoli delivered the first Patrick Oration, in which he put forward a guiding framework for how we might live and grow as people of faith in our Melbourne reality. Please be encouraged to join us online on St Patrick's Day as the Archbishop delivers his annual Patrick Oration from the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. **Commencing at 7.30pm you can view the Oration live through Community TV Channel C31 or via the Archdiocesan YouTube Channel - www.youtube.com/archmelb.**



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
CONTACT TRISH 0421 604 849

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Mission: Change their lives and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Go to our website for news and stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. For further enquiries telephone 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or web www.palms.org.au.



Third Sunday of Lent
11 & 12 March



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

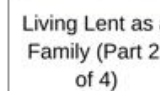
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

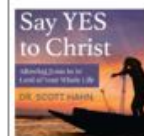
THIS WEEK ON FORMED
Week of March 12, 2023



The Story of Death Eternal Rest Episode 1



Living Lent as a Family (Part 2 of 4)



Say YES to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life
b Scott Hahn



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With St Mary of the Cross We Pray



Recently Deceased Anniversaries

Patricia Atkins, Bob Barker, Edna Bryant, Phyllis Cain, Nicola Corda, Eric Dart, Fortunata Cortese, Stan Davies, Trilby De Hoedt, Elizabeth Durham, Margaret Fitzgerald, Mary Foley, Kevin Franklin, Jean France Hennequin, Ron Jackson, Jack Kennedy, Carmen Maré, Faye Mattea, William Monaghan, Cyril Nunn, Aileen O'Donnell, Jean O'Toole, Betty Pike, Nan Plant, Greg Riordan, Arlene Roberts, Dorothy Rodriguez, Antonio Tenace, Brian Tobin, Tom Walker, Josephine Tranter, Catherine Varney, Robert Whitehouse, William Wilson, Ronald Wintle

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	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

4th Sunday of Lent	Readings (Year A)	Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
18th & 19th March	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Debra Searle	Jane Standish	Brenda O'Leary	Peter Hannan
Commentator	Chester Ryan	Stefanie Carino	Phillip Morris	Trent Alphonso
Special Minister	Sonia Williams	Marlene Tangso	Felice Cortese	Jaun Wilson
Welcomers	Bernie Stuart	Odette Budge	Mary Nayna	Paula and Wence
	Pauline Parker	Barry Wheeler	Norma Taylor	Rodrigues
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

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

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JOIN US EVERY 4TH
WEEKEND DURING MASS**

