



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen Deacon: George Piech-Meat

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 March 2025

Readings for Year C Sirach 27: 4-7 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Luke 6: 39-45



We should not rush to judgement

In Ancient Greece, actors wore masks that concealed their faces. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

Jesus could see through the veneer that people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate to the heart – the core of the personality.

Judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts our vision. We should not rush to judgment.

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of Jesus despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

Wendy Sullivan St Brigid's School Principal



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News and Announcements

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

by Father James Martin

Loving God,

We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that you Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.



Alpha 2025

Please pray for our guests who are in our Alpha group on Tuesday's for the next five weeks. We also ask that you continue to pray for that one person whom you would like to invite to our Alpha sessions in 2025. .



This Week on FORMED How to LENT



Lent is upon us.

In How to LENT, you will be guided by priests and religious in the discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet. Remember the parish provides FORMED free to all parishioners.

Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc & Aspendale
Justice Action Group present

DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE FORUM

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Register via the QR code or at
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



WHEN: Saturday
15 March 2-3.30pm

WHERE: St Brigid's
Primary School
Hall (enter & park
via Barkly St
Mordialloc)

THE FORUM WILL FEATURE

- Panel discussion with experienced professionals.
- Opportunity to submit questions when you register.
- Information booths & follow up.
- Afternoon tea provided.
- All welcome, bring a friend.

Domestic and Family Violence Forum

People experiencing domestic violence are in our parish, in our families, in our workplaces and in our neighbourhood. In Victoria, police are called to a family violence incident every six minutes, and arrest three alleged perpetrators every hour. In the 2023/24 financial year, Victorian magistrates finalised more than 38,000 family violence intervention orders and 10,265 personal safety intervention orders (The Age 24 February 2025).

As a faith community, we are called to care for the most vulnerable in our society. Join us at our parish forum on domestic and family violence to develop your understanding of the issue and explore actions we can take in response.

Here is a link to an email you can send to invite a friend - [LINK](#)

SMOTC Parish Winter Knitting Appeal (formerly Bob's Knitting Group)

First meeting Friday 7 March at St Louis meeting room 1pm to 2.30pm. Donations of blankets, scarves, beanies, gloves, fingerless gloves, socks, jumpers, cardigans, knitted or crochet squares & wool are gratefully accepted. Please place in the baskets in the church foyers.

All are very welcome.

Contact Monique for more details 0422 155 694.

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The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday Masses will be at **10am at St Brigid's** and **7pm at St Louis**.

Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference

Let's Do Pancake Tuesday on Tuesday 4th March, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer

Enjoy a special Pancake Tuesday Lunch with a fun Quiz. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. All are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Lenten Small Groups

Our Lenten small groups will commence on **Tuesday 4 March**. Small groups are a great way to experience belonging, where you can grow spiritually and make friends who care for one another. We encourage everyone to think about joining a Lenten small group this year. Why not bring a friend?

+ **Tuesday 10am @ St Louis Church led by Carmel Barker**

+ **Tuesday 2pm led by Mary Nayna in her home**

+ **Wednesday 10.30am @ St Brigid's church led by Kristian Tangso**

+ **Wednesday 7.30pm led by Tony and Josie Aloysius in their home**

+ **Thursday 7.30pm led by Ann Furlong via Zoom**

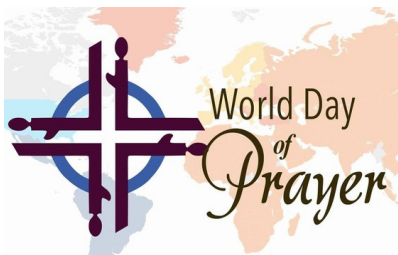
All are welcome. Please register at the Welcome Desk.

Stations of the Cross

Will be held on Monday evenings at St Louis church from 7.30 to 8pm. Stations will start on the 10 March and go through to 7 April.

ACRATH Easter Chocolate Campaign

Ash Wednesday on March 5 will mark the beginning of ACRATH's Easter chocolate awareness campaign. In the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday on April 20, Australians will spend billions of dollars on chocolate. Much of the chocolate consumed will be produced using cocoa beans picked by children and adults in conditions that are often unsafe and restrict a child's access to education. For more information: www.acrath.org.au



World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March 10.30am

This global ecumenical service is held in over 170 countries in all different churches. This year's service for Mordialloc-Mentone will be held at **St Augustine's Anglican Church Como Parade Mentone**. Service begins at 10.30am. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.



Congratulations to Anne and John Field who are renewing their wedding vows at the 11am mass this weekend. May the Holy Spirit watch over you and continue to bless your relationship and your family.

Please note

The funeral for **May Comas** will be held on **Tuesday 4 March at 1pm** at **St Brigid's church**.

New thanksgiving envelopes are available this weekend

Please pick yours up from the church foyers.

Please pick up a free copy of Australian Catholics Autumn 2025 edition in the church foyers.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 8/9 MARCH 2025

8/9 March 25	First Sunday of Lent Readings Year C Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Barnhoorn	Marg De Vries	Anthony Barnhoorn	Gail McGillivray	Sonia Williams	Julie Buick	Tom Hughes
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Tony Aloysious	Stephen Pooley	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Chris McAleer	Wence Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Brenda O'Leary	Ann Furlong	Maureen Wraight	Mary Nayna	Joe Corda	Norma Taylor
11.00am (M)	Jennifer Rodrigues	Gail Bell	Christine D'Cruze	Philippa Pecora	Peter Hannan	Vanessa Fernandes	Ellen Young
Counters	Group 1	Gary & Joanne Partleton		Ron Soares			

Recently deceased: Dawn Nam (Grandma of Nicole Mielczerack), Gaetano Mollica.

Anniversaries: Samuel William Ellis - Tom Cain - Miriam (Midge) Barkley - Patrick Wraight - Milo Thomas Frawley - Mark Goldsmith - Berenice Ryan - Arianna Castenetto - Eloisa Barreto - Gelindo Della Bianca - Beryl Ellis - Eileen Goss - Liviana Aldana - Arvind Menon - Gaetano Cortese - Arthur Woodwiss - Colin Walton - Jack Howitt - Kevin Lyons - Joy Greenwood - Charles Brincat - Brian McKittrick - Daniel Nicholson.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Sam Finnocchiario, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Clayton Dunn, Keith Wiltshire, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Smith, Brian Gleeson, Adrian Smith, Graziella Marini.

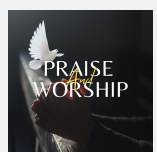
Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. All masses except 8am.



Prayer Ministry
Intercessory prayer.
Last weekend of the month - all masses.



Praise & Worship
3rd Friday of month
7.30 - 9.5 8.30pm.
Alternates between each church.

Pastoral care

If you would like a pastoral visit, Helen is available to drop by for a chat or to organise some help if required.

Please contact the office at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Contact us

Parish Office: 03 9580 7981
OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9am to 4.30pm
Parish Coordinator: Ann Fitzgerald
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au
Parish House: 03 9412 8432

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
St Brigid's Sunday 8am
St Louis Sunday 9.30am
St Brigid's Sunday 11am
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service
St Louis Tuesday 9.15am,
St Brigid's Wed 10am,
St Louis Thurs 9.15am,
St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Fr Andrew Jekot 03 9412 8432
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9412 8432
Trish 0421 604 849
Louise 0415 963 799
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Joanne 0413 133184
Robyn 0412 814 592

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. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.