



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.*

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27 February 2022

Our readings are: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

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 Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

**www.melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection

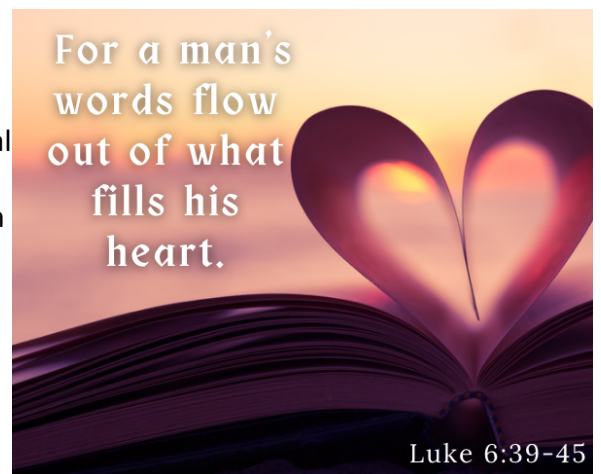
In his reflection on this gospel, Pope Francis states *"In order to be merciful to others, we need to be courageous enough to acknowledge our own faults and sins"*.

In Christ's words to take the log out of our own eye first, Pope Francis stressed that it is essential to acknowledge our own faults before we can see clearly enough *"to take the splinter out of our brother's eye."*

Richard Leonard asserts, Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction. Just that we have the responsibility to be very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, *"projection"*, where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not judgment and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction.

As we pray the Our Father — are we really all that willing when we pray: *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"*? This is the hardest part of that prayer. Let's face it, we often enough fall short of the teaching and practice of the Master in that regard. But we take consolation from the fact that Our Lord looks beyond our masks and our actions and his loving gaze falls on our hearts. The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation and that loving gaze will eventually make us whole-hearted disciples of The Teacher.

by Jodie Marziano



Parish News

All are welcome for Mass in St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube and search for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Masks are NOT mandatory for mass and NO check in anymore

With the change in regulations, masks are not mandatory to wear for mass. By all means feel free to wear a mask at mass. No check in is required. Welcomers will be able to do the job that they have signed up for - **to welcome you!!**



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday (2nd March) signals the beginning of Lent, a beautiful time and journey leading us towards Easter. Masses will be at **10am (St. Brigid's)** and **7pm (St. Louis')**.



FR. JAMES MALLON | BISHOP ROBERT BARRON | REVD. NICKY GUMBEL



WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH?

JOIN US FOR THIS
GLOBAL EVENT

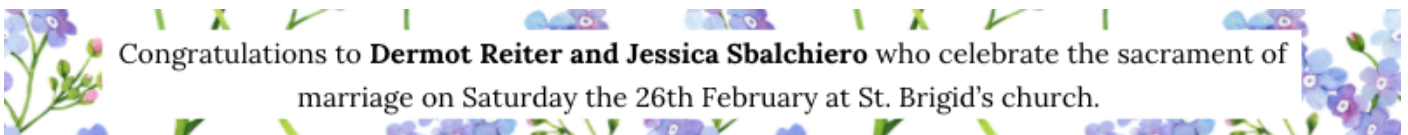
TUESDAY - MARCH 15, 2022

ST LOUIS' CHURCH ASPENDALE
7.00-9.30PM

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
 **DIVINE RENOVATION** + 

You are invited to this very special global event

In May 2021 we launched our new Parish Mission, outlining a new way forward from a maintenance to a mission-centred parish. We took a critical look at our parish & the wider Catholic Church – declining Mass attendances, lack of parish engagement with Catholics in our community and our schools, deep mistrust in the institutional church. Despite this, we know that we have a strong parish community, capable of embracing change and a healthy future. As we slowly emerge into a post-pandemic world, we have an opportunity to recommit our energies in bringing our Parish Mission to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples, to those around us. Join us for this global event with Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and the Revd. Nicky Gumbel (pioneer of Alpha) for a video conversation on 'What is God saying to the Church?' There will be an opportunity to share reflections and ideas together. You are important in helping to shape our future. The evening will be held at **St Louis' Church** on **Tuesday 15 March from 7-9.30pm**. Please register at our Welcome Stand.



Parish News

Parish census

All are invited to fill in a census card so that the parish can have the most up to date information. This will assist with future digital communications (eg. upcoming 10 Values Analysis, parish e-newsletter etc) plus correct phone numbers for other future follow up.

Lent Scripture Groups

We will offer some **Lenten Scripture Groups (beginning 1st March)** for you to join. We will be using the resource from Fr. Michael Elligate. Feel free to sign up for **10am Tuesday morning group (St. Louis')**, **11am Wednesday morning group (St. Brigid's)** or an **online group 7pm Thursday evening**. Sign up sheets at the Welcome Desks.



Clean Up Australia Day at Mordialloc Creek Reserve

Please join JAG members from **10am to 12pm on 6th March**. We're meeting at Jack Grut Reserve carpark, cnr of Governor Rd and Lamana St, Mordialloc. The event is run by the City of Kingston and everyone is welcome.

Australian Catholics Magazine

The Autumn 2022 Parish Edition is available for collection in the foyer.

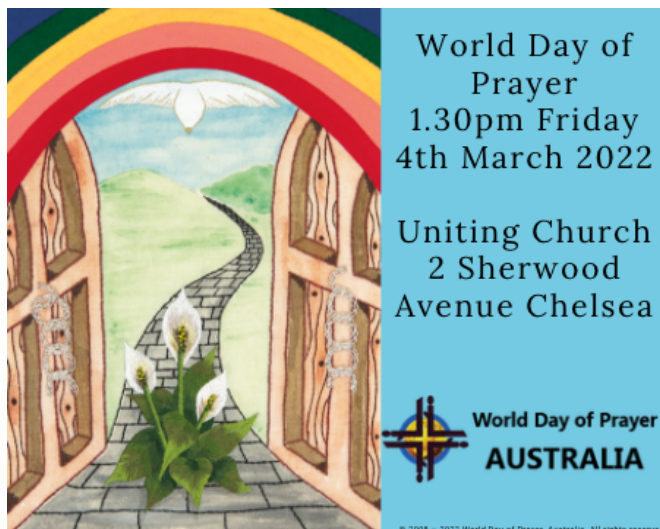
Project Compassion

Please take home a **Project Compassion box** and a **set of donation envelopes** to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



LENT 2022 With the Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here - BruceDownes.org/Lent22 or call 1300 734 880 for more info.



Thanks from the Brigidine Sisters

Deidre, Lia, Michelina and Reba send a heartfelt thank you for the most enjoyable and memorable parish farewell to the Brigidine Sisters. We appreciate your acknowledgment of the contribution made by us and all the Brigidines across the years. Your creative gifts of the painting of Brigid (Kristina Tangso), the Sea Cross (Margaret Deveson) and the day out together at the exhibition and high tea were a lovely surprise and most gratefully received. Thanks to Fr Andrew and the Senior Leadership Team for their thoughtful and careful planning and Fr Hoang for the Mass together with the many other generous parishioners who contributed in any way. Thanks also to the Principal and school community for their acknowledgment and gift and for letting us use the school setting. It made it extra special for the sisters who had taught there. They all send their thanks. Without a doubt it was a lovely occasion and thank you to all who shared it with us. **Blessings to all.**

Recent Deaths

Bill Furneaux (Sue & Peter Waltho's friend)

Anniversaries

Lorenzo Barbarino, Miriam (Midge) Barkley, Eloisa Barreto, Kathleen Bourke, Tom Cain, Arianna Castenetto, Antonio D'Astoli, Judy de Lacey, Gelindo Della Bianca, Pauline Dwyer, William Ellis, Samuel William Ellis, Beryl Ellis, Milo Thomas Frawley, Eileen Goss, Alan Jones, Audrey Kane, Kathleen Le Brocq, Patricia Maher, Joan Mead, Arvind Menon, Mirko Mesic, Dorothy O'Connor, Christopher Parker, Berenice Ryan, Fred Sommerville, Monica Westgarth, Carmel White, Percy Wilson, Elizabeth (Betty) Wood, Patrick Wraight and Lynn Young

Healing Prayers Asked For

Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Margaret McGowan, Helen Pedrizzini, Jason Turner, Serena Zienau, Paul Dodkians, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
- Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	

Next Week's Roster

1st Sunday of Lent	Readings (Year C): Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13			
05 th 06 th Mar 2022	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Marie Seddon	Graham Jones	Brian Martin	Dianne Wain
Commentator	Pauline Parker	Jane Standish	Gen Martin	Helen Rocks
Special Minister	Ann Furlong	Jack Guthrie	Mary Nayna	Donna Cardamone
Welcomers	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn	Barry Wheeler Odette Budge	Jon Searle & Rosemary Miller	Louise Breslin & Lucy Cameron
Counters	Joe Corda	Nelson Popley	Debra Joseph	
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Fred Burn	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin



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 (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis'

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

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www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

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Support
our Parish



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

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

Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples