



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

4 February 2024 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings are from Year B: Job 7:1-4,6-7, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23, Mark 1:29-39

Hello Parishioners,

A very happy new year to you all. We're praying that 2024 will be a deeply blessed year for you, your families, and our spiritual families of St. Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale.

2024 is going to be HUGE!!! We will host a Parish Vision Day in the next few months and ask you: **"What you do dream of for our church today?"** It's been two and half years since we launched "Opening the Doors to Christ's love" and it is important to see how we are tracking. Moving from maintenance to mission mode has created significant traction and we now boast 30% of mass attendees being involved in serve ministries. That's great but we want to increase that number to offer more for each other. Please come to our Parish Vision Day and share your wisdom and active participation. Watch this space!

Our relationships with one another are crucial for an active and vibrant church. Prayer and sacraments can assist in our spiritual relationship with God and taking time to support each other builds up our parish community. How about investing in some of these opportunities?



Meet new people or deepen friendships at cuppa after Masses



Join or start your own small group where you can journey more deeply with others.



Join a serve ministry, where you can develop relationships with those you serve alongside, serving God and our parish.

"A stranger is a friend that you haven't met yet!"

Meeting people comes naturally to some but harder for others, but discovering new friends can only bring us closer to God through the support and love of each other. May 2024 be a year of new friendships!

Shalom/Peace
Fr. Andrew

Coming up:

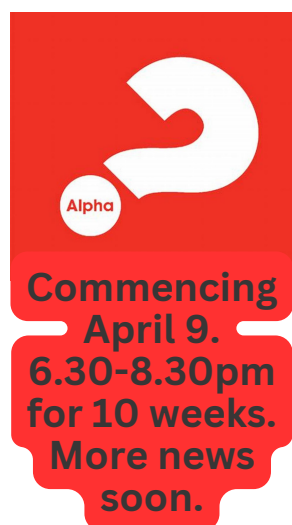
Ash Wednesday
14 February

Praise & Worship
16 February

Alpha 2024
9 April

Events and announcements

Alpha is coming to St Mary of the Cross



Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone who is willing to have an honest conversation. No matter your background, history, or beliefs. You are welcome.

What happens at Alpha?

Every Alpha is different, but the core elements stay the same. There is time for connection with one another, sharing a meal, watching a video together, and afterwards we have a conversation about it.

In the conversation time, you share what you think. You can say as much or as little as you want, and nothing is off limits. Seriously.

Project Compassion 2024

Caritas Australia supports communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes, or online caritas.org.au/project-compassion

The International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has designated 8th February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. "Journeying in Dignity - Listen, Dream, Act" is this year's theme. Ideas for action, including participating in a Pilgrimage of Prayer and Action, are available on ACRATH's website: www.acrath.org.au ACRATH invites you to participate in this event to help end human trafficking and slavery.



- After many years of flower arranging at St Brigid's Church, Patsy Riordan is stepping down from her volunteer position. The Parish extends our heartfelt thanks to Patsy for her dedication and the beautiful flower arrangements that she has created over the years.

- A special thank you to all those who volunteered at the Parish office reception whilst Ann was on leave.
- Thank you to all who gave to the special collections during December 2023. Melbourne Overseas Mission - \$936, Avent Appeal for Ukraine - \$2,375 and St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal - \$5,200. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

The Season of Lent begins **Wednesday 14 February**. Join us for Ash Wednesday Mass - 10am St Brigid's or 7pm St Louis'.

Cuppa after Mass - Next Weekend 10/11 February

Please join us for a cuppa & chat after all Masses next weekend. If you wish to bring a plate to share you are most welcome.



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.

Events and announcements



Lenten Small Groups

Beginning the week of **13 February**. We have 4 groups in-person and online, each of one hour, for 6 weeks. Please register at the welcome desk. An opportunity to reflect on the Lenten scriptures. All are welcome.



Men's Fellowship Group

All men of the parish & their friends are welcome, starting **Thursday 15 February**. We will watch the new series from Fr. Dave Pivonka (Wild Goose) as he journeys home to reflect on the urgent need to know God as Father amidst the backdrop of his hometown and the relationship he shared with his dad.



Bob's Knitting Group

All welcome to enjoy knitting for those in need. Friday **16 February** at St Louis' 10-12pm.



Praise & Worship Night Friday **16 February** 7.30pm at St Brigid's.



Parish outdoor Prep Level 2024 Welcome Mass

The annual Mass & Picnic is on at Braeside Park at 10.30am on **Sunday 18 February**. All welcome.

Parish Catechist Program 2024

Our 2024 Parish Catechist Program for First Eucharist, Confirmation and First Reconciliation for children not attending Catholic schools begins on Tuesday the 20th of February, 4pm-5pm and will run until the end of November. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish 9580 7981.

Aged Care Volunteers

An aged care volunteer is needed to visit Nixon House on Monday mornings. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at Nixon house or any of the aged care homes that SMOTC visit, please contact Marie Seddon on 0411 352 084.

Serve Ministers Roster April-July 2024

The roster for April to July is currently being compiled. If you are going to be away during this time, wish to go on or come off the roster please let the parish office know. New volunteers for our serve ministries are always welcome. We will provide training and support. For information on all of the parish serve ministry roles please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministers booklet in the church foyers or online at our parish website.

Our Parish Mission
Love God,
Love Others,
Make Disciples
is anchored in:

COMMUNITY

Faith is deepened when it is shared. We seek to be a faith community that is welcoming, caring & inclusive, where all belong and are eager to share their faith with others.

GROW

We encourage all to grow in faith and as a community of belonging, living our lives in accordance with Jesus' teaching.

SERVE

We invite, encourage and support everyone to serve in a ministry using the gifts that God has given them.

WORSHIP

An experience of God's love with the weekend Mass at the heart of our community, offering exceptional hospitality, enlightening homilies and uplifting music guided by the Holy Spirit.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Our readings are from Year B: Lev 13:1-2,44-46, 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1, Mark 1:40-45								
10th & 11th Feb	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Jenny Ferguson	Julie Buick	Carmel Barker	Pauline Parker	Michael Barker	Sonia Williams	Bernie Stuart	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysious	Jane Standish	Barry Wheeler	John Guthrie	Chris McAleer	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Niko Tovia	Ann Furlong	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	N/A	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Helen Rocks	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Vikki Fitzgerald	Robyn Worsnop	Tung Phan	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 1 - Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares							
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.								



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

Recently Deceased

Pilot Edwin, Mario Matthews, Elizabeth Paulka, Marie Sherlock (Polly Pedrazzini's mother)

Anniversaries

John Carino, Pasqualina Costanzo, Maria Reiter, Ken McClure, Lois Formani, Vittorio Giuliano, Cecil Fernandez, Ann Cotter, Debbie Arundel, Jack Cotter, Giuseppe Basile, Elvie Doherty, Resa Williams, Ingrid Rovira Castells, Elizabeth Wood, Anthony Archer, Stewart Gowans, Patrick Smith, Harold Leslie de Monte, Brian Enright, Sheila Sladen, Alex Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Margaret Reid, Phylliss Grasso, Barney Kelly, Margaret Cox, Henry Robertson, Bill Carey, Ponamma Zachariah, Kay Cresswell, Jennifer Rix, Richard Payne, Ronald Aquilina, Pamela Murphy, Anne-Marie Willcott, Mary-Kate Velten, John Smith, Peter Kelly, John Tuagalu, Peter Hodgkinson, Anka Mihaljevic, Caterina Vinci, Sophy Cherian, Eleanor Burns, Antonia Attar, Arthur Malone

Healing Prayers asked for

Laurie McKwen, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Brother Roger Burke FMS, Valerie O'Hara.

Please contact the parish office to include a loved one in the Bulletins healing prayers.

Mass Times



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)

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary



Friday 10.30am St Brigid's and 1st Saturday of the month St Louis' 4.30pm

Reconciliation

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



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Parish Schools

St Brigid's - 9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's -

9580 5169,

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

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

Our Child Safeguarding Team:

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