



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.*

The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday 29 May 2022

Our readings are: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

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:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

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PARISH OFFICE:

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Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri

9am - 4pm

Gospel Reflection

As we draw closer to the end of the Easter season, the Feast of the Ascension marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and his return to heaven. As Jesus states in today's Gospel he must ascend for the Holy Spirit to be with us. Such references to the Holy Spirit point us toward Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is God's ongoing presence in the world. It stirs our hearts and reminds us of everything we have been taught about Jesus, about God. It is through the action of the Holy Spirit within us that we can put it all together by acting in faith with integrity in our lives.



It is through the Holy Spirit that *'the eyes of our hearts are enlightened'*. The Holy Spirit is the *'promise of my Father'* in today's Gospel. It is the Holy Spirit that allows us to speak as witnesses of Jesus. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we can praise God.

The feasts of the next few Sundays draw us to the heart of the mystery of our faith. We are each broken vessels, yet also imbued with God's gifts. Our task is to discover and share those gifts with the community. It is only through the eyes of faith, opened by the Holy Spirit, that we can glimpse such gifts in ourselves and others. So we marvel at the work of God - Father, Son and Spirit - in our lives.

by Patrick Jurd



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

[melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale](http://melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale)

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
Saturday 6pm and **Sunday 8am**

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

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

Parish News

Opening our churches outside of Mass times

Do you have a spare hour or two to buddy up with another to open our churches outside of Mass times? Many of us know how happy we are to come across an open church where we can drop in and pay a visit, spending some time in quiet prayer in the presence of our Lord. If you can serve in this way, please contact berna.wake@cam.org.au



Scripture and Friendship Group

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 7th June**. We will meet at Ann's home in **Aspendale at 10am**. A time for a cuppa, a chat and discussion / reflection on the Sunday's gospel in friendship and faith. This group is open to all — come and see. For more info contact Ann - 0425712741 or Carmel - 0425773608.

Tending Our Winter Heart: Live-in Weekend Retreat'

On **Friday 10 June, 4pm - Sun 12 June, 4pm**, we invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful surroundings of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$300 including accommodation and catering. **Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation**, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne



Congratulations Year 4 Students

We congratulate the **Year 4 students from St. Louis' school** whose special First Eucharist celebrations were last Sunday and this Sunday. We continue to pray for these children and their families.

We **welcome and thank Fr. Peter Matheson** for assisting with some masses this weekend and the following weekend during this time of First Eucharist

celebrations.

Confirmation Year 6 Students - Commitment mass

The **Year 6 school children** and catechist children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will be attending mass next weekend. We continue to hold these children and their families in our prayers.



Join us for THE SEARCH - a new & impactful video-based series coming to our parish



THE SEARCH is part of the digital Catholic streaming service Formed.org developed by the acclaimed Augustine Institute. **THE SEARCH** leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach. **THE SEARCH** guides viewers through a crescendo of seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith.

Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

THE SEARCH is best experienced with others. We will be offering this seven-part series for all parishioners to join, **commencing Tuesday 7 June from 6.30-8pm at**

St Louis'. We will begin with a light meal, followed by the 30 minute video and then we will discuss together in small groups. If you are looking for answers and wanting to deepen your faith, **THE SEARCH** is for you! The dates for the sessions are: 7 June, 21 June, 28 June, 5 July, 12 July, 19 July and 2 August. **Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk, all are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend.**

Parish News



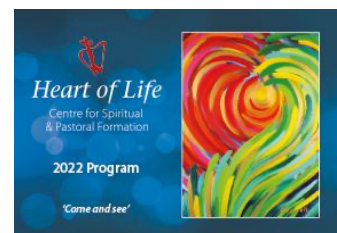
St. Mary of the Cross Men's Group

All men of the parish/school community are invited to **join us for dinner** at Chelsea Inn Chinese Restaurant, 232 Wells Road, Chelsea Heights at **7 pm on Friday 17th June**. BYO alcohol. RSVP by Monday 13th June to Tony Allday on 9580 7344 or ajallday@optusnet.com.au.

Heart of Life is a centre for spiritual and pastoral formation

Come join our 'Taster Session' Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom.

Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via trybooking.com/BZAWV, or email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.



Ukrainian family - help!

One of our parishioners, Jack Meyer, has generously offered to host a family from Ukraine as they relocate to Australia. This family is now looking to rent a two bedroom unit, apartment or granny flat as they wait for their humanitarian visa to come through in the next one to three weeks. Once this is approved, they will be able to apply for employment and government assistance. The maximum rent they can afford would be between \$350 and \$380 per week. The benefactor who paid their airfares is putting up the bond and the first month's rent. If anyone can help please contact Jack on 0437005693 or 95801578.

Are you interested in volunteering
with the Liturgical Ministry
to arrange *Altar Flowers and
Displays*?

We would *love* to have you on the
team! Please contact the Parish
office for more information.



St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

"All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with
the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."
Acts 1:14

SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2022 AT ST LOUIS'

Come join us in reciting
the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration.
4:30pm - 5:30pm



Recently Deceased

Fr. Eric Hodgins

Anniversaries

Katrina Leason, Lucy Adams, Janet Angus, Maria Atherton, Moya Wain, Margaret Aylward, Tom Bibby, Gloria Brereton, Georgie Burrows, Ray Buxton, Joseph Conlon, Rita Costanzo, Eddy Dalton, Eric Dickinson, Eric Anthony de Monte, Neal Joseph Frawley, Peter Freese, Bernence Gallagher, Maureen Gray, James Harrison, Eileen Headland, Audrey Higgins, Fr Larry Hunt, Eugene Julien, Peter Kellett, Maria Leonardi, Lyn McHugh, Tom O'Donnell, Terri Page, Edward Peril, James Pobjoy, Margaret Walsh, James Edwin Silarsah, Val Simpson, Alfred Anthony Sladen, Patricia Sloan, Anne Thorne, Peter Treacy, Colin Van Staveren, Tony Weston

Healing Prayers Asked For

Peter Hopkins, Bridie Duggan, Dermot Duggan, Peter Grove, Minnie Joseph, Sharon Stevenson, Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, John Nicholson, Jason Turner, Serena Zienau, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives, Odette Ward, Pat McDonald, Oonagh Duggan, Sam Finnocchiario, Lisa Downing, Sophia Bicos, Mary Jane Duffy, Ian Anderson, Danielle Spence, Margaret Beesley, Lynch family, O'Shannessy family

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and have read and signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Copies 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

Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432

Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799

Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522

Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049

Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184

Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

Pentecost Sunday - Sunday 5th June 2022

Readings (Year C): Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

4th & 5th June	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Confirmation & Year 6	Barry Wheeler	Confirmation & Year 6	Confirmation & Year 6
Commentator	Commitment Masses	Jane Standish	Commitment Masses	Commitment Masses
Special Minister	Alison Krishnadas	Fred Burns	Ann Furlong	Glenice Laughlin
Welcomers	Annette Brilliant Volunteer	Odette Budge Jack Meyer	Jon Searle Niko Tovia	Helen Rocks Lucy Cameron
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom			
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Pam Hannan



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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

9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



Support
our Parish



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

Our Parish Mission



**Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples**