



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Tan

3 March 2024 - Third Sunday in Lent

Our readings are from Year B: Exodus 20: 1-3 -17, 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25, John 2 9:2-10



Gospel Reflection - Jesus clears the Temple Courts

Pope Francis says, 'Jesus exhorts us to live our life not in search of our own advantage and interests, but for the glory of God who is love.'

He suggests that Jesus' action in the Temple should be seen as being deliberately and provocatively prophetic. Jesus was not throwing a tantrum! Rather, He was making a point: something was awry in the way people understood and used the Temple. Hearts and behaviours needed to change.

Given that Lent is 'a season of conversion, a time of freedom', the Pope encourages Christians to refocus our attention on the needs of all.

This is a season for 'communitarian decisions ... capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods.' We should reflect on 'the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon.'

Wendy Sullivan

St Brigid's Primary School Principal

Coming Up

**Parish Vision Morning
16 March**

**Lenten Retreat
23 March**

**Alpha 2024 Begins
9 April**

**Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass**

Parish Events and Announcements



Message from Fr Andrew - Parish Vision Morning

In May 2021 our parish started a journey of renewal to move our parish from maintenance to mission. I now invite you to join the Parish Leadership Team at our Parish Vision Morning on **Saturday 16 March from 9-12pm at St Louis**. We would like to hear your thoughts on how the parish is tracking and how we can together continue to grow and flourish as we Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples. Please register your attendance at the Welcome Desk. I'd love to see you there.



Happy Birthday Gail McGillivray

Wishing you a very happy 80th birthday Gail. May God continue to bless you, guide and love you, and keep you safe and well. Best wishes from all your friends at St Mary of the Cross.



Thank You from Tom and Jan Hughes

Tom and Jan Hughes would like to thank parishioners for their love and prayers with the recent tragic passing of Tom's brother Peter, whilst on holiday from Ireland. Tom would also like to thank all for his 80th birthday wishes.



Holy Week and Easter Serve Ministries

As we approach Holy Week, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, this is an ideal opportunity to welcome guests and visitors to our parish and allow them to experience the love of Christ and a community where all can belong. We welcome our serve ministers to register their availability on the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Desk.

Archdiocese News

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Learn more: Join our <https://palms.org.au/event/global-development-webinar/> **March 5, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm.**

Message from the Director of Vocations Fr Dishan Candappa & Team

"I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, **Tung Phan**, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble. Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!"



2024 Year of Prayer & 2025 Year of Jubilee

Pope Francis has recently announced that in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope," 2024 has been designated as a Year of Prayer. Since 1300, the Catholic Church has celebrated Jubilees as a "special gift of grace, characterised by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God" (Pope Francis). Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites us in this video message <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/praying-our-way-through-lent-returning-to-god-our-father> to journey back to God using the prayer Jesus taught us, the Our Father, which encourages us both to praise God and to depend on him for everything we need: love, forgiveness, protection, even our 'daily bread'.

Lent at St Mary of the Cross



Lenten Retreat with Maria Forde

We are blessed to have Maria Forde lead us in a very special Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 23 March from 9-12pm at St Brigid's Church.**

Maria is one of Australia's finest artists, with her rich, beautiful vocal tones, passionate songs and her deep spirituality. The Second Rite of

Reconciliation will be offered as part of the morning. Please register your attendance at the Welcome Desk.

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Project Compassion 2024

In the third week of Lent, our next Project Compassion story features Leaia from Samoa.

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a rainwater tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Watch Leaia's story here:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/leaia-story-video.

Support Project Compassion today:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or pick up a box/envelopes in the church foyers.

Events and Announcements

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE,
RENEWAL

Weekly Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Thursday 7:30pm at St Louis'.
Friday 10.30am at St Brigid's.

Slavery-free Easter chocolate

This Easter, combat slavery by choosing to buy from companies with transparent and ethical sourcing practices, and support advocacy efforts to hold the industry accountable.

More information:

<https://www.chocolatescorecard.com>

FORMED - Video, audio and e-book online platform

So many titles to accompany you during the Lenten season. Access FORMED for free. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish.

So, what is Alpha?

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning in a Christian context. The talks are designed to encourage conversation. You can say anything you like or nothing at all.

How does it work?

Every week, we will have a delicious meal (chef catered, thanks Michael), a short video and a discussion where you can share your thoughts. There's no pressure and no follow up. We will meet on Tuesdays from 6.30pm- 8.30pm at St Louis' for 8 weeks including a special Holy Spirit Day on Saturday 18 May, from 10-5pm.

Alpha at St Mary of the Cross Parish

You might be thinking, I'm Catholic, is this for me? The answer is yes, it is for everyone. Alpha is also particularly appropriate for those who have no faith, are cynical or have given up on the Catholic Church. It is not heavy on religious doctrine or judgement. Therefore, we encourage you to come along with your family member or friend, maybe someone who has walked away from the church. Why not ask them to come with you and see what they think? There will be an Alpha Launch night on **April 9 at St Louis' on Tuesday 9 April** at 6.30pm. This will be fun and relaxed night with no obligation.

Alpha

Serve Ministers Roster- Next Weekend 9/10 March, 2024

4th Lent	Readings (Year B):	2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23	Ephesians 2: 4 - 10	John 3: 14 - 21		Cuppa Weekend		
9th & 10 Mar	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Carmel Grace	Julius Lau	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marg De Vries	Pauline Parker	Carmel Barker	Sonia Williams	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Volunteer	Carole Guthrie	Jack Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Barry Wheeler	Paula Rodrigues	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Maureen Wraight	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	N/A	Trish Le Brocq	Ann Furlong	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Stefanie Carino	Jennifer Rodrigues	Jaun Wilson	Donna Cardamone	Philippa Pecora	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 5	Aileen Dynes	and	Anthony Barnhoorn				

Next weekend is our cuppa weekend. Welcomers, please arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins to set up the kitchen, thank you.

We remember in our prayers



Anniversaries: 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, Daniel Nicholson, Martin Crosbie, Lesley Reyneke, Luca Auditore, Stephen Mardling, Celiia Balm, Fr Jim Flanagan, Fr Hugh McGrath, Eilish Sterling, Emmanuel Sterling, Martin Sterling, Albert Ryan, Kathleen Hudson, Betty Nunn, Trevor Hall, George Jeeves, Marge Rosevear.

Healing Prayers asked for: Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, Brother Roger Burke FMS, Valerie O'Hara, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Steve Gobac, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Sam Finnochiaro, Sr Rita Hayes.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit, please reach out at:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

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.

Mass Times

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm Vigil 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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 Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Parish Schools

St Brigid's - 9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's -

9580 5169,

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Parish House - 03 9412 8432

Parish Office - 03 9580 7981

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

Our Child Safeguarding Team:

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