



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
21 April 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday
Our readings are from Year B: Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18



Gospel Reflection

April 21 is Good Shepherd Sunday. A shepherd was someone who made a living looking after sheep. He led his sheep to pasture and water. He looked after them and protected them from danger. When a sheep was lost, the shepherd went out to search for it. At night, he brought the sheep home, checking to see they were all there by counting them as they passed under his shepherd's rod or staff.

Even as adults, we need someone to guide and protect us from the dangers of this world. We have sufferings that come from within and outside of us. What we need is someone and something upon which we can put our complete trust. Jesus is that someone.

With his opening statement, Jesus assures us who he is. All other possibilities are eliminated. That leads to just the benefits Jesus the Good Shepherd provides for us. We are called on to continue Jesus's work. We are called on to be shepherds, witnesses of God's love. We are to be there for each other. We are to care for and support one another. We are called to Love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Marylene Douglas
St. Louis de Montfort School
Religious Education Leader
and Lead Learner

Coming Up

Praise & Worship
26 April

St. Louis de Montfort
Feast Day 28 April

New Parishioner Welcome
Morning 11 May

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

Parish Announcements



Welcome Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli - Archbishop of Melbourne

Archbishop Peter will be with our parish on his episcopal visit from April 19-21. This is a great opportunity for the Archbishop to spend an extended time, meeting people from our schools, aged care residents, parishioners and to hear first-hand about our parish renewal journey. Archbishop Peter will celebrate all of the Masses this weekend. Let's say hello and give him a big welcome.

Are you being called to serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. Any enquiries contact diaconate@cam.org.au or 9412 3327.



Alpha has begun

We give thanks that our Alpha program which commenced on April 9 has resulted in 102 registrations! We pray that Alpha will fully awaken and deepen relationships with Jesus and each other, as we discuss faith and life over the next 6 weeks. We meet again this **Tuesday 23 April from 6.30-8.30pm at St. Brigid's Primary School Hall (enter via Barkly Street, Mordialloc. Alpha Hosts & Helpers please arrive at 6.00pm.**

Good Shepherd Sunday - April 21

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Please note that Mass on Thursday 25 April which is ANZAC Day will be held at 10am at St. Louis' instead of the usual 9.15am. All are welcome.



Praise & Worship Night

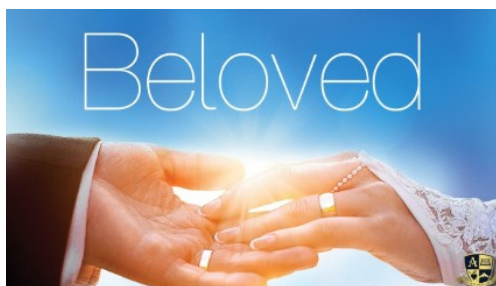
Friday 26 April from 7.30-8.30pm at St. Brigid's. Usually, the night is held on the 3rd Friday of the month, alternating between our 2 churches, but it is a week later this month due to the Archbishop's visit. All are welcome to come and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Read about our Praise and Worship Night in this month's Blessings magazine, which you can read on our [parish website](#).

Brigidine Asylum Seekers BASP Online Trivia Night

The fundraiser will be held at St. Mary's Hampton Friday 3 May 7.30pm – 9.40pm. Booking and more information cohdig.au/trivia

This week on Formed - Catholic Faith on Demand

Beloved Session 1 - Does Marriage Matter?



Is your marriage all it can be? **Beloved** unlocks the sacrament of marriage in 12 sessions, showing how God designed it to fulfill you. Open to all couples, young and old.

With our parish subscription to Formed, you can watch this and much more on what is called 'Netflix for Catholics'. If you haven't subscribed as yet, simply visit formed.org/signup and select our parish or scan the QR code to get the app for your phone.



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New Parishioners Welcome Morning

**SATURDAY 11 MAY 10-11AM
PARISH HOUSE MAIN STREET, MORDIALLOC**

A special welcome event for those who are new to St Mary of the Cross or have been visiting for a while but haven't formally connected with our community. Our New Parishioners Welcome Morning is a chance to learn more about our Parish Mission Plan, explore ways you can get involved in our Serve Ministries whilst chatting and mingling over morning tea with our Parish Leadership Team and some other parishioners. We would love to see you there!



Register here



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Nicole D'Souza and Brenton Annand who will be married at St. Brigid's church on Saturday 20th April. May God bless you in your marriage!!



Kidz Zone Next Weekend

All children aged 4-10 years are welcome to come and join our Children's Liturgy. Kidz Zone will be available during all of our next weekend Masses except 8am Sunday.



Our Scripture & Friendship Group

will meet on **April 30** at Ann's home: 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. All are welcome to join as we discuss Sunday's Gospel. We start with a cuppa at 10am and conclude at 11.30am.

Parish Novena

Parishioners are invited to join Martin & Elizabeth Newington for a 30-minute Novena in preparation for Pentecost. The event will be conducted at St. Louis' church commencing at 10.15am and will be conducted during the period 7th May to 17th May, excluding the weekends 11 & 12th of May. Please contact Martin on 0493499032 if you wish to attend.



First Eucharist

Children from St. Louis' and St. Brigid's Primary schools will be receiving their First Eucharist this weekend. St. Louis' students at 12pm this Sunday at St. Louis' Church and St. Brigid's students at 1pm at St. Brigid's Church. In addition, there will be a further 2 First Eucharist Masses for St. Louis' students on Sunday May 5. Please pray for the children on this special journey united with Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Let's do Mother's Day - Aspendale's St. Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to:

High Tea on **Tuesday 7th May, 12pm-2pm**, in St. Louis' Church Foyer. Enjoy a special High Tea Lunch with a Mothers' Day themed quiz and spot prizes. All welcome – it's not just for mothers. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Prayer Ministry Next Weekend

What is Prayer Ministry? It is two or more people praying with you for a particular intention. Next weekend we will have prayer teams available after Masses to pray with you. Everyone is invited to take part in this opportunity. It will only be for a few minutes. The prayer team will gently guide you, all you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God. Father will announce the Prayer Ministry teams at the end of Mass.

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.

Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster - 5th Week of Easter 27 and 28 April 2024.

Welcomer's please note this is a cuppa weekend.

27/28 April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings (Year B) Acts 9:26-31				1 John 3:18-24	John 15:1-8		
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Carmel Barker	Gail McGillivray	Sonia Williams	Ann Furlong	Danny Carey	Margaret Deveson	Marie Medicott
8.00am (M)	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Frances North	Jack Meyer	Barry Wheeler	Marlene Tangso	Joan Healy	Jane Standish	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Felice Cortese	Elizabeth Newington	Volunteer	Maureen Wraight	Niko Tovia	Susan Dornom
11.00am (M)	Nola Petraitis	Peter Hannan	Vikki Fitzgerald	Juan Wilson	Volunteer	Mary Ann Farren	Volunteer	Glenice Laughlin
Prayer Minister	6pm Ann Brennan & Berna Wake		8am Connie Nichols & Odette Budge		9.30am Teresa Basile & Brenda O’Leary		11am Nicole Mielczarek & Nola Petraitis	
Counters	Group 5	Aileen Dynes	Anthony Barnhoorn					

RECENTLY DECEASED: Filippa Giarusso

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May de Monte, Veronica O'Donnell, Marie Murphy, Janos (John) Marton, Juseppe Merlino, Ada Roberts, Fred McDonald, Mark Aspery, Eustace Owen-Tucker, Albert Carrzaao, Val Jones, Jeff Elsbury, Ted Graham, Matthew Feehan, Edward Feehan, Mick Reed, Sophie Jekot, Fran Tobin, Mauricia Villamor, Edward (Ted) Maguire, Pauline Watts, Pam MacDonald, Donald Booth, Winifred Wraight, Letty Saddler, Agostina Covello, Peg Libbis, Mario Cortese, Colin Ferguson, Carlyn Quarrell, Patrick Buicke, Michael Maher, Ellen LeClercq, Lily Rodrigues, Lon Vaisutis, Victor Vellozo, Betty Barker, Lorna Fan, Chris Ryan, Phil Ryan, Norm Smith

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, 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, Pam Ulbrick, Anne Burke, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone.

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

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

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sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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9580 5169,

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Parish House - 03 9412 8432

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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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