



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.*

1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday 26 February 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

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 Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

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03 9412 8432

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03 9580 7981

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9am - 4pm



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

The 40 days of Lent correspond to Jesus' own 40 days spent in the desert.

On this first Sunday of Lent, the gospel speaks of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Forty is a significant number in Scripture and usually means a necessary and not-so-comfortable prelude to something new. I can definitely relate to the 40 weeks of not-so-comfortable pregnancy which results in the miracle of birth.

For Jesus, it was a period of preparation for his coming mission, one which would be governed by the law of the Spirit rather than a law chiselled in stone. By preaching a message that was so different, Jesus was making things very uncomfortable for many!

Perhaps this includes us too!

Jesus was not only tempted by the devil in the desert, but throughout his ministry he was constantly tempted to compromise his mission. In our world today, we can also be tempted to be distracted by the messages we receive to have more, to want more:- more power, more money, more possessions, more attention. The Church provides Lent almost like an annual retreat, a time for deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal, a time to make a fresh start. Lent is a great time to take a couple of minutes to reflect on your life and think about which distractions keep you from building God's kingdom.

We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others - a time to look at our own lives, relationships and priorities as well as showing care and concern for others.

In this season of Lent, let us:

Fast from concern for ourselves; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ within them.

Fast from worry; feast on God's guiding Spirit.

Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the light of resurrection.

We pray for all that unites us in peace and friendship.

by Marylene Douglas St Louis' de montfort Primary school



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

Parish News

Serve Ministries

One of our four parish mission anchors is Servant Leadership - Where we are all called to serve in our parish ministries and wider community. We give thanks for all who serve in our parish and ask all current serving ministers in **all** parish roles to **re-confirm** their commitment and encourage **new people** to step forward. Lists will be available on the tables in the church foyer. Our Serve Ministry booklet outlines all of the serve ministry roles and is available on our parish website, printed copies are also available in the church foyers.

Lenten Scripture Groups

There are a number of different scripture groups that are already underway and there is still time to join one of the groups - on **Tuesdays** at 10.30am, St. Louis' church led by Carmel Barker or at 2pm, 63 Nepean Highway, Aspendale led by Mary Nayna. **Wednesdays** at 10.30am, at St. Louis' church led by Trish Le Brocq, at 7.15pm, at 41 Rivette St. Mordialloc led by Jack Meyer or at 7.30pm. **Thursdays** at 7.30pm, via Zoom led by Ann Furlong. Thank you to our facilitators.

Lenten Reflection with Maria Forde

"To be free we must be able to give up what is old and so answer God's will today and tomorrow" - Ernst Käsemann. Join Maria Forde as she leads us on a Lenten reflection on **Friday 3 March from 7-8.15pm at St Louis' Church**. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation Maria will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and its role during Lent. Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer songwriter and liturgist. **All are welcome.**

Syrian Earthquake Appeal

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster. MCF DGR ACCOUNT Ref: Syrian Appeal BSB: 062784 Account: 100011493 All donations are Tax Deductible. For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au or contact on (02) 9750 5514.

Bulletin Notices Please ensure you have your bulletin notices into the parish office by Thursday afternoons via email - mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au.



First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

The background of the poster features a wooden cross and a green palm frond resting on a light-colored, textured surface.

Choir practice for the Easter Triduum

Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Come along and join us to help celebrate the Easter Season
Singers and musicians all welcome.

We will be alternating practices at St Louis and St Brigid's churches
Tues 28 Feb at St Louis, 7 March St Brigid's, 14 March St Louis,
21 March St Brigid's, 28 March St Louis, 4 April St Brigid's

CONTACT TRISH 0421 604 849

Parish News

World Day of Prayer

The special worldwide Eumenical Service World day of Prayer for Mordialloc and Mentone areas will be held at **St Patrick's Church Mentone on Friday 3rd March at 10:30am**. Over 170 countries participate bringing together people of various races, cultures and traditions. Taiwan is the host country this year. There will be refreshments served and everyone is welcome.

Religious Education Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws Inquiry

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) current Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Legislation has produced a Consultation Paper which proposes severe limits on the ability for religious schools to appoint staff who support their mission other than roles in which *'the teaching, observance or practice of the religion is a genuine requirement of the role.'* For every other role it would become unlawful for the school to give preference to teachers who share, or who are willing, to support the religious beliefs of the institution. This would effectively remove the right of faith-based schools to express their religious identity and culture. Archbishop Comensoli, along with other faith leaders, encourages you, as well as parents and other members of the Catholic community, to complete the following survey with an expression of hope to protect faith-based schools from further obstacles that will impede their ability to express our Catholic faith:

alrc.gov.au/inquiry/anti-discrimination-laws/submission/survey

Mission - Change their lives and yours.



Palms Australia

Mission: Change their lives and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Go to our website for news and stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. For further enquiries telephone 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or web www.palms.org.au.

Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Maddison Eliza, Elroy James, Sienna Mae, Matilda Irene

God has you in His hands on this special day. With every little step you take, He guides you on your way.

Stations Of The Cross

St Louis' Stations of the Cross will be held each week throughout Lent on **Thursday's after the 9:15am Mass.**

St Brigid's Stations of the Cross will be held each week throughout Lent on **Fridays at 11:00am.**
All are welcome.



UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options.*

For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 7 March from 9am

Kingston Council is hosting a Clean Up Australia Day event at the wonderful Mordialloc Creek Reserve.

If you are interested in participating with Council and like minded volunteers, including our Parish Earthcare Team, we will be meeting at Jack Grut Reserve carpark, 60-68 Governor Rd, Mordialloc, and picking up litter along Mordialloc Creek Reserve

Clean Up



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



With St Mary of the Cross We Pray



Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Carmel McGrath, Teresa Vaizzi, Kevin Phelan, Brian Conway, Jenny Popley, K. M Mathew, Fred Sommerville, Joan Mead, Elizabeth (Betty) Wood, Carmel White, Mirko Mesic, Monica Westgarth, Lorenzo Barbarino, Lynn Young, Percy Wilson, Antonio D'Astoli, Alan Jones, Christopher Parker, William Ellis, Audrey Kane, Judy de Lacey, Pauline Dwyer, Patricia Maher, Dorothy O'Connor, Kathleen Le Brocq, Kathleen Bourke, Samuel William Ellis, TomCain, Miriam (Midge) Barkley, Patrick Wraight, Milo Thomas Frawley, Mark Goldsmith, Berenice Ryan, Arianna Castenetto, Eloisa Barreto, Gelindo Della Bianca

Healing Prayers Asked For

Brenda Cortese, Ray Martin, Sophia Bicos, David Morris, Helen Pedrazzini, Sue Kelly, Craig Martin, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Michael Bell

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training. Copies of the policy 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 Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432

Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799

Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184

Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

2nd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 5 March 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

4th & 5th Mar	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Year 3 & 4 Eucharistic	Frances North	Year 3 & 4 Eucharistic	Year 3 & 4 Eucharistic
Commentator	Commitment Mass	Graham Jones	Commitment Mass	Commitment Mass
Special Minister	Anthony Barnhoorn	Jack Guthrie	Mary Nayna	Peter Wain
Welcomers	Sonia William	Jack Meyer	Jon Searle	Christine & Les D'Cruze
	Monique Bruce	Jane Standish	Rosemary Miller	
Counters	Debra Joseph	Nelson Popley	Joe Corda	
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

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

Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples



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

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 9.15am - St Louis'
(Communion Service),

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



**Face Mask
Strongly
Recommended**



Let's take care of each other



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