



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.

5th Sunday of Lent - Sunday 26 March 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

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,
Trish Angliss, Kristian Tangso,
Berna Wake**

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m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

"The disciples ... recognise that God is the one who has the power to bring about a miraculous and beautiful transformation."

"Jesus wept"

- the shortest verse in the Bible. This human experience speaks profoundly of the Incarnation. Christ felt both sorrow and pain, deeply. This Gospel passage calls to mind a multitude of questions, feelings and themes that may provoke anguish at the fundamental problem



of pain. Why death? Why suffering? Many of us relate to Martha's accusatory question towards Jesus, asking Him why her dear brother had to die and why Jesus had not prevented it. Each of us knows all too well the heartache of loss and pain. And yet here we are presented with the model of a real, human, and holy response to such situations. While grappling with loss, Jesus was able to sympathise with humanity's hurt and confusion. Christ, God Himself, did not use a magic formula to erase all sorrow, nor did He make light of the pain and simply undo it. Instead, He used the opportunity to pray to the Father in humble surrender and trust, allowing the disciples to recognise that God is the one who has the power to bring about a miraculous and beautiful transformation. There is no guarantee that when we question God in our raw rage or hurt, that He will necessarily give us what we want. However, we can reflect on this passage and come to learn that Jesus has given us a precious two-fold gift: the comfort in knowing that Christ shares and feels our sorrow with us, and the clear call to surrender and trust. Regardless of the outcome, we can rest assured that Christ's confidence in His Father's will is what we too can imitate, knowing that He is always close to us in our times of struggle.

By Anna Harrison

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

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Upcoming events!

- ❖ Sacrament of Anointing offered at weekday mass **Tuesday 28th March & Wednesday 29th March**
- ❖ **Saturday 1st April** - Parish Lenten Retreat and Penitential Service 9am - 1pm at **St Brigid's** - See notice.
- ❖ Wednesday evenings for 7 weeks beginning **12th April**. Seminar on the Holy Spirit 7-8.30pm - see notice

Lenten Retreat and Penitential Service

Saturday 1st April 9am -1pm St. Brigid's

Mary Ryan from the Archdiocesan Proclaim Office will be leading this day inviting us to take some time out in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Mary will gently invite us to reflect on the upcoming liturgies of Holy Week and walk with Jesus to his cross and rise with him in the resurrection. Our half day will include a penitential service finishing at 1pm. All are welcome. **(Please note - the monthly Exposition and Adoration at 4.30pm is cancelled that day)**

Holy Week Roster - only a few spots left!

Serve Ministers are required for the Holy Week Rosters across all masses: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Vigil and Sunday Easter Masses.** If you're able to assist please sign up on the lists located in the church foyers.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please continue to pray for Jon Searle, Mandy Hammond, Feodor Frukhtman, Nikki and Brett Hill, now known as the Elect, as they come closer to being received into our parish community on Holy Saturday night. This weekend they will receive the **third scrutiny at the 11am mass.**

PALM SUNDAY – Do you have any palm branches?

Large palm branches required for church decoration 1/2 April. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist. It would be helpful if you could **drop them off at either St. Louis or St. Brigid's churches by Friday 31st March.**

Holy Land collection Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financially and spiritually and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Palm Sunday Walk - Justice for Refugees Sunday 2nd April 2023

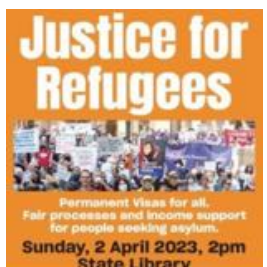
More than ever we need to remind our Federal Government that they have a large job to do if they are truly to be a compassionate and caring government and not primarily focused on being politically careful. Join us on Sunday 2nd of April 2023 at 2pm for the Palm Sunday Walk: **"Justice for Refugees"** at the State Library of Victoria, corner Swanston and LaTrobe Streets Melbourne. Show your support for permanent visas for all and a fair process and income support for people seeking asylum.

Parish church working Bee - Do you have any spare time?

There is a working bee planned for **Holy Saturday 8th April from 10am-12pm at both churches.** General cleaning, dusting, sweeping, tidy up etc in preparation for the Easter celebrations. Morning tea included.



GOOD FRIDAY 2023 · Friday, April 7th
Be generous!



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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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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

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Ethically Sourced Easter Products

When you are choosing your chocolate, coffee or tea this Easter, please ensure to look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically. Look for - 'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified' or 'Cocoa Horizons' (Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable). For further information on Slavery Free products go to acrath.org.au.



Kingston Native Plant Giveaway

Each Autumn, we offer a [free plant giveaway](#), allowing residents to collect up to five free tube stock native plants per household. You do not need to register. Just attend one of the events listed and bring along proof of address (e.g. a drivers licence, rates notice or utility bill with your address). First Event: **The Grange Reserve, Clayton South on Saturday 1 April, 9.00am - 1.00pm**. For more dates and further enquiries, please contact Customer Care on 1300 653 356.



HolyWeek

Everyone is welcome

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
at St Brigid's followed by The Watch concluding with
night prayer at 10pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross
10.30am Beeson Reserve Edithvale

Good Friday Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Liturgy
3pm at St Brigid's

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 6.30pm
at St Louis' followed by supper
(please bring a plate to share)

Easter Sunday Masses
8am St Brigid's
9.30am St Louis'
11am St Brigid's

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Please join from Wednesday 12 April for The Wild Goose

The **Wild Goose** series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Fr Dave Pivonka will take us on a journey over 7 weeks where we will be invited to encounter or renew our encounter with the Holy Spirit. This "Watch & Share" event is part of our Parish Discipleship Pathway as developed by our Parish Pastoral Council.

Everyone is invited as we adventure together with the Spirit leading us to a place of mercy, healing, peace and presence.

Details: 7.30-9pm at St Louis' commencing 12 April, culminating in Pentecost Week on 24 May.

Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Watch the trailer here:

watch.formed.org/videos/the-wild-goose-trailer



**"I AM SO EXCITED ABOUT
WHAT GOD IS GOING TO
DO IN YOUR LIFE THROUGH
THE WILD GOOSE."**

-FR. DAVE PIVONKA-



With St Mary of the Cross We Pray

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Frank Sweeney, Patrick James Keane, Lisa Malone, Amal Basry, Kathleen McNicholas, Michelle Cevac, Fr Ernie Smith, Betty Teasdale, Verna Crane, Michael Goss, Alan Stoppa, Peg Smith, Jaison Antony, Tony Medicott, Jim Styne, Stacey MacInnes, Peg Weaver, Marie Dorian, Gabrielle O'Donnell, Vivian Morillion, Thomas Raines, Richard Thorne, Charles Judd, Faye Marshall, Gordon McCarthy, Laurie Mattea, Ted Burke, Bevan Porter, Jennifer Crawford, Margaret Barnett, Gordon Parker, Grazia Basile, John Langer, Nello Fabris, John Nelson, Philippe Laval, Hector Jones, Veronica Wagstaff, Frank Patterson, Mary Rebeschini, John Gazzo, Kunjammai Peruvanmuzhi, Maria Rutigliano, Br Maurice Nicholson, Jim Laws, Ann Fernandez, Mary Bell, Marsha Anderson, Thomas Hogan, Marie-Noelle Russie, Ken Bramich, Pat Direen, Kathleen Crowe, Paul Camerino, Kevin Laws, Anna Iacono, George Clark, Peter Dennis, Ponamma Thomas, Chris Rafter, John Payne, Dorothy Torney, Margaret Malone, Hazel Sweeney, Guiseppe Aparo, Francis Butler, Angela D'Amelio, Alice & Patrick Madden, Denis Govinder, Michael Van Staveren

Healing Prayers Asked For

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

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	Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

Palm Sunday	Readings (Year A) Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27			
1st & 2nd April	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Tanya Jhoomun	Barry Wheeler	Maureen Wraight	Mark Carazzo
Commentator	Jenny Ferguson	Graham Jones	Volunteer	Stefanie Carino
Special Minister	Pauline Parker	Stephen Pooley	Alison Krishnadas	Donna Cardamone
Welcomers	Julie Buick	Wence & Paula	Berna Wake	Tung Phan
	Danny Carey	Rodrigues	Rosemary Miller	Helen Rocks
Counters	Anthony Barnhoorn	Helen & Kelvin Rocks		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Susan Dornom	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



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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

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