



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

14 April 2024 - Third Sunday in Easter

Our readings are from Year B: Acts 3:13-15, 17:19, 1 John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48

Gospel Reflection

You Are His Witnesses

Easter is a celebration of new life. It is not enough just to proclaim an empty tomb, and the resurrection of Jesus. We do not just believe in the resurrection; we must move from believing the event of the resurrection to experiencing the resurrection.

Experiencing resurrected life begins with recognizing the risen Christ among us. That is the gift of Easter that allowing us to not just recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread, as an easter people, Jesus wants us to have a life transforming experience in dying in our old way and live a new life with Jesus Christ.

We experience dying and rising in the change of seasons. Winter is like a season of dying and spring is a season of new life. In our daily living, our determination in giving up our old way of living, or abstaining our certain addiction, it is a kind of dying in our old way. Then living a new life by trusting God, and relying on God, is an active conviction to live a new life in Christ. By doing so, we are the witnesses of Jesus' resurrection through our own resurrection and renewal experience.

**Fr Ignatius
Asistant Priest St Mary of the Cross**

Coming Up

Parish Forum with
Archbishop 20 April

St Louis de Montfort
Feast Day 28 April

New Parishioner
Welcome Event 11 May

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

Parish Announcements



Parish Forum and visit of Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

Archbishop Peter has chosen our parish to 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. All parishioners are invited to a 'Forum with Archbishop Peter' on **Saturday 20 April from 10.00-12 noon at St Brigid's Church**. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Archbishop's plans for the archdiocese,

to hear his views, ask him questions, and get to know him better. The Forum will include a morning tea.

Please register for the Saturday 20 April Forum at the Welcome Desk. Archbishop Peter will celebrate all of our masses next weekend, so we will all have the opportunity to say hello and welcome him to our parish.



Alpha has begun

Our 8-week Alpha series kicked off on **Tuesday April 9 with an incredible 86 attendees**. We pray that Alpha will fully awaken and deepen the faith of all and create deep, lasting friendships. If you didn't make the first week but would like to join from week 2, you are very welcome, but we will require you to register ASAP. Please do so via the QR code.

Alpha Week 2 will take place on **Tuesday 16 April from 6.30-8.30pm** (meal provided). Please note the new venue which is the **St Brigid's Primary School Hall in Mordialloc** (please enter and park via Barkly Street. Hosts and Helpers please arrive at 6.00pm. This will be the ongoing venue for all subsequent weeks.



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.



Blessings Quarterly Parish Magazine

The April issue of our Blessings magazine is available this weekend, filled with stories and pictures from our parish. Some printed copies will be available in the church foyers. Everyone who has subscribed to our weekly digital news will receive a copy in their inbox along with this Bulletin. As we are an Earthcare Parish we aim to be responsible and sustainable with the amount of printing. If you have not yet subscribed to our weekly digital news please do so here <https://m.stmaryofthecross.com/subscribe> You can also read Blessings on our parish website <https://m.stmaryofthecross.com//>

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



"St Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. With our parish subscription to Formed, you can watch this and many other movies, audiobooks, documentaries for adults and children. 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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WELCOME

Deacon George Piech-Meat

Deacon George is a Permanent Deacon who has been appointed by the Archbishop to our parish and he will begin his diaconal ministry this week. George was ordained in 2012 and has been ministering in the parish of St. Mary's, Dandenong. George hails from South Sudan and works fulltime in the department of Youth and Justice as a chaplain. He will assist primarily during the weekend masses in his capacity as deacon to serve at mass, preach and celebrate some baptisms. Let us all make him very welcome.



Our Scripture & Friendship Group

will meet on **April 16 and 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. Look out for a story about our Scripture and Friendship Group in this month's Blessings magazine.



Our Praise & Worship Night

Please note the change of date to **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.

Prayer Retreat Resurrection Parish Keysborough

Saturday 20/04/24 at Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Rd, Keysborough in the Little Chapel - beginning at 11am - **Prayer Retreat of the Spirit of Vatican II the How and Why**. BYO Lunch. Father Max Vodola, historian and Parish Priest of Fitzroy, is very well versed in this wonderful topic which brought so much change to our Church. All are welcome - limited numbers - Please phone your booking by this Thursday (18/04/24) - 9701 5899 (Resurrection) or 7064 3999 (St Anthony's) or email: keysborough@resurrectionparish.org.au



Thank you to all who contributed to our Easter Masses St Vincent de Paul collection which raised \$2849 and to the Caritas Project Compassion Appeal which has raised \$1240 (partial tally).

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Helen Rocks who is stepping down from her role on the Kingston Inter-Faith Council. Helen has been our parish representative for several years. If you are interested in taking this role on and would like to know more please approach Fr Andrew.



St Brigid's Gardening Group

With the Archbishop coming to the Parish on the 20th, a tidy up of the church garden will take place on **Monday 15 April** starting at the usual time of 8.30am. Morning tea afterwards.

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 - 4th Week of Easter 20 and 21 April 2024.

20/21 April	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Readings (Year B) Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Marg De Vries	Marie Medlicott	Anthony Barnhoorn	Pauline Parker	Carmel Barker	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Chris McAleer	Stephen Pooley	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Carol Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Jack Guthrie	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Niko Tovia	Gerard Wagstaff	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	Jon Searle	Carmel Smith	Ann Furlong
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Lucy Cameron	Peter Hannan	Louise Breslin	Philippa Pecora	Judy Lamb	Helen Rocks	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 1	Gary and Joanne Partleton	Ron Soares					

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Maria Carmen Duch-Camps, Gayle Magee, Gerardo Velona, Josefa MacDonnell, Marie Ange Cheong-Lan, Matilda Grace Stevenson, Angelina Bambir, Berislav Bambir, Peter Bambir, Rosaleen McAlinden, Sydney Smout, Yvonne Farrell, Ivy Pearle, Joan Mooney, Heather Velfrage, Benjamin Fernandes, Ronald Wilton, Marie Therese Hoban, Lena D'Cruz, Pat Dalton, Gisele Labonte, George Saddler, Nance Patrick, Arthur Lamb, Sebastiano Accaputo, Peg Hayes, Edmond Allen, Thomas Brennan, Fr Gerard Briglia, Fr Maurice (Lou) Heriot, Pat O'Connor, Michael Anderson, Ronald Henessy, David Morris, Gaetano Iacono, Edgar Rogen, Rita Barnhoorn, Brian Boland, Frank Venezia

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, please reach out at: 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

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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