



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

18 February 2024 - First Sunday in Lent

Our readings are from Year B: Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15

Gospel Reflection - Temptation in the desert

Wilderness times are moments of crisis – moments when choice and change are forced upon us. It is rare that we walk willingly into a wilderness, usually it is the result of losing our way, or an accident; the Gospel tells us that Jesus was 'driven by the Spirit' into the wilderness.

The wilderness for Jesus was to be an encounter with God, it was where God wanted Jesus to be. For all its starkness and inhospitableness a wilderness can be an invitation to discover depths in ourselves that ordinary living can leave untapped, for a wilderness demands more resourcefulness than the everyday norm.

Lent invites us to share Jesus' experience of a wilderness time, to allow God's Spirit to drive us over the next forty days so that we, like Jesus, can meet with God and know God's desires for us. Lent provides an opportunity to refocus our lives.

Jodie Marziano

*St Brigid's Deputy Principal,
Learning and Teaching Leader and
Religious Education Leader*

**"Repent, & believe in the gospel."
Mark 1:14**

Save the Date

**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**

Lent *at St Mary of the Cross*



Lent is a 40-day period of reflection, repentance, and renewal leading up to Easter. Our parish offers many different opportunities to go deeper in your faith life this Lent.

Stations of the Cross and Adoration

Every **Thursday 7:30pm at St Louis'** and every **Friday 10.30am at St Brigid's**, followed by mass at 11.30am. This is a chance to take time out of your busy week to invest in yourself and your relationship with Jesus.

Lenten Retreat with Maria Forde

Maria Forde is one of Australia's finest artists, with her rich, beautiful vocal tones, passionate songs and her deep spirituality. We are blessed to have Maria lead us in a very special Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 23 March from 9-12pm at St Brigid's Church.**

FORMED: - Video, audio and e-book online platform

You'll discover all kinds of videos and audio to accompany you during the Lenten season. Our parish has a subscription that enables all parishioners to access FORMED for free. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish.

Support Caritas' Project Compassion Appeal

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the parish foyers or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or calling 1800 024 413.



Alpha is Coming to St Mary of the Cross Parish and you (& your friend) are invited

Is there more to life than this?

What do you believe?

At Alpha you can ask anything...anything!

Alpha is a safe place where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning.

And the good news is that Alpha is coming to St Mary of the Cross Parish on the **9th of April** and continuing every Tuesday night for 8 weeks from 6.30-8.30pm. More details soon.

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.

Events and announcements

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Rite of Election

Every year, the Rite of Election marks an official and exciting step in the journey of converts to the Catholic faith. This year our parish is blessed to welcome **5 catechumens - Sarah and James Barr, Kate Keltie, Tanya Stefanec, and Gary Young**. On Sunday 18 February our 5 catechumens, accompanied by our RCIA Leadership Team, will be presented to Archbishop Peter Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral as a sign of their 'election' into the Catholic community. We ask all parishioners to hold them in prayer and we have a personal prayer bookmark for you to take home this weekend.



Our love and blessings for Tung Phan as he enters the seminary

This weekend, our beloved parishioner Tung enters the seminary at Corpus Christi Carlton. Tung will be present at all masses this weekend and will receive a special blessing. Please hold Tung in your prayers as we ask God to bless and guide him on his journey towards priestly ordination.



A very Happy Birthday to Tom Hughes who turned 80 on the 13th of February.

May God continue to keep you in good health and happiness for many more years to come. ***You've got eight decades of jokes, and you're just getting started.***



Fr Andrew's 60th Birthday

All parishioners are welcome to come & celebrate Fr Andrew's birthday on **Sunday 3 March** in the presbytery grounds from 12.00 to 2.30pm. Please sign up for catering purposes at the Welcome Desk.

Easter Choir Practice begins **7.30pm 20 February** at St Louis'. Contact Trish Angliss for further information at 0421 604 849. All welcome.

St Brigid's Gardening Group The next working bee will be on **Wednesday 21 February**. The forecast is for a hot day, so we will start at 8.30am with morning tea about 10am.



Justice Action Group

Our 1st JAG meeting for 2024 will take place on **Wednesday 21 February** from 7.30-9pm at St Louis'. The group focuses on education, awareness and action in the areas of: Refugees & people seeking asylum; Domestic violence & homelessness; Protection of the environment; First Nations People; Human Trafficking and Inter-Faith initiatives. We are always looking for new members, so please feel free to come along. No obligation. All welcome.

Kidz Zone Children's Liturgy

How do we bring children closer to Christ? Kidz Zone at St Mary of the Cross is an opportunity for children 4-10 yrs old to do just that. We are looking for more adult leaders to enable us to offer Kidz Zone more frequently at our weekend masses. Training & materials are provided. Please contact Sangeetha if you can help at: nsangeethac7@gmail.com

Parish Catechist Program 2024

Our 2024 Parish Catechist Program for First Eucharist, Confirmation and First Reconciliation for children not attending Catholic schools begins on Tuesday the 20th of February, 4pm-5pm and will run until the end of November. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact **Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish Office 9580 7981**.

Serve Ministers Roster- Next Weekend 24/25 February

2nd LENT	Readings (Year B): Gen 22: 1-2,9-13, 15-18 Romans 8: 31-34 Mark 9: 2-10					Cuppa Weekend		
24th & 25th Feb	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Helen Healy	Patrick Jurd	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Anthony Barnhoorn	Berna Wake	Margaret Deveson	Marie Medicott
8.00am (M)	Barry Wheeler	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Chris McAleer	John Guthrie	Marlene Tangso	Joan Healy	Angela Meo	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Maureen Wraight	Felice Cortese	N/A	Maureen Wraight	Norma Taylor	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Vikki Fitzgerald	Glenice Laughlin	Peter Hannan	Donna Cardamone	Helen Rocks	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 3	Deborah Joseph, Joe Corda		Nelson Popley				
Prayer Minister	6PM	Bernie Stuart, Ann Furlong	8AM	Connie Nichols, Jack Meyer	9:30am	Jon Searle, Mary Nayna	11am	Nola Petraitis & Graham Harrison

Prayer ministry and cuppa after mass next weekend

We remember in our prayers

Anniversaries: William Monaghan, Ronald Wintle, Bob Barker, Carmen Maré, Fortunata Cortese, Trilby De Hoedt, Kevin Franklin, Antonio Tenace, William Wilson, Mary Irene Graham, Marie Berg, Josef Laude, Lily Lebler, Nicole Strickland, Domnick O'Donnell, Bernice Marshall, John (Jack) Mooney, Brian Denman, Doris Lavery, Luciana Tenace, Peter Perazzo, Geoffrey Colwell, Robert (Bob) Dynes, Maureen Varney, Frank Shanley, Alexandrina Connelly, Charles Vassallo, Brian Stanley Wagstaff, Florence Rizzo, Judith Carboon, Alfred Moncrief, Anthony Malone, Mary Logan, Helen Grogan, John (Jack) Delahey, Barry Sims, Joan McMahon, Jean Parker.

Healing Prayers asked for: Laurie McKeown, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Brother Roger Burke FMS, Valerie O'Hara, Sophia Bicos, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Steve Gobac.

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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sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

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

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