



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.

PALM



SUNDAY

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27

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**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

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03 9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm

Gospel Reflection

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we too must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.



The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus, is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected, wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

Questions to ponder:

What emotions might the disciples have felt as they saw the events of the Passion unfold?

How does the story of Christ's Passion play out in our own lives today?

Wendy Sullivan - School Principal at St Brigid's Primary School - Mordialloc



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

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Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

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

Parish News

Upcoming events!

- ❖ Last Choir practice for the Easter Triduum is this Tuesday **4th April** 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Brigid's.
- ❖ Wednesday evenings for 7 weeks beginning **12th April**. Seminar on the Holy Spirit 7-8.30pm - see notice

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.

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. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

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

St Vincent de Paul collection

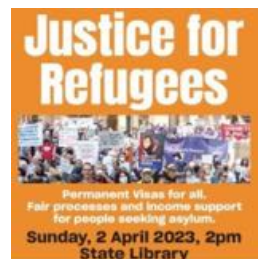
There will be a St Vincent De Paul Collection taken up at all our Easter Masses, the money collected will be shared between Aspendale and Mordialloc. Funds will be used to assist people in need throughout the year. Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul Society can please call 1800 305 330.

Holy Thursday night mass - Washing of feet/The Watch

We invite all those who would like to partake in this special ritual to come prepared to have their foot washed and also kneel down and wash the next person's foot. If you are unable to kneel to wash then do not allow this to prevent having your foot washed. Others will assist. There will be two points towards the back of the church for those who find the steps challenging. After the mass, all are welcome to stay for prayer in the Memorial Garden up until 10pm. Please come prepared if the weather is a bit cool.

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.

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.



Men's toilets at St Louis' Church

The mens' toilets in the foyer are back in use at St Louis' de Montfort church.

Project Compassion Boxes

Your Project compassion boxes can be returned to the Church at weekend Masses or to the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the work of Caritas.



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

Easter Roster for Mass

We're looking for volunteers for the Easter Rosters as indicated in the table below in **RED**.

If you're able to assist please sign up on the list located in both church foyers
or contact the Parish Office.

Holy Thursday	Readings (Year A) Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15		
6th April	St Brigid's Mordialloc 7.30pm		
Reader	Michael Barker	Commentator	Judy Lamb
Sacristan	Glenice Laughlin	Welcomers	Berna Wake, Tung Phan, Norma Taylor
Special Minister	Gail McGillivray, Carmel Barker	Washing of the feet	Julie Buick, Glenice Laughlin, Norma Taylor, Tung Phan, Carmel Barker, Caslon Chua, Kristian Tangson, Jenny Ferguson

Good Friday	Readings (Year A) Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42		
7th April	St Brigid's Mordialloc 3pm		
Reader	Helen Healy	Commentator	Peter Hannan
Gospel Narrator	Jane Standish	Gospel - Other	Paula Rodrigues
Special Minister	Jack Meyer, Chris McAleer	Sacristan	Glenice Laughlin
Welcomers	Norma Taylor, Monique Bruce,	Judy Lamb, Berna Wake &	Margaret Deveson

Easter Sunday	Readings (Year A) Acts 10:34,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9			
8th & 9th April	6.30pm Vigil (A)	8.00am (M)	9.30am (A)	11.00am (M)
Reader	Ann Furlong, Julie Buick, Carmel Barker, Judy Lamb, Paula Rodrigues, Jenny Ferguson, Ann Brennan, Jenny Ford	Jane Standish	Julie Barnhoorn	Peter Hannan
Commentator	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ann Furlong	Volunteer
Special Minister	Gail McGillivray, Sonia Williams	Jack Meyer	Anthony Barnhoorn	Christine D'Cruze
Welcomers	Deb Poynton	Volunteer	Norma Taylor	Vanessa Fernandes
	Julie Buick	Volunteer	Mary Nayna	Tung Phan
	Tung Phan		Rosemary Miller	Volunteer
Counters	Helen and Kelvin Rocks will count on Tuesday			

HolyWeek

Everyone is welcome

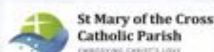
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
at St Brigid's followed by The Watch concluding with
night prayer at 10pm

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



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





With St Mary of the Cross We Pray

Recently Deceased

Fr Salvatore (Sam) Dimattina PE
 Fr. John Tollan (former assistant priest - Chelsea)
 Jim Cevec (St Brigid's)
 Chris Bainbridge (John and Patricia Bainbridge brother / brother in-law)
 Minnie McMullan (Family friend of Berna Wake)
 Craig Martin (Family friend of Berna Wake)

Anniversaries

Angela D'Amelio, Lance Forkgen, Margaret (Peggie) Pashley, Lina D'Avola,
 Erwin Roschutz, Jesus Manahan, Baltazar Caday (Snr), X Petersen, Gwain Walker,
 Aime Zara, Dianne Marchant, Sr Justine Power, Christopher Lee Eng Chye, Lucy Asciak,
 Sydney Haag, Damian West, Marjorie Kirkby, Placida Vieceli, Clotild Herman,
 Sophie Medlicott, Keith Keatinge, Ross Stevens, Sharon Budge, Ana Vitulic,
 George Irving, Louisa Vitulic, Margaret Lloyd, Thomas Shanahan, Doreen Jewell,
 Eric Ludwick, Margarita Lacson

Healing Prayers Asked For

Pope Francis, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Ray Martin, Sophia Bicos, David Morris,
 Helen Pedrazzini, Sue Kelly, 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
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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



KIDZ ZONE **CALLING ALL 4-10 YR OLDS**
JOIN US EVERY 4TH
WEEKEND DURING MASS

**Face Mask
Strongly
Recommended**

Let's take care of each other

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