



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.*

2nd Sunday of Lent - 13 March 2022

Our readings are: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

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 Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

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Ann Fitzgerald

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Gospel Reflection

As the Lenten journey continues, which is done in a context of faith, it makes sense to pause and reflect upon my relationship with God. Honesty and openness in my relationship with God through prayer and contemplation is a grounding that allows me to be honest and open with myself and others.



This week's readings give us several examples of faith. In the first reading Abram had already left his home in Ur to follow God and in the reading Abram is rewarded when the Lord makes a covenant with Abram and his descendants (who will be as many as the stars in a sky not affected by light pollution!). The responsorial psalm reminds us that *'the Lord is my light and my salvation'* - rather than my obsessions, my addictions, the latest clothes or the latest gadget. Do I focus on giving and receiving love? The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ shines a light on life's path for us each to follow.

Our Gospel passage is that of the Transfiguration. In his typically gung-ho fashion, Peter wants to mark this important occasion. A cloud then envelopes Jesus, Peter, James and John and a voice says: *'this is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'*. The disciples then fell silent as the enormity of what had just happened hit them - they have had an experience of God, both through the voice from the cloud and in the person of Jesus.

In our time we need also to listen to Jesus: in prayer, in scripture, through the sacraments and through the people and events of our daily lives. Can you think of a moment of grace that stopped you in your tracks? God wants us to **listen**.

by Patrick Jurd

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

Parish News

All are welcome for Mass

The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube and search for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

Second Rite of Reconciliation is offered on **Thursday the 17th March** at St. Louis' beginning at 7pm. All are welcome to include this sacrament as part of your preparation for Easter.

Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Please join this important discussion!

Don't miss out on this global event to listen to 3 experts (Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and Revd. Nicky Gumbel) on the topic of parish renewal and evangelisation. After the video presentation we will have ample time to discuss the implications for our parish as we move forward with our Parish Mission.

Tuesday March 15, 7-9.30pm at St Louis'.
Please register at the Welcome Desk.



Lent Scripture Groups

It's not too late to join our **Lenten Scripture Groups**. We are using the resource from Fr. Michael Elligate. Feel free to sign up for **10am Tuesday morning group (St. Louis')**, **11am Wednesday morning group (St. Brigid's)** or an **online group 7pm Thursday evening**. Sign up sheets at the Welcome Desks.

Welcome Bishop Anthony Ireland!!!!

Bishop Tony, our new regional bishop, will be celebrating the **9.30am & 11am masses this Sunday**. We welcome him amongst us as he gets to know the many parishes in his care. We will have a cuppa after Mass to show our hospitality and welcome Bishop Tony.

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on **Thursday 24th March 2022, commencing 7.30 pm** in the meeting room at **St Louis'**. Please attend and have your say, as the future of the group, which has a history of supporting the school and parish for more than 50 years, is at stake. Something has to change to justify continuation. Are you the person to bring about that change? All men of the parish and school community are invited. Fr Andrew Jekot will also be attending. Enquiries to Tony Allday 9580 7344 or ajallday@optusnet.com.au.



Kingston's Autumn Plant Giveaway

Kingston Council have just opened their Autumn Plant Giveaway. So our Parish Earthcare team is hoping to encourage people to **register for 5 free plants** as part of our commitment to Care of our Common Land.

Have a look at their Facebook post on the [City of Kingston Facebook page](#) for more details. Register at: eventbrite.com.au/cc/kingstons-autumn-plant-giveaway-196389



Children's Liturgy program

The Children's Ministry Team will be gathering to share ideas and begin planning for our parish's Children's Liturgy program. Anyone interested in getting involved are welcome to join us **via Zoom on Saturday, 19th March at 10am**. <https://m.stmaryofthecross.com/children>. Please contact Kristian Tangso to register your attendance kristianjoy611@gmail.com / 0490357852

Parish News

Ethically Sourced Products

As we journey through Lent in preparation for Easter it is a good time to remember when choosing your chocolate, coffee, tea or cocoa, to look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced by the forced labour of children). Labels to look for are - **'Fairtrade'**, **'Rainforest Alliance'**, **'UTZ Certified'** or **'Cocoa Horizons'** (Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable)



St Louis' Church Garden Weeding

If you have a couple of hours to spend please come along to help us tidy up the weeds at the St Louis' Church garden. **Monday 21 March 9-11am**. BYO garden tools. Morning tea provided.

Blessings Magazine

Our quarterly magazine is now available. Pick up a copy in the church foyers. You can also read [Blessings online](#) on our website.

Farewell Kristian

Kristian Tangso, a member of our Parish Leadership Team, is getting ready for her next adventure in Europe to study **Sacred Art** in Florence. You will have the chance to personally wish her well on her journey over the next two weeks. **Prayer cards** printed with her original artworks will be available for purchase (\$3.50 - \$4 each/set of 4 for \$15) after each Mass this weekend **12th & 13th March**.



Do you feel like being called to serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC)**, East Melbourne.

For more information contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate 03 9412 3357 / diaconate@cam.org.au A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below are working: Melbourne's Deacons youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO, Pope Francis' youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY, Brochure cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate

2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY, Brochure cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate

2022 Longbeach Parishes Luncheon

Please join us at the **Longbeach Hotel** on **Wednesday 23 March at 12.30pm** for the Longbeach Parishes Social Group luncheon.



Kingston Interfaith Committee invites you to: Harmony Picnic 2022

Join together with members of the community to celebrate Cultural Diversity week 2022 with a picnic on **Saturday 19 March 2022 from 12.00-2pm at Bicentennial Park Chelsea** (at the southern performing stage, next to the basketball court.) BYO food, drinks, and chairs. Activities include a line dancing performance, free Tai-Chi class, ice cream van and much more. For more information contact Elisabetta Robecchi via email Elisabetta.Robecchi@kingston.vic.gov.au or call 9581 4783.



Second Sunday of Lent
12 & 13 March



As a person with a disability living in remote India, **Biru** faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Recent Deaths

Tonia Casey (Sue & Peter Waltho friend's mother)

Mark Goldsmith (Michael's brother)

Anniversaries

William Aldridge, Amal Basry, Anne Blakeney, Patrick Brady, Lyn Brunbery, Chris Byrne, Tom Casey, Michelle Cevac, Eugene Cleary, Venderando Costanzo, Verna Crane, Bernie Dee, Carmel Dickinson, Elma Fraser, Esme Gailey, Eileen Geary, Fred Greenwell, Percy Gregory, Hilda Hunter, Theo Jaspers, Patrick James Keane, Harold Kennan, Lisa Malone, Kathleen McNicholas, Bill Medicott, Connie Mellan, Timothy John O'Dea, Michael Peril, Jack Quinn, Jessie Rebello, Jack Renton, Linda Se Hin Son, Fr Ernie Smith, Frank Sweeney, Tise Tago, Betty Teasdale and George Jeeves

Healing Prayers Asked For

Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, Jason Turner, Ferena Zienau, Paul Dodkians, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
 - Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.
- Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	



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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 (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

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

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

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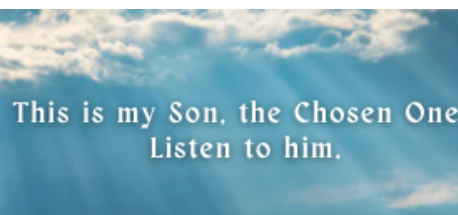
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Support
our Parish



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



Next Week's Roster

3rd Sun Lent	Readings (Year C): Exodus 3:1-8,13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12, Luke 13:1-9			
19th & 20th March	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Helen Healy	Jane Standish	Martin Newington	Beverley Plant
Commentator	Joanne Partleton	Graham Jones	Elizabeth Newington	Tim Plant
Special Minister	Anthony Barnhoorn	Barry Wheeler	Maureen Wraight	Judy Lamb
Welcomers	Ann Brennan Annette Brilliant	Odette Budge Angela Meo	Mary Nayna Niko Tovia	Helen Rocks Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Gary and Joanne Partleton		Ron Soares	
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples