



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

2nd Sunday of Lent 1 March 2026

Readings for Year A Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

*"Jesus is transformed
on the mountain"*

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

An awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

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News and Announcements

Happy
Birthday

Happy Birthday Fr Michael

A very warm birthday wish to our new Parish Priest Fr Michael. May you be gifted with God's Blessings on your special day and always!

Save
THE
Date

Parish Priest Installation of Fr Michael Kong and Welcome Luncheon

On Sunday **22 March at our 11am Mass at St Brigid's**, our parish community is invited to celebrate a joyful and significant milestone – the official installation of Fr Michael Kong as St Mary of the Cross' Parish Priest. Very Rev Fr Andrzej Madry is the Episcopal Vicar and will preside over the ceremony and concelebrate the Mass with Fr Michael. Mass will be followed by a light luncheon in the parish house grounds for all parishioners. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you can attend the luncheon to assist us with catering.

Truly
Grateful
for you.

Farewell and Thank You to Jane Standish who is leaving our Parish.

Jane Standish is a long-time St Brigid's parishioner who attended our 8am mass where she served in all the ministries as a reader, commentator, special minister and welcomer. Jane was also on our Liturgy team for many years. Due to ill health Jane has been unable to attend mass recently and is so sorry she has been unable to say goodbye. She misses everyone dreadfully and will be moving to Frankston soon to be close to family. Jane may the Holy Spirit watch over you as you make this big move. We will pray for you and your health.



World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service - Friday 6 March 10.30am at St David's Uniting Church Parkers Rd Parkdale

This annual event brings Christians from over 70 countries together to pray for a particular country. The country chosen this year is Nigeria. Everyone is very welcome to attend this special event which includes prayer, music, a special guest speaker and refreshments. The service will go for one hour. Sr Reba Woodwiss and Nola Petratis are our faithful parish representatives.

Parish Bulletin Mailout - Issue

We are aware that some people have not received the weekly email and link to our Parish Bulletin. This is due to an issue with the following Microsoft-managed email addresses: hotmail.com, outlook.com and live.com. The Melbourne Archdiocese IT Department are actively working to resolve this as a priority. We are writing to all those effected to advise them of this issue. For those impacted we are printing more copies of the Parish Bulletin and advise all that the Parish Bulletin can be accessed via our Parish website at: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mordialloc-aspendale> Scroll down to Mass Times and Services.

Food for Friends

Do you know anyone in our parish who would appreciate a home cooked meal or meals? Our freezers at St Louis' and St Brigid's are currently well stocked. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 9580 7981 or Ann Brennan 0425712741 to let us know if you are aware of a family or someone who is unable to cook due to ill health or having a family member in hospital or any reason at all! Our Food For Friends volunteers would love to help.



Frankston Winter Shelter - Can you help?

The Frankston Winter Shelter is a combined project of the Frankston churches coming together in unity to support the vulnerable in our local community. Frankston Winter Shelter aims to offer a bed, a warm meal and safe place for the night across Monday through to Friday each week through the winter months. The model is based on Stable One's model which aims to provide 'more than a place to stay' by offering guests a safe, caring, non-judgmental community. More details and call out for volunteers in next weeks Parish Bulletin.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our seven catechumens- Holly, Sinead, Cathy, Peter, Jason, Adam and Antonia and our candidate Anthony are joining us at our 6pm and 8am masses this weekend. To introduce you to our friends we have created a prayer bookmark, please take one home and keep them in your prayers while they are on this journey.

Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family **Mowenna, Vincent Bela, Lucius Dante, and Leo Daniel.**

God has you in his hands on this special day. With every step you take, he guides you on your way.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Commissioning

This weekend our PPC will be commissioned by Fr Michael for the year ahead. Our members are Marylene Douglas, Ann Furlong, Nicole Mielczarek, Jon Searle, Anne Field and our Parish Leadership Team (PLT), Fr Michael, Berna Wake, Trish Angliss and John Field. Please pray for them and feel free to approach them with any parish-related matters, ideas, or suggestions you may have.

The
Season
of
Lent

Caritas Australia - Project Compassion

Please collect your Project Compassion boxes in the church foyers. You can also donate by scanning the QR Code, call at 1800 024 413 or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate



Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We have two options for Stations of the Cross during Lent. **Monday Evenings at St Louis' at 7.30pm until 30 March**, and **Friday mornings at St Brigid's at 10.30am until 27 March**. The Stations at St Brigid's on Friday's will be followed by the Holy Rosary at 11am and mass at 11.30am.

Combined choir practice for Easter

Please join us for choir practice for all our Easter ceremonies. Practice is on Tuesday nights from 7.30pm to 9pm at St Louis' church. All singers and musician's welcome. Call Trish for more information 0421 604 849.

FORMED - Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace and Almsgiving

What is the importance of Almsgiving? Dr Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life. Go to: <https://formed.org/signup> type in St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc and Aspendale, and enter your name and email address, for free access to this and much more great content.

Can you spare 10 seconds a day? A Challenge for Lent

10 seconds, 14 words, every day during Lent. 'Lord, today, is there someone You want me to connect with, outside the church?' The challenge is to begin each day with this prayer and be open to the Lord planting a name on your heart. Daily prompts are posted every day on our Parish Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmordiallocaspendale>

Lenten Pilgrimage

On Saturday 7 March from 9 -10.30am there will be a Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Ta Pinu Shrine, Bacchus Marsh. It will include a prayerful walk through the Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass, celebrated by Fr Michael. After Mass, we will share a light breakfast together. It is not too late to sign up, please go to the Welcome Desk to do so. Please note as a result there will be no Holy Rosary and Adoration on Saturday 7 March at St Louis.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - 8TH MARCH 2026

7/8 March 2026	3rd Sunday in Lent (Year A) Exodus 17: 3-7 Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 John 4: 5-42						CUPPA
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Helen Healy	Julie Buick	Sonia Williams	Marg De Vries	Gail McGillivray	John Bainbridge	Berna Wake
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysious	Angela Meo	Stephen Pooley	Carole Guthrie	Volunteer	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues
9.30am (A)	Ann Furlong	Phillip Morris	Ron Schneider-Loos	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Lex Miller	Rosemary Miller
11.00am (M)	Diane Wain	Michelle Campbell	Juan Wilson	Peter Wain	Peter Hannan	Vanessa Fernandes	Ellen Young
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley			

Recently deceased: Carol Dickinson (sister of Chris Dickinson).

Anniversaries: Samuel William Ellis, Tom Cain, Miriam (Midge) Barkley, Patrick Wraight, Milo Thomas Frawley, Mark Goldsmith, Berenice Ryan, Arianna Castenetto, Eloisa Barreto, Gelindo Della Bianca, Beryl Ellis, Eileen Goss, Liviana Aldana, Arvind Menon, Gaetano Cortese, Lex Carmody, Arthur Woodwiss, Colin Walton, Jack Howitt, Kevin Lyons, Joy Greenwood, Charles Brincat, Brian McKittrick, Daniel Nicholson, Alan Jones.

Healing & Sick List Refresh - Please note we have refreshed this list. If you would like your loved one to be on the list, please email the parish office.

Praying for healing and the sick: Rita Popley, Prunella Julien, Pat Hyland, Kim Power, Maree Wesols, Sophia Bicos, Jeffrey Sellar, Damian Haggerty, Noleen Dunn, Therese Lee, Alasdair Hughes, Harry Donohue, Peter Waltho, Stephen Hopkins, Stephen Oldboldstone, Brilliant boys, John Catalano, Andrea Williams.

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
St Brigid's Sunday 8am
St Louis Sunday 9.30am
St Brigid's Sunday 11am

Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
catholicmassstmaryofthecross

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service,
St Louis Tuesday 9.15am,
St Brigid's Wed 10am,
St Louis Thurs 9.15am,
St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm
St Louis Monday night 7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Louis Monday's 7.30 - 8.30pm

RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12.30pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Michael, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake, John Field

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Fr Michael Kong 9580 7981
Trish 0421 604 849
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752

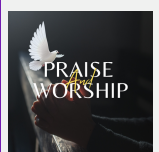
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. 6pm, 9:30am and 11am



Prayer Ministry
Intercessory prayer.
Last weekend of the month - all masses.



Praise & Worship
3rd Friday of month 7.30 - 8.30pm.
Alternates between each church.

Contact us

Parish Office: 03 9580 7981
OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9am to 4.30pm
Parish Coordinator: Ann Fitzgerald
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au
Parish House: 03 9412 8432

Pastoral care

If you would like a pastoral visit, Helen is available to drop by for a chat or to organise some help if required. Please contact the office at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Baptism Coordinator

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

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. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.