



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

25 February 2024 - Second Sunday in Lent

Our readings are from Year B: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10



**"This is my Son, the
Beloved; listen to him!"**
Mark 9:8

Gospel Reflection - The Transfiguration

In this week's gospel recounting the Transfiguration, the disciples Peter, James and John were able to see Jesus in His full divinity. They had never been so completely and consciously enveloped by God before. What they saw was unexplainable and unbelievable, they did not have the words to describe something so truly amazing.

Peter did not want to leave that mountaintop experience. He wanted to build some booths and just 'camp out' there for a while. But rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately led the disciples back down the mountain.

This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

Marylène Douglas

*St Louis de Montfort School,
Religious Education Leader and Lead
Learner*

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**

Events and announcements



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. **Last week to sign up.**



World Day of Prayer

The ecumenical service will be held on **Friday 1 March at 1.30pm at St Brigid's Church.** The theme is Prayers for Peace in the Middle East. We will host friends from local churches and the service will be led by Sr Reba. Afternoon tea will be served. All are very welcome. Come along and meet new friends as we pray for peace.



*Alpha is coming to
St Mary of the Cross Parish
commencing Tuesday 9 April.
More details soon.*

Sponsoring a Refugee Family

The Australian government has introduced a new community refugee sponsorship program called CRISP (Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot). Under the program, up to 1,500 refugees may be able to come to Australia from United Nations refugee camps over a four-year period, if they have community sponsors. There are over 100 million displaced people around the world, over 40% of these are children under the age of 18 years. **We must do what we can to help.** A group from OLA Cheltenham, St Agnes Highett and our own parish, are hoping to sponsor a refugee family. The group will need to raise funds to help the family settle, find a place for them to live, help with schools etc. If you would like to be a part of this or to understand more please contact **Adrian Foley on 0497 780 233 or ade.foley@gmail.com**

*Truly
Grateful
for you.*

Special Shout Out of Thanks

This month we would like to acknowledge two very special people in our parish community - **Robyn Worsnop and Frances North**, two of our Funeral Care Ministers, who have a heart for serving God and the families and friends preparing for a loved ones funeral. Both ladies do an exceptional job with care, compassion, dignity and grace. Our parish is blessed to have you both.



Happy Birthday Jessie Costanzo

On the occasion of Jessie's 90th Birthday on the 1st of March, we wish her a very happy birthday and ask God to bless Jessie and her husband Vin, with health, joy, and the knowledge that they are wrapped in our Lord's care.

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.

Lent at St Mary of the Cross

Lent is a time to reflect on God's purpose in our lives. Our parish offers many opportunities to help you do this, including:

REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, RENEWAL



EarthCare Lenten Fast

Pope Francis invites us to a spirituality that is full of gratitude for the gifts of creation and to embrace our responsibility to care for our world and the most

vulnerable people. Our friends at St Declan's Parish in Penshurst, Sydney have created a beautiful EarthCare Lenten Fast Plan (guided by Pope Francis's seven Laudato Si goals). It consists of six weekly resources created to support your Lenten journey of preparation towards Easter. Register here to receive the guide each week in your inbox:

<https://www.stdeclansparish.org/events/earthcare-2024-weekly-lenten-fast-guide/2024-02-14>

Easter Choir Practice - Tuesday's 7.30pm at St Louis'. All welcome. Contact **Trish Angliss** at **0421 604 849** for more information.

Together
We Can!

Message from Fr Andrew

In May 2021 our parish started a journey of renewal to move our parish from maintenance to mission. I now invite you to join the Parish

Leadership Team at our **Parish Vision Day on Saturday 16 March from 9-12pm at St Louis'**. We want to hear your thoughts on how the parish is tracking and how we can together continue to grow and flourish as we Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples.



www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Project Compassion 2024

features stories about three resilient women from three different corners of the world.

They are facing vastly different challenges but are all united by one dream:

to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

This week through Project Compassion, we learn about Ronita from the Philippines.

Watch Ronita's story here:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/ronita-story-video

Support Project Compassion today:

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or pick up a

box/envelopes in the church foyers.

Events and Announcements

Weekly Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Thursday 7:30pm at St Louis'.
Friday 10.30am at St Brigid's.

Lenten Retreat & Second Rite of Reconciliation

We are blessed to have Maria Forde lead us in a very special Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 23**

March from 9-12pm at St Brigid's Church.

Maria is one of Australia's finest artists, with her rich, beautiful vocal tones, passionate songs and her deep spirituality.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be offered as part of the morning.

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.

Slavery-free Easter chocolate

This Easter, combat slavery by choosing to buy from companies with transparent and ethical sourcing practices, and support advocacy efforts to hold the industry accountable.

More information:

<https://www.chocolatescorecard.com>

Serve Ministers Roster- Next Weekend 2/3 March, 2024

3rd Lent	Readings (Year B):		Exod 20: 1-3-17	1 Cor 1: 22 - 25	John 2: 13 - 25			
2nd & 3rd Mar	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Debra Searle	Pauline Parker	Marie Medicott	Pauline Parker	Sonia Williams	Ann Brennan	Julie Buick	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Paula Rodrigues	Jack Meyer	Barry Wheeler	Jane Standish	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Maureen Wraight	Mary Nayna	N/A	Niko Tovia	Rosemary Miller	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Judy Lamb	Dianne Wain	Peter Wain	Vikki Fitzgerald	Volunteer	Robyn Worsnop	Volunteer	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 4	Bernadette & Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom				



Baptism Celebrations This Weekend - We welcome into our Parish Family:

Anastasia Iraina, Louie Eamonn and Leonardo James

God has you in his hands this special day.

With every step you take, he guides you on your way.

We remember in our prayers

Recently Deceased: Lawrie McKeown (brother of Frances North), Lily Raphael D'Silva, John Brinkley (Mentone), Peter Hughes (brother of Tom).

Anniversaries: Arthur Hager, Patrick Fallon, Audrey Castleman, Victor Vellozo, Norma Smith, Christopher Walley, Dorothy Stevens, Adrian Werny, Jill Parker, Carmel McGrath, Teresa Vaizzi, Kevin Phelan, Brian Conway, Jenny Popley, K. M Mathew, Joan Mead, Fred Sommerville, Elizabeth (Betty) Wood, Carmel White, Mirko Mesic, Monica Westgarth, Lorenzo Barbarino, Lynn Young, Percy Wilson, Antonio D'Astoli, Alan Jones, Christopher Parker, William Ellis, Audrey Kane, Kevin Allday, Judy de Lacey, Pauline Dwyer, Patricia Maher, Dorothy O'Connor, Kathleen Le Brocq, Kathleen Bourke, Samuel William Ellis, Tom Cain, Miriam (Midge) Barkley, Patrick Wraight, Milo Thomas Frawley.

Healing Prayers asked for: Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Fernanda Barbarino, Sophia Bicos, Brother Roger Burke FMS, Valerie O'Hara, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Steve Gobac, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Sam Finnocchiario, Sr Rita Hayes.

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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Ann Fitzgerald

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Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Parish Schools

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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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