



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.*

1st Sunday of Lent – 1st March 2020

This week's readings: **GENESIS 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; 1 ROMANS 5: 12-19; MATTHEW 4: 1-11**

PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale**

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Bernadette Carr

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday & Wednesday

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Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection:

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown to us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded

of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The Gospel reading moves us from both the study of humankind and the religious considerations to the nature and role of Christ in our lives. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life

Wendy Sullivan

First Sunday of Lent:

This weekend there are Family Masses for the students of **St Louis' Yr4 & St Brigid's Yr3/4** and also **Commitment Masses** for children from our Parish preparing for their first Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers.



Parish Groups:

Lenten Reflection Group: continues on **WEDNESDAYS** at **10.30am** at **St Brigid's**

This year we are using the program from Archdiocese of Wollongong entitled '**Grace**'. As well as the special Sunday Reflections this program includes short daily reflections for every day in Lent. Booklets are available in the foyer for **\$8 each** for all who are attending the groups or for all who wish to follow the program on their own.



Stations of the Cross: During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on:

Mondays at 9.45am at St Louis' and Fridays at 11am at St Brigid's.

Young Adults Group: Our Young Adults Group invites any 16-35 years olds to come along and join in their YAG weekly Lenten Series on **Fridays** at **7pm** in the **Upper Meeting Room** at **St Brigid's Church**. Any enquiries email yag.stmaryofthecross@gmail.com.



JAG Request for Donations to BASP: The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project initiative aims to help those that are seeking asylum in Australia. They provide support in very practical ways and one way is giving out house hold goods, but they need our help. Some essential items are running low so JAG is

inviting parishioners to assist by donating a different needed item each week. If you are shopping and would like to help BASP next week we are asking for donations **Plain Tuna** (last week we asked for **Long Life Milk**). Please place your donations in the box in the Church Foyer.



Slavery Free Products: When you choose your coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate this Easter, or anytime, look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced with the forced labour of children)



Look for: '**Fairtrade**', '**Rainforest Alliance**', '**UTZ Certified**' or '**Cocoa Horizons**' (*Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable*)



Easter Eggs to Egg You On! JAG is raffling baskets of slavery free products to show you some of the products available locally. Money raised will support the work of **ACRATH** (*Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans*) Tickets (\$2 ea or 3 for \$5) will be on sale after Masses from this Sunday.

RCIA Group: This Sunday our RCIA group (**Christina, Bec, Stuart, Jo & Andrea**) are going to **St Patrick's Cathedral** at **2.30pm** for their Rite of Election. Please keep them in your prayers.

Cards Afternoon: The **Men's Group** is looking to establish a regular cards afternoon with games such as 500, Bridge & Euchre. The afternoons will be open to men & women. The day and location will be decided by those participating.



Contact **Lou van Beveren 0412 333 280**.

COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sat 29 th Feb	Yr4&Yr3/4 Family Mass Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sun 1st Mar	1st Sunday of Lent Yr4&Yr3/4 Family Mass Eucharist Commitment Mass RCIA Rite of Election*
Thu 5 th Mar	Parish/School Staff Retreat*
Fri 6 th Mar	World Day of Prayer*
Sun 8th Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent
Mon 9 th Mar	Labour Day Holiday
Sat 14 th Mar	K's for Caritas*

Parish Events:

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer is an annual event when Christians all around the world come together to pray for different countries. This year the featured country is Zimbabwe the theme is: **'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'**. Come along to one of the services in our area and join with our inter faith friends.

This year **St Louis de Montfort's Church** is hosting the World Day of Prayer Special Ecumenical Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area on **Friday 6th March at 1pm at St Louis de Montfort's Church.**



Afternoon tea to follow service.



The service in the Mentone/Mordialloc area will be held at **Parkdale Church of Christ**, 176 Como Pde West (near shopping centre) at **10.30am on Friday 6th March.** Morning tea to follow service.

Caritas K's Event- Kilometres of Compassion: This Lent, JAG invites our Parish and School communities to walk (or run) in solidarity with the millions of people around the world who walk long distances to collect water, to gather food or to go to school. Let's go further, together! **Saturday 14th March at 2:30pm for a 3pm start** Walk around the wetlands, starting and finishing at **St Louis' Church.** (approx 4km loop)



Bring your water bottles and hats

Please note that all children must be supervised by their parent/guardian.

A sausage sizzle will be available for a gold coin donation.

If you would like to sponsor our parish as we clock up kilometres to raise money for Project Compassion then you can make a cash donation on the day or donate online at: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/stmaryofthecross>

Project Compassion Boxes are available in the Church foyer. Please take one & help support the work of Caritas. Boxes can be returned from Palm Sunday on.

Other Events:

Bushfire Fundraiser Night: CM Shows invites everyone to their Bushfire fundraiser that will be on **Friday 6th March 7pm - midnight** in **St Louis' School Hall.** **Adults \$25 Child \$10 (under 10 free)**

See noticeboard for more details or contact **Chiara 0432 598 753.**



Longbeach PP&FF: The KSC Past, Present & Future Friendship (PP&FF) Social Group's next get together is lunch at **Seaford RSL at 12.30pm on Thurs 5th March.**

All welcome. To book contact: **Pat Adams 0448 866 020 or Keith Reiter 0417 350 733.**

Special Notices:

Stewardship Envelopes: Receipts and new sets of Stewardship envelopes are available this weekend. Please pick them up from the Church Foyer.



Communion Services: This Wednesday & Thursday Services will be Communion Services.

Pope's Lenten Message: Copies of Pope Francis' Lenten Message are available in the Foyer.

New Rosters: The new roster for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for March to June was emailed to volunteers last week. If any volunteer did not receive an email then please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** so we can update our records with your correct email address. Printed copies of the roster are available in the foyer.

Recently Deceased:

Robert Dynes (husband of Aileen Dynes),
Maureen Varney (wife of John Varney),
Geoff Colwell (son of Doris Colwell)
Doris Harrison (mother of Bev Nelson)



Anniversaries: Patricia Maher, Miriam (Midge) Barkley, Tom Cain, Samuel Ellis, Milo Frawley, Patrick Wraight, Eloisa Barreto, Arianna Castenetto, Gelindo Della Bianca, Berenice Ryan, Beryl Ellis, Eileen Goss, Arvind Menon, Gaetano Cortese, Jack Howitt, Kevin Lyons, Colin Walton, Arthur Woodwiss, Joy Greenwood, Daniel Nicholson.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Lorraine Ingram, Trish Wardle, Helen Pedrazzini, Bob Orchard, Helen Munro, Margaret McCormack Michelle Ives. (If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)



Staff Retreat: This **Thursday 5th March** all the staff from both our schools and Parish Staff will be taking part in a full day Retreat in the city. The School and the **Parish Office will be closed on this Thursday.**

Thursday and Friday are both student free days at our schools.

Happy Birthday: Congratulations to **John & Pat Bainbridge** who are both celebrating their 80th birthday at this time. *Does that make it a 160th celebration?* Happy Birthday Pat & John and may there be many happy returns.



NEXT SUNDAY- 7th & 8th March 2020

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **GENESIS 12: 1-4;**
2 TIMOTHY 1: 8-10; MATTHEW 17: 1-9

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: READERS - please see Father before Mass

6PM MASS

Reader Ann Brennan

Commentator Bernadette Stuart

Special Ministers Sonia Williams, Joanne Partleton, Carmel Jamieson, Anthony Barnhoorn, Brian Hoyne

9.30AM MASS

Reader Mike Shortal

Commentator Maureen Wraight

Special Ministers Mark Barnhoorn Lidia Rovira-Duch, Brian Martin, Elizabeth & Martin Newington

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Mike Love, Helen & Graham Jones

Aspendale: Mark Barnhoorn, Jan & Tom Hughes

NURSING HOMES: (this week)

Sandy Lodge: Brenda & Ron

Mercy PI Nixon: Marie & Annette

8AM MASS

Reader Kristian Tangso

Commentator Graham Jones

Special Ministers Marlene Tangso, Fred Burns, Jane Standish, Liz & Paul O'Farrell

11AM MASS

Reader Peter Hannan

Commentator Carmel Girolami

Special Ministers Patsy Riordan, Jean Spencer, Christine D'Cruze, Juliana Zedoner-Davis, Carolyn Ellul

Bayside: Evelyn & Phillipa

Elly Kay: Louise

Parkdale: Sr Deidre & Juliana



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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 (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

EXPOSITION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday 9.45am - St Louis',

Friday 10.30am - St Brigid's

**BAPTISM BOOKINGS
through Parish Office
9580 7981**

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St,

Mordialloc

9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

9580 5169

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



THANKSGIVING: 9/2/2020

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,755	\$1,528
Average:	\$2,016	\$1,584
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

Thank you to parishioners for your continued support.

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



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