



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.*

First Sunday of Lent– 21st February 2021

Our readings are: **GENESIS 9: 8-15; 1 PETER 3: 18-22: 1; MARK 1: 12-15**

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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Gospel Reflection:

Very shortly my son is about to travel interstate for a holiday with friends. He is busily preparing for his travels - completing the return travel permit into Victoria, washing clothes, booking flights, organising transfers to and from the accommodation, establishing guidelines around eleven friends living together, accessing the best gym in the region and of course ensuring food is available in the house and that the best places to eat have been sourced. His pre-organisation helps to ensure that when he reaches his destination that all involved will have a very positive experience. Undertaking an important journey we must be well prepared. As we set out on our journey to Easter, we must be clear about the destination that gives meaning to this journey.

Today's Gospel reading invites us to prepare ourselves along side Jesus. As He set out on the journey that ultimately led to Easter, he prepared himself by withdrawing to the desert and confronting the temptation to avoid the great task that lay ahead of Him. Jesus knew the weight of human decisions and the temptations involved. This testing brought Jesus new strength and he began sharing the Good News of the Gospel. With Jesus it is important during Lent that we recognise the nature of our temptations and the decisions we make. Temptation is a very real part of life and is especially challenging in our lowest times. Sometimes in our darkest hour we can be tempted to stray from our values. The pandemic and the subsequent lock downs have really challenged people's understanding of life. We have been tempted to listen to the voices that lead us away from God. Radio, television, internet voices tell us what is important in our lives. These voices tell us that the good in our lives.....the God in our lives.... is represented by money, power, security, fame. These are all good things but good things become evil when we start to be convinced that we don't need God in our lives.

In our lives there is always Good News that comes from struggle. Each time we overcome a challenge we are more prepared to meet the next one that comes our way. There will always be a struggle which helps to build character. Our experiences with COVID-19 and all the parameters imposed on us has forced us to slow down, reflect and honestly consider the really important things in our lives - our Faith, our family, our friends and our health.

We learn from Jesus that we meet the challenges of temptation by allowing God into our lives daily. Lent provides us with the perfect time to prepare and reflect on our own lives before the celebration of Easter. **Michelle Barron**



Parish Events



Lenten Reflection Groups: are being held in our Parish on **TUESDAYS at 10am at St Louis'** (*starts this Tuesday*) on **WEDNESDAYS at 10.30am at St Brigid's** (*starts this Wednesday*)

This year the Lenten Reflection Groups will be using a Lenten Reflection Book created for our own Parish. Copies of this booklet are available on the website or from the Church Foyer.

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.**



Project Compassion Boxes are available in the Church foyer. Please take one & help support the work of Caritas. The theme this year is: **'Be More – aspire not to have more but to be more'**

Scripture & Friendship Group: In light of the Lenten program the Parish is offering for all of Lent, the Scripture and Friendship group will now resume after Easter.

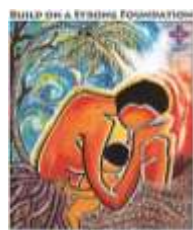


Farewell for Bernadette Carr: There will be an Afternoon Tea to farewell Bernadette Carr on **Sunday 14th March from 2pm to 4pm at St Louis' Church.** *Bernadette finishes in her role as Pastoral Associate on 3rd March.*

Welcome to Hoang Dinh: *'We welcome back Deacon Hoang Dinh who will be with us every second weekend as part of his final year pastoral placement. Hoang will be assisting with preaching, baptisms and other liturgies throughout the year leading up to his ordination to the priesthood in September. It is great to have you amongst us again, Hoang.'* **Fr. Andrew**

Special Events:

Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic scheduled for 28th February at Braeside Park has been cancelled. Masses on 27th & 28th Feb will be our usual Mass times.



World Day of Prayer - Friday 5th 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 Vanuatu the theme is: **'Build on a Strong Foundation'**. Come along to one of the services in our area and join with our inter faith friends. Excellent guest speakers.

The World Day of Prayer Special Ecumenical Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area at **11am on Friday 5th March at St Joseph's Church, Station St, Chelsea.** Morning tea to follow service.



The service in the Mentone/Mordialloc area is at **2pm at St Nicholas Anglican Church, 9 Bear St. Mordialloc.** Light refreshments will be served.

All Night Vigil - 5th & 6th March : at **St Joseph's Church, Chelsea.** Starts with Mass at **9pm on Friday 5th March** and finishes with Mass at **5am on Sat 6th March**



St Bede's College Open Day: Wednesday 3rd March
Enrolments open for students entering Year 7 in 2023.
Open day Tours available. Bookings essential: www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Parish News:

Catechist Program: Our Parish Catechist Program starts on **Tuesday 23rd Feb**

This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments.

It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program in 2021 are asked to please contact: **Elizabeth 9512 1155** or the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



Healing Liturgy: All are welcome to attend a Healing Liturgy on **Tuesday 2nd March at 7pm** in **St Brigid's Church, Mordialloc**.

We, the people of the church here in Australia have been betrayed by the Church's lack of response to abuse, sexual or otherwise. Unfortunately it is no different for us here at St Mary of the Cross Parish, so if you have been or know someone that has been affected by a church representative, then you may wish to attend this liturgy. This will be a time to come together to acknowledge what had happened, to lament and to pray for healing.



Letter from Archbishop: Archbishop Comensoli has sent a letter to everyone encouraging participation in the roll out of Covid-19 vaccines. His letter can be viewed on our noticeboards or on our Parish website.

Special Notices:

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



Bibles For Sale: Do you need a Bible? Our Piety Stalls have multiple copies of second-hand Bibles (*in excellent condition – they were School Class sets*) for sale for only **\$5 each**.

Next Week's Roster:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 27th & 28th February 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings for next week are: GENESIS 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; ROMANS 8: 31-34; MARK 9: 2-10			
6PM MASS	Reader Marg De Vries Commentator Carmel Grace Special Minister Marie Medicott Welcomers: Sonia Williams, Ann Brennan	8AM MASS	Reader Liz O'Farrell Commentator Stefanie Carino Special Minister Sr Deidre Malone Welcomers: Odette Budge, Jane Standish
9.30AM MASS	Reader Maureen Wraight Commentator Phillip Morris Special Minister Mary Nayna Welcomers: Joe Corda, Elva Judd	11AM MASS	Reader Nola Petraitis Commentator Lucy Cameron Special Minister Sr Reba Woodwiss Welcomers: Mary Tai Kie, Gail Bell

New Roster: A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers for the next few months. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be omitted from this roster. Volunteers should also have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct. Copies are available at the Church or on our website.

Child Safeguarding Team:

If you have any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team



Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432	Susan Dornom 0413 979 049	
Trish Angliss 0421 604 849	Louise Breslin 0415 963 799	Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522
Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184	Deb Poynton 0403 471 931	Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592

1st Sunday of Lent:

Anniversaries: Brian Denman, Doris Lavery, Bernice Marshall, John (Jack) Mooney, Luciana Tenace, Geoffrey Colwell, Peter Perazzo, Alexandrina Connelly, Robert (Bob) Dynes, Maureen Varney, Judith Carboon, Alfred Moncrief, Florence Rizzo, Charles Vassallo, Brian Wagstaff, John (Jack) Delaney, Helen Grogan, Mary Logan, Anthony Malone, Joan McMahan, Audrey Castleman, Jean Parker, Barry Sims, Patrick Fallon, Arthur Hager, Norma Smith, Dorothy Stevens, Victor Vellozo, Christopher Walley, Brian Conway, Carmel McGrath, Kevin Phelan, Jenny Popley, Teresa Vaizzi, Joan Mead, Mirko Mesic, Fred Sommerville, Monica Westgarth, Carmel White, Elizabeth (Betty) Wood.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(bookings essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: *(No bookings needed)*

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 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

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

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, Brian Smith.

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



Happy Birthday: to Fr Andrew who celebrated his Birthday on Friday 19th February.



Fr Andrew will be enjoying a small break away this week.

Welcome: and thank you to Fr Kevin Burke who will be celebrating our Masses at St Louis' this weekend.

Weekday Masses: for this week will be replaced by Communion Services.



Parish Masses:

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

We can now have over 120 parishioners at our Masses but you still need to book as we must keep records of attendances for tracing purposes if needed. At this stage our Masses are not usually being booked out so you can just come along and add your name to the list but it is much better if you book prior to attending. If you are a regular at Mass you can make a permanent booking. We hope to see you soon.

WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

There is no need to book for any of the weekday Masses as it is unlikely we will exceed our limit

STREAMING

ONLINE

LIVE

Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses

To view go to:

<https://youtu.be/LV2GvVXn-hc> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or

<https://youtu.be/Kps5tLwlmAU> for 8am Mass at St Brigid's

or to our website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale

or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.

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



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

