



# 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.*

## **Second Sunday of Lent– 28th February 2021**

Our readings are: **GENESIS 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; ROMANS 8: 31-34; MARK 9: 2-10**

### **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*

### **PARISH HOUSE:**

**9412 8432**

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

**9580 7981**

*Parish Office Hours:*

*Monday-Friday*

*9am-4.30pm*

### **PARISH EMAIL:**

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### **Gospel Reflection:**

Peter, James and John climbed the mountain with their dearest friend, and witnessed the meeting between Jesus, Elijah and Moses. You can't possibly have an experience like that without being transformed or at least changed a little. Many of life's experiences change us, transforms us, our first relationship with a girlfriend or a boyfriend changes us, we grow up a little. We have our first child and we are really stretched all the way into parenthood. We buy our first home and we are stretched into becoming financially responsible or we will soon lose our home. A water-bug ventures out from under a lily pad and transforms into a beautiful dragonfly, in Eastern culture the dragonfly is a symbol of wisdom and maturity.

I have been here for over seven years and my time here at St Mary of the Cross Parish has come to an end. I feel that I have been stretched and I have grown in my time here, I'm not sure if my transformation is as significant as that of a dragonfly but I have changed. I can honestly tell you from the very depth of my heart that there have been times when the journey up the mountain was hard work but, O my God, the view from the top of the mountain was worth the climb.

The love and joy, the sadness and grief I have shared with so many of you has changed my heart and how I feel and see joy and sadness more deeply. You received me into your lives, you welcomed me into your homes and I hope and pray that I have touched you just a little and perhaps changed your heart for you have certainly changed mine. As I leave this week I know that I will be leaving just a little of my heart here with you all.

I will always love and pray for the beautiful folk of St Mary of the Cross Parish. Love and Blessing

**Bernadette Carr**



# Parish Events

**Lenten Reflection Groups:** continue in our Parish on **TUESDAYS** at 10am at **St Louis'** & **WEDNESDAYS** at 10.30am at **St Brigid's**

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 14<sup>th</sup> March** from **2pm to 4pm** at **St Louis' Church.** Bernadette finishes in her role as Pastoral Associate on **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February at Braeside Park has been cancelled. Masses on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb will be our usual Mass times.



**World Day of Prayer - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 and refreshments.



The World Day of Prayer Special Ecumenical Service in the Mentone/Mordialloc area is at **2pm** at **St Nicholas Anglican Church, 9 Bear St. Mordialloc.**



**Please Note Change of Date:** The Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area has changed to later in the month. It is on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at **11am** at **St Joseph's Church, Station St, Chelsea.**



**All Night Vigil - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March:** at **St Joseph's Church, Chelsea.**

Starts with Mass at **9pm** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** and finishes with Mass at **5am** on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Longbeach Parishes Social Group** are resuming their lunch gatherings this week on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at **12:30pm** at the **Rivera Hotel, Nepean Highway Seaford.** If you would like to attend please ring **Pat Adams 0448 866 020** or **Keith Reiter 0417 350 733**

**St Bede's College Open Day: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Enrolments open for students entering Year 7 in 2023.

Open day Tours available. Bookings essential: [www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au)



# Parish News:

**Catechist Program:** Our Parish Catechist Program has started.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 some second-hand Bibles (in excellent condition - they were School Class sets) for sale - only **\$5 each**.

### Next Week's Roster:

<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass</b>			
Our readings for next week are: <b>EXODUS 20: 1-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 22-25; JOHN 2: 13-25</b>			
<b>6PM MASS</b>	<b>Reader</b> Julius Lau <b>Commentator</b> Jenny Ford <b>Special Minister</b> Deb Poynton <b>Welcomers:</b> Julie Buick, Joanne Partleton	<b>8AM MASS</b>	<b>Reader</b> Jane Standish <b>Commentator</b> Sr Deidre Malone <b>Special Minister</b> Fred Burns <b>Welcomers:</b> Carole & Jack Guthrie
<b>9.30AM MASS</b>	<b>Reader</b> Len Scott <b>Commentator</b> Brenda O'Leary <b>Special Minister</b> Elizabeth Newington <b>Welcomers:</b> Niko Tovia, Mary Nayna	<b>11AM MASS</b>	<b>Reader</b> Michelle Campbell <b>Commentator</b> Mark Carrazzo <b>Special Minister</b> Glenice Laughlin <b>Welcomers:</b> Denise Leonard, Lucy Cameron

**New Roster:** A new roster is being finalized and will be sent to all Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers.



# **PLEASE NOTE** that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and 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



<b>Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432</b>	<b>Susan Dornom 0413 979 049</b>	
<b>Trish Angliss 0421 604 849</b>	<b>Louise Breslin 0415 963 799</b>	<b>Judy Dickins</b>
<b>Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184</b>	<b>Deb Poynton 0403 471 931</b>	<b>Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592</b>



# 2nd Sunday of Lent:

## Recently Deceased:

Dante Babasa (brother of Aida Adriano)

**Anniversaries:** Lorenzo Barbarino, Percy Wilson, Antonio D'Astoli, Lynn Young, Judy de Lacey, Pauline Dwyer, William Ellis, Alan Jones, Audrey Kane, Christopher Parker, Patricia Maher, Miriam (Midge) Barkley, Tom Cain, Milo Frawley, Patrick Wraight, Samuel Ellis, Eloisa Barreto, Arianna Castenetto, Berenice Ryan, Gelindo Della Bianca, Eileen Goss, Arvind Menon, Gaetano Cortese, Beryl Ellis, Jack Howitt, Kevin Lyons, Colin Walton, Arthur Woodwiss

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

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



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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](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

9580 5169

[www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)



**First Eucharist Masses:** There will be special extra Masses over the next month for the Year 5 children from both our schools who were due to receive their First Eucharist last year.

This week there are 2 Masses at St Louis on Sunday at 12.30pm & 2.30pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## 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/ZSIQfxH6wjA> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or

<https://youtu.be/9JYlehGgAA8> for 8am Mass at St Brigid's

or to our website [www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale)

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

**Apology:** Last week's livestreaming of Masses did not work due to technical difficulties. It should be available this week.

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.

