



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.*

2nd Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2020

This week's readings: **GENESIS 12: 1-4; 2 TIMOTHY 1: 8-10; MATTHEW 17: 1-9**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

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Bernadette Carr

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Gospel Reflection:

"Lord, it is good to be here."

I've often felt like that! There are times when I am comfortable and really don't want to leave that space, whether that be physical, spiritual or emotional. I reflect on family occasions where we are sharing a meal together, a family holiday in a beautiful location or simply on a cold morning when the alarm goes off and I am snuggled in my cosy bed and I am reluctant to move. We want those special times to continue forever. Unfortunately the demands of life are placed in front of us and we need to move forward. I expect that there are times when everyone has felt like this.

This feeling also occurred for the inner circle of Jesus disciples on the Mount of the Transfiguration. It was here that they saw Jesus in a new light. Prior to this revelation they saw him with all his human qualities of a charismatic leader, a holy person, a healer. On the mountain that all changed. He gave them a glimpse of his divine majesty and glory. It was a vision of the glory we would share in the resurrection if we follow him.

Elijah and Moses appeared with Jesus on the mountain. Their presence with Jesus gave witness to fulfilling God's promises to his people. Furthermore, the Father endorsed Jesus' mission with his words. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him!" It is significant that Peter then replied **'Lord, it is good to be here!** And he wanted to remain. Jesus had other plans. He knew he had to descend the mountain and face the horror of the cross. He was never going to cease the whole purpose of his mission.

He needed his disciples to come with him to provide support and draw strength from him - forever the leader. He knew they would see Him in a new light - one of being rejected and despised. He would appear a complete failure in his crucifixion. Only recently had He appeared radiating his divine glory! What a contrast between Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain, and His transformation when nailed to the cross!

Despite their vision of Jesus transfiguration their Faith was unable to be sustained. As the story unfolds we know Peter disowns Jesus. When He needed the most support his closest supporters deserted him.

For us there are times when God seems very close. We speak to Him in prayer. We find comfort in following Jesus. The Good News of the Gospel really does provide hope. We want those moments to last forever. However in contrast there are times in life when we need to move forward and deal with the crosses we are forced to bear. It is hoped that in these times we don't give up and are prepared to face the challenges placed on us.

The transfiguration gives us a glimpse of where Christ is leading us -the happiness and glory of heaven. It shows us that we are not alone and that our crucified and risen Lord accompanies us on our journey through life.

Michelle Baron



Second Sunday of Lent:

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.

Parish Groups:

Scripture Friendship Group: resumes on **Tuesday 10th March**, starting at **10am** at **47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale.** The Group meets on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month. New and returning friends welcome. Come and read the coming Sunday's Gospel and share with each other how it is relevant to our daily lives. Plus there's a cuppa to share together. Contact **Ann 0425 712 741** or **Carmel 0425 773 608.**



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 of bags of **Basmati Rice - 1kg or 2kg** (previous weeks we asked for **Long Life Milk & Plain Tuna**). Please place your donations in the box in the Church Foyer.



JAG Meeting: is on this **Wednesday 11th March** at **7.30pm** at **St Louis'.**



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.

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.**



Next weekend there are **Journey Masses** for children from our Parish preparing for their First Eucharist. This week they will be continuing their preparation by attending a **Family Activity Night.** Please keep these children in your prayers.

Parish Events:

Defibrillator: Our Parish has recently purchased a defibrillator for St Brigid's Church. We hope we never have to use it but it is important to have one available if it is needed at any time. At St Louis' Church we have access to a defibrillator in the Tennis Club and also in the School.



Defibrillator & First Aid Information Sessions: All parishioners are invited to come along to one of our special Information / Training Sessions explaining how to use the defibrillator as well as a refresher on CPR and basic First Aid.



Information/Training Sessions are on
this **Saturday 14th March at 11am in St Brigid's Church**
and on **Wednesday 18th March at 7pm in St Louis' Church**



These are informal training sessions and participants will not be issued with any First Aid Training Certificates but the sessions will give participants some confidence in how to respond to emergency situations and this is important for everyone.

Special thank you to **Dr Mary Tai Kie** for offering to run these information sessions. Mary recently ran a similar session for St Louis Tennis Club members

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!



See you this **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.

Special Notices:

Communion Services – This Week:

There is **no Communion Service** on this **Monday 9th March** because of the Labour Day Holiday.

This week there will be Communion Services on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday replacing the usual Masses. There will be Mass on Friday 13th March at 11.30am at St Brigid's.

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

Coronavirus Advice: In order to help prevent the spread of viruses Communion will no longer be distributed in chalices, holy water fonts will be empty. All parishioners are reminded to heed health advice about washing hands regularly and avoiding unnecessary contact with others. Anyone who is too unwell to attend Mass is encouraged to watch 'Mass for You at Home'.

COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sun 8th Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mon 9th Mar Labour Day Holiday

Tue 10th Mar Scripture & Friendship Group

Wed 11th Mar JAG Meeting

Sat 14th Mar First Aid Defibrillator Training
K's for Caritas*

First Eucharist Journey Mass

Sun 15th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Eucharist Journey Masses

Wed 18th Mar First Aid Defibrillator Training

Sun 22nd Mar 4th Sunday of Lent

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: George Jeeves, Alan Jones, Luca Auditore, Martin Crosbie, Fr Jim Flanagan, Fr Hugh McGrath, Lesley Reyneke, Eilish, Emmanuel & Martin Sterling, Trevor Hall, Kathleen Hudson, Betty Nunn, Albert Ryan, William McVeigh, Peter Rodgers, Bob Temple, Fr Denis White, Michael Wood, John Calleja, George Pearson, Brian Waldron, Lyn Brunbery, Carmel Dickinson, Theo Jaspers, Harold Kennan, Bill Medlicott, Jack Renton, Linda Se Hin Son, William Aldridge, Timothy O'Dea.

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

Baptisms: There will be baptisms at **St Brigid's** on this **Sunday 8th March** at **12.30pm**.

We welcome into our Parish Family

Grace Marie Regan & Alice Truong McPherson

We also welcome **Yianni Truong Feretzanis & Mia Truong Feretzanis**

who are being received into the Church

Name Tags: Do you wear your name badge when you come to Church? There is now a new holder for the name badges in the Church foyer. Please place your old badge in this holder or create a new one. *Keep them alphabetical by first name and they should be easier to find.*



NEXT SUNDAY- 14th & 15th March 2020

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **EXODUS 17: 3-7;**
ROMANS 5: 1-2, 5-8; JOHN 4: 5-42

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

6PM MASS

Reader Joanne Partleton

Commentator Julie Barnhoorn

Special Ministers Marg De Vries, Bernadette Stuart, Bill Mellan, Adrienne Kennedy, Gail Hamilton

9.30AM MASS

Reader Brenda O'Leary

Commentator Imelda McMahon

Special Ministers Brenda O'Leary R Schneider-Loos, Maureen Wraight Brenda & Felice Cortese

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Tony Medlicott, Aileen Dynes, Margaret Forster
Aspendale: Sandra Ramos, Mary & Serge Nayna

NURSING HOMES: (this week)

Sandy Lodge: Mary & Serge

Mercy PI Nixon: Michael

8AM MASS

Reader Jane Standish

Commentator Sir Deidre Malone

Special Ministers Joan Healy, Evelyn Chan, Stephen Pooley, Carole & Jack Guthrie

11AM MASS

Reader Gail Selwyn

Commentator Mary Tai Kie

Special Ministers Nola Petraitis Michelle Campbell, Andrea Williams, Annemarie Harrison, Louise Breslin

Bayside: Marie & Gail

Elly Kay: Olga

Parkdale: Annette & Debbie

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: 1/3/2020

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,969	\$1,475
Average:	\$2,015	\$1,581
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.