



# 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.*

## **3rd Sunday of Lent – 15th March 2020**

This week's readings: **EXODUS 17: 3-7; ROMANS 5: 1-2, 5-8; JOHN 4: 5-42**

### **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:**

**9580 1018**

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

**9580 7981**

*Parish Office Hours:*

*Monday-Friday*

*9am-4.30pm*

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### **Gospel Reflection:**

Today's Gospel features the story of Jesus' meeting and conversation with a Samaritan woman who comes to draw water from a well.

In the historical context, Jesus is breaking major taboos- firstly in speaking to a woman and secondly in speaking to a Samaritan. In reflecting on the historical context it is also evident that the Samaritan woman has been shunned and rejected from her own community, given that she is alone at the well in the middle of the day. By reaching out to the Samaritan woman, Jesus showed that his mission was to all people, not just the Jews. Our human tendency is to judge others because of stereotypes, customs, or prejudices. Jesus models for us through this encounter, how to treat people as individuals, accepting them with love and compassion.

It is a gospel of how personal encounter with Jesus transforms and calls us to action. The Samaritan woman meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt.

Lent is a time for each of us to seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. As Greg Sunter states "When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it."

How do you encounter Jesus? How will you answer the call to act?

**Jodie Marziano**



# Third Sunday of Lent:

**This weekend** there are **Journey Masses** for children from our Parish preparing for their First Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers.



**Lenten Reflection Group:** continues on **WEDNESDAYS** at **10.30am** at **St Brigid's**  
Copies of the Lenten reflection Booklets are still available in the foyer for **\$8 each**.

**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](mailto:yag.stmaryofthecross@gmail.com).

## Parish Groups:



**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 **Cooking Oil – 750ml** (previous weeks we asked for **Long Life Milk, Plain Tuna & Rice & Basmati Rice**). Please place your donations in the boxes 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*)



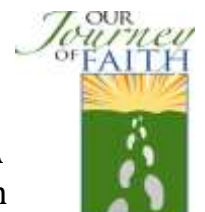
**Easter Eggs to Egg You On!** JAG is raffling baskets of slavery free products to show you some of the products available locally. Money raised will support the work of **ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans)** Tickets (\$2 ea or 3 for \$5) will be on sale after Masses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

**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**.



**Easter Choir Practice:** for our Easter ceremonies is on **WEDNESDAYS** at **7.30pm** at **St Brigid's Church**. New singers and musicians from both Churches are most welcome.

**RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** The RCIA group meet on this **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at **9.30am Mass** at **St Louis'**. This includes the first of the RCIA Scrutinies. The RCIA group meet next week on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at **8am Mass** at **St Brigid's** and this will include the second RCIA Scrutiny. After Mass the RCIA Group and RCIA Team will be going to Killester College for a retreat in preparation for their Baptisms and Reception into the Church at Easter.



# 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.



The first **Information/Training Sessions** was on this **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at **11am** in **St Brigid's Church** and the second **Information/Training Sessions** is on on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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:** Due to the current health crisis it was decided that it was best to postpone JAG's Caritas Walk that was to be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at **St Louis' Church**.



We apologise if you were looking forward to this event and it is hoped that it will be held later in the year – possibly in Spring. Funds raised will go towards supporting the millions of people around the world who walk long distances to collect water, to gather food or to go to school. You can still sponsor our parish effort for Project Compassion by donating online at: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/stmaryofthecross> or by taking a Project Compassion Box.

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

## Special Notices:

**Lenten Prayer:** There are copies of a prayer that might help you pray through Lent. The prayer is called '**Awaken Hope**' by *Joyce Rupp*. Please take one from the foyer.

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

**Sympathy Thanks:** Worthy family would like to thank everyone for your loving prayers and condolences at the passing of Neville Worthy.



**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)

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Mar First Aid Defibrillator Training  
K's for Caritas\*  
First Eucharist Journey Mass  
**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
First Eucharist Journey Masses  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Mar First Aid Defibrillator Training  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mar Scripture & Friendship Group  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar Last Day of Term 1  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Recently Deceased:** Bernie Dee (father of Ange & Chris Dee)

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Brady, Tom Casey, Elma Fraser, Percy Gregory, Michael Peril, Jack Quinn, Tise Tago, Venderando Costanzo, Eileen Geary, Hilda Hunter, Connie Mellan, Anne Blakeney, Esme Gailey, Fred Greenwell, Jessie Rebello, Amal Basry, Michelle Cevec, Verna Crane, Patrick Keane, Lisa Malone, Kathleen McNicholas, Fr Ernie Smith, Frank Sweeney, Betty Teasdale, Michael Goss, Peg Smith, Alan Stoppa, Stacey MacInnes, Jim Stynes.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Alex Brodie, John Nicholson, 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 this weekend on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** during **6pm Mass** at **St Louis'** and also on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** during **11am Mass** at **St Brigid's'** We welcome into our Parish Family  
**Mia Carmel Joyce**  
**Kelso William Madafferi**  
**Charlie Peter McLaren**



**Happy Birthday:** to **Debra Joseph** who celebrates her 60th birthday this week. Congratulations and many happy returns.



**NEXT SUNDAY- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent in Year A:  
Our readings for next week are: **1 SAMUEL 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13;**  
**EPHESIANS 5: 8-14; JOHN 9: 1-41**

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

**6PM MASS**

**Reader** Marg De Vries

**Commentator** Rose Costa

**Special Ministers** Marcella Reiter, Carmel Barker, Marie Medicott, Chiara Rosario, Pauline Parker

**9.30AM MASS**

**Reader** Helen Healy

**Commentator** Chester Ryan

**Special Ministers** Judy Dickinson, Melinda Hewitson, Phillip Morris, Susan Dornom, Mary Nayna

**8AM MASS**

**Reader** Bill Atherton

**Commentator** Debi Atherton

**Special Ministers** Marlene Tangso, Sr Deidre Malone, Barry Wheeler, Joe & Hamish D' Souza

**11AM MASS**

**Reader** Andrea Williams

**Commentator** Gail Bell

**Special Ministers** Peter Hannan, Donna Cardamone, Jaun Wilson, Gail Selwyn, Sr Reba Woodwiss

**COUNTERS: Mordialloc:** Jess & Vin Costanzo

**Aspendale:** Ron Soares, Joanne & Gary Partleton

**NURSING HOMES:**

Visits to the Nursing Homes have been temporarily suspended

**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.



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

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

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**THANKSGIVING: 8/3/2020**

|                  | Aspendale      | Mordialloc     |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Received:</b> | <b>\$1,923</b> | <b>\$1,286</b> |
| <b>Average:</b>  | <b>\$2,014</b> | <b>\$1,580</b> |
| <b>Pledged</b>   | <b>\$2,229</b> | <b>\$1,688</b> |

Thank you to parishioners for your continued support.

