



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.*

Third Sunday of Lent– 7th March 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

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom
Monday, Thursday & Friday
Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

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9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection:

Like the desert (Lent week 1) and the mountain (Lent week 2), the Temple is a place of special encounter with God. But this weekend's readings do not depict the glorious face of Jesus but contrastingly, we are going to see his angry face. Jesus is not happy with what he sees precisely because the way the Temple worship has been organised no longer reflects God's original idea of a worshipping community.

We see a passionate Jesus today, actually his passion is expressed as anger. We know that Jesus is a man driven by love or more accurately – Jesus is the personification of love. It may appear that Jesus stoops down to our level when he is overturning the market seller's tables and creating chaos outside the Temple. Is that an act of love? Jesus was passionate about His Father's message of love which he saw being abused around the Temple square, he could read the misguided minds of those nearby.

During the week, a liturgy was held as way of praying for and with the survivors of clergy sexual abuse. It was a profound time of sadness (that we need to gather for this reason) and a profound experience of hope in the God who knows our pain and offers healing. We can only imagine God's anger at how some people representing church have behaved in years gone by. Coloured ribbons are now part of our memorial garden at St. Brigid's church (representing our parish) as a sign that we as a community are hurting together and as a community wish to provide support and hope to those affected. We pray that, like the abuse of power depicted in the gospel, Jesus' message will forge a message of love that says NO to any sort of abuse. May we be the best ambassadors of God's love in how we interact with one another with respect and reverence.

Fr Andrew



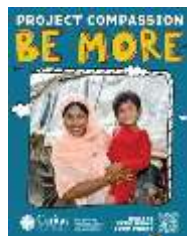
Parish Events

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'**

To view some of the work done by Caritas you can view this short video that celebrates their assistance to women. (This Monday, March 8th is International Women's Day.) Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Brp1YvjVD9Y>

Bernadette Carr: finished in her role as Pastoral Associate on 3rd March.



There will be a **Farewell Afternoon Tea** for Bernadette Carr on **Sunday 14th March** from **2pm to 4pm** at **St Louis' Church.**

To help with catering please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>.



Also, there is a donation box in the church foyer should you wish to make a donation towards a gift for Bernadette and you can also leave little Thank You messages for Bernadette.



Blaze Aid: This weekend **13th & 14th March** there will be a stall at St Louis' Church after the Masses selling Jams etc to raise funds for Blaze Aid – a group supporting farmers to rebuild fences damaged by bushfires and other disasters.

Please help support this worthy cause.

Welcome to Hoang Dinh: Hoang has begun his placement as a Deacon in our Parish and he will be assisting at some of our weekend Masses and other liturgies from now on. He is due to be ordained in September. Please make him welcome.

Special Events:



World Day of Prayer is an annual event when Christians all around the world come together to pray for different countries and was celebrated on 5th March.

This year the featured country was Vanuatu with the theme: **'Build on a Strong Foundation'**.

The Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area was postponed until later in the month and is on **Friday 26th March at 11am at St Joseph's Church, Station St, Chelsea.** All welcome



Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre: 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first **Weekend Open Day** for 2021 on **Saturday, 13th March** from **10am – 4pm.**

Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea.

A 'socially distanced' **Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour"** will take place at **11am.**

Everyone welcome & entry is free.



Parish News:



JAG: There is a meeting for our JAG (Justice Action Group) is on this **Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'**. All welcome. For more information contact **Sandy 0412 057 177**

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*)



St Louis' Tennis Club: has rescheduled their **Annual Tennis Open Day** on **Sunday 21st March from 12pm**. All welcome.

Come along and join them for a BBQ, meet some of the members, try out your tennis skills, pick up some coaching tips. Fun for all the family.

For more information about the Tennis Club contact **Susan 0413 979 049**



Simply Jesus - Archdiocesan Easter Time e-Workshop:

on **Tuesday 9th March, 7:45pm - 9:15pm**.

For more info go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/learn/lent-2021>

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=717859&>

Special Notices:



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:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 13th & 14th March 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings for next week are: 2 CHRONICLES 36: 14-16, 19-23; EPHESIANS 2: 4-10; JOHN 3: 14-21			
6PM MASS	Reader Julie Buick Commentator Bernadette Stuart Special Minister Sonia Williams Welcomers: Carmel Barker, Adrienne Kennedy	8AM MASS	Reader Joan Healy Commentator Liz O'Farrell Special Minister Carole Guthrie Welcomers: Stefanie Carino, Anthony Antoniou
9.30AM MASS	Reader Niko Tovia Commentator Lisa Tuke Special Minister Brenda Cortese Welcomers: Trish & Barry Le Brocq	11AM MASS	Reader Sr Reba Woodwiss Commentator Gail Bell Special Minister Jaun Wilson Welcomers: Robyn Worsnop, Helen Rocks
Counters: Aspendale: Mary & Serge Nayna		Mordialloc: Helen & Kelvin Rocks	

New Roster: A new roster has been sent to all Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers. Printed copies available from the Church Foyer.



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



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

3rd Sunday of Lent:

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

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Brian Smith, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, John Meneses, Rosemary Hall, Liam & Patrick Perry. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

Baptisms: There is a Baptism Service on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Louis'.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Hallie Mae Dias **Vincent Joseph Dias**
Mara Colleen Ezerins **Alexander James Pavic**



Long Weekend: There is **no Communion Service** on this **Monday 8th March** because of the Labour Day Holiday. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday. Enjoy your long weekend.

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



Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses
To view go to:

<https://youtu.be/PPpg6SornbM> for **6pm Mass** at St Louis' or
<https://youtu.be/JLwJncRoKGO> 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'.



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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

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.

