



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.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent- 14th March 2021

Our readings are: 2 CHRONICLES 36: 14-16, 19-23; EPHESIANS 2: 4-10; JOHN 3: 14-21

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

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9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection: from Marylene Douglas

What is the definition of LOVE? According to Google, it's an intense affection for another person based on personal or familial ties. A deep tenderness, affection and concern felt for a person with whom one has a relationship.

This week's Gospel reading **John 3:16** states: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

We are in relationship with God who knows us intimately and who has an 'intense affection for us based on familial ties'. Clearly our Father in Heaven loves us, we know this, but we can never fully understand the depth of this truth. Not only was God's love manifested in the gift of His son Jesus, who meant everything to the Father, but He sacrificed His only son so that we 'should not perish but have everlasting life.' As a mother myself I love my children unconditionally, even when they leave their dirty dishes in the sink, or neglect to let me know they won't be home for dinner, and yet God's love is infinitely deeper and more profound as he offered His only son for our salvation. Through Christ we see a love so intense, so sacrificial and so perfect that it is incomprehensible to the human heart.

Even though we know we could never love as purely as God, we are challenged to find love in our hearts for our friends and our enemies, for those who are popular and for those who are marginalised, for those who show strength and for those who are meek, for those who have wealth and for those who are impoverished. Let us consciously decide to do at least one loving thing each day.

Perhaps these interpretations of love by 8 year olds can inspire us:

Love is looking after someone that you do not like or have a bad memory with- Ariana

I think Love is when you care, share and be kind. It is helping each other when they are hurt and being able to give and not expecting something to be received-Tate

I think Love is when people hug me and when I do something wrong they will always forgive me- Amelia

For God
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Love is helping people even if you don't know them- Emi

*Love is sticking up for people- Tom
Love is doing what someone else likes to do even if you don't like to do it- Maddy*

Love is when your parents do stuff for you when you don't deserve it, or you're just relaxing while they're making you dinner- Eliana

Love isn't only for your family, it's for your whole community and neighbours all around you, even the poor people and the lonely people- Josh

Parish Events

Lenten Reconciliation: There are several opportunities for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation is available each Friday at 12pm (after 11.30am Mass) and each Saturday at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass). Also there are a few extra opportunities for Lent with the First Rite of Reconciliation available on **Wednesday 24th March at 7pm at St Brigid's** and on **Thursday 25th March at 7pm at St Louis'**.

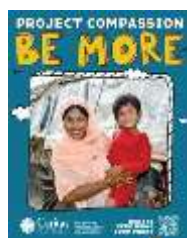


Both Fr Andrew & Fr Peter will be available and parishioners are invited to attend reconciliation as part of your Lenten Journey.



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. Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Brp1YvjVD9Y>



Palm Sunday Palms: On Palm Sunday each year we decorate both our Churches with large palm branches. If you are able to help provide any branches please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**.



Easter Ceremonies: Volunteers are needed for all the Easter ceremonies: If you would like to help please use the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact the Parish Office to let us know which services you are available for so a roster can be drawn up.

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

There is to 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.

Communion Service: Mass on this Tuesday will be replaced by a **Communion Service**



First Eucharist Masses: There will be special extra Masses over the next few weeks for the Year 5 children from both our schools who were due to receive their First Eucharist last year. This week there is a Mass at St Brigid's on **Saturday 20th March**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

First Eucharist Gifts: Our Piety Stalls have a selection of gifts and cards for First Eucharist for sale. Our Piety Stalls are located in the Church Foyers and are open before and after all the weekend Masses. Also St Louis' Piety Stall will open on **Friday 19th & 26th March 3-4pm** to allow you to purchase First Eucharist gifts.



Parish News:

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)



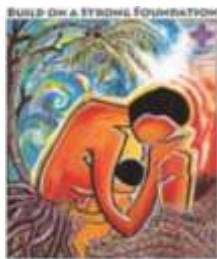
Look for: 'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified' or 'Cocoa Horizons' (*Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable*)



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**



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



Blaze Aid: This weekend **13th & 14th March** there will be a stall at St Brigid's 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.

Next Week's Roster:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 20th & 21st March 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings for next week are: JEREMIAH 31: 31-34; HEBREWS 5: 7-9; JOHN 12: 20-33			
6PM MASS	Reader Patrick Jurd Commentator Chester Ryan Special Minister Marie Medicott Welcomers: Carmel Barker, Adrienne Kennedy	8AM MASS	Reader Stefanie Carino Commentator Jane Standish Special Minister Stephen Pooley Welcomers: Peter & Lindy Wilson
9.30AM MASS	Reader Imelda McMahon Commentator Gerard Wagstaff Special Minister Ron Schneider-Loos Welcomers: Rosemary Miller, Maureen Wraight	11AM MASS	Reader Denise Leonard Commentator Gail Selwyn Special Minister Donna Cardamone Welcomers: Louise Breslin
Counters: Aspendale: Joanne & Gary Partleton		Mordialloc: Glenice Laughlin, Debra Joseph	



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

4th Sunday of Lent:

Recently Deceased:

Liviana Aldana (Aspendale Gardens)
Cecilia Balm (mother of Glenice Laughlin)
Keith Jose (father of Peter Jose)
Sr. Rosalie Corrigan RSJ (Mooroolbark)
Stephen Mardling (son of Margaret Mardling)



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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



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Anniversaries: William Aldridge, Timothy O'Dea, Patrick Brady, Tom Casey, Eugene Cleary, Elma Fraser, Percy Gregory, Michael Peril Jack Quinn, Tise Tago, Eileen Geary, Hilda Hunter, Connie Mellan, Venderando Costanzo, Anne Blakeney, Esme Gailey, Fred Greenwell, Jessie Rebello, Amal Basry, Michelle Cevac, Verna Crane, Lisa Malone Patrick Keane, Kathleen McNicholas, Fr Ernie Smith, Frank Sweeney, Betty Teasdale, Michael Goss, Peg Smith, Alan Stoppa.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Brian Smith, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, John Meneses, Rosemary Hall, Liam & Patrick Perry, Maureen Hepburn, Bernadette Munro. *(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 Brigid's.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Benjamin Peter O'Donoghue Sienna Correnti
Hudson William Tiller Leo Grant Wapling



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/djgoOLvOvow> for **6pm Mass** at St Louis' or

https://youtu.be/pV_LfjG6K8 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.

