



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.*

4th Sunday of Lent – 22nd March 2020

This week's readings: **1 SAMUEL 16: 1, 6,7, 10-13; EPHESIANS 5: 8-14; JOHN 9: 1-41**

PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,
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& St Louis de Montfort's,
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Fr Andrew Jekot

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Gospel Reflection: Stevie Wonder, the famous singer and musician, who is blind is quoted as saying *'Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision'*. This seems quite an apt description of the blind man in the gospel this week. That man had more 'vision' than the Pharisees, who could see. At the end, the man can 'see' in both senses – physical and spiritual – of the word. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. It is Jesus who brings light into darkness. We should reflect on areas of blindness or darkness in our world today that need the light of Jesus. In what ways can we be the light of Christ for others?

During this season of Lent, we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus. **Jodie Marziano**



NEXT SUNDAY- 28th & 29th March 2020

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **EZEKIEL 37: 12-14;**
ROMANS 8: 8-11; JOHN 11: 1-45

Coronavirus Advice: In order to help prevent the spread of Corona Virus **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED** until further notice. All parishioners are reminded to heed health advice about washing hands regularly and avoiding unnecessary contact with others.

Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Recently Deceased: Bernie Shanahan (uncle of Susan Dornom) Fr Peter James Robinson OAM PE, Nikolas Bicos (grandson of Teresa Thurgood), Sr Josephine Carroll SSJG, Colin Hodder.

Anniversaries: Marie Dorian, Vivian Morillion, Peg Weaver, Gabrielle O'Donnell. Margaret Barnett, Ted Burke, Charles Judd, Jennifer Crawford, Faye Marshall, Laurie Mattea, Gordon McCarthy, John Gazzo Bevan Porter, Thomas Raines, Richard Thorne, Grazia Basile, John Langer, Gordon Parker, John Nelson, Hector Jones, Philippe Laval, Br Maurice Nicholson, Frank Patterson, Mary Rebeschini, Maria Rutigliano, Jim Laws, Veronica Wagstaff, Marsha Anderson, Mary (May) Bell, Ann Fernandez, Thomas Hogan.

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

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish Family: **Elijah Bryan Costanzo-Dabb, Willow James Lucas, Charlotte Frances Matthews & Madeleine Josie Matthews**



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 some essential items are running low. JAG is inviting parishioners to assist. If you are shopping and would like to help BASP next week we are asking for donations of small or medium size packets of **Washing Powder** (previous weeks we asked for **Long Life Milk, Plain Tuna, Basmati Rice & Cooking Oil**). Even though we are not having weekend Masses you can still donate these items. Please place your donations in the boxes in St Louis' Church Foyer. *(St Louis' Church is open during working hours.)*



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



Easter Raffle! 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) are still on sale in the Foyer at St Louis' Church.

Letter Writing Group: On the last Friday of each month a small group meets with Sr Reba to write letters to Govt MPs advocating compassionate policies for refugees and victims of human trafficking. If you would like to join in either come to the convent: **510 Main St, Mordialloc 10am - 11am** on this **Friday 27th March** or you can take part in your own time at home please contact **Sr Reba 9580 0151**



Scripture Friendship Group: Due to government guidelines to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, the Scripture group is cancelled until further notice. Please try to stay connected: a phone call, text message or a wave will always bring a smile to the giver and receiver. Let's stay in touch. **Ann and Carmel**



Easter Choir Practice: has been cancelled.