



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.

7th Ordinary Sunday – 23rd February 2020

This week's readings: **LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 CORINTHIANS 3: 16-23; MATTHEW 5: 38-48**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

DEACON:

Brian Muling

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Bernadette Carr

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9580 1018

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9580 7981

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Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection:

Few questions in human experience are as existential as these: Who is my friend? Who is my enemy? Most of our earliest written history deals with war and conquest, and the annihilation of entire cultures. Even our earliest Scriptures deal with these questions.

It is no easy task to refuse resentment and to keep hate from entering our hearts. If it was, we would not have needed Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. And, we have to admit we are not fans of everyone we meet and many people may not necessarily think we are their cup of tea either. It's the way of the world. But, as Christians, we are called to a higher code of conduct. While we all have hurt or fractured relationships, even people have to 'love' from a distance, how we treat others speaks volumes about our own faith and character. The trick for these distant people is to keep the door of reconciliation open. Maybe, someday, there will be forgiveness and healing. If we cannot give these people friendship, at least we can pray for them. If we must keep our distance for our own mental health and wellbeing, at least we can hope for a change of heart.

Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect. This verse is the capstone for Jesus' teaching on the Law. For, as Christians, we are Christ for others. We teach others the way to live by our words and actions and in doing so, we reveal God. It's no surprise that our own parish vision asks us to express God's presence through Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all. Let us continue to ask ourselves: How can you show others Christ? How can your words and deeds increase love in your world?

Sarah McDermott

**Love
your
enemies**
and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44

Parish Events



Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic: ****DON'T FORGET****

there is: **NO MASS** at **St Louis'** on **23rd Feb** at **9.30am**
& **NO MASS** at **St Brigid's** on **23rd Feb** at **11am**

There is still Mass on **Sat 22nd Feb** at **St Louis'** at **6pm**
& on **Sunday 23rd Feb** at **St Brigid's** at **8am.**

See you at our **Big Outdoor Mass** at **11am** at **Braeside Park**



Farewell: This week we farewell **Deacon Brian Muling** as he begins a new placement at Box Hill Parish. Deacon Brian has had two placements in our Parish, first as a seminarian and more recently as a Deacon. We thank him for all his work in our Parish and wish him well in his new Parish.

Brian will be ordained later in the year and details of his ordination will be advertised when they are known.



Catechist Program: Our 2020 Parish Catechist Program began last week. and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program in 2020 are asked to please contact: **Elizabeth 9512 1155** or the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



Parish Groups:

Young Adults Group: Our Young Adults Group invites any 16-35 years olds to come along and kick start the year with our YAG weekly Lenten Series. Our launch event is on **Friday 28th Feb** at **6pm** in the **Upper Room at St Brigid's Church, Mordialloc**. Dinner included. Come along to meet new young people and enjoy games, music, food, scripture reading and praise! Any enquiries email yag.stmaryofthecross@gmail.com.



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 this week we are asking for donations of cartons of **Long Life Milk**. Please place your donations in the basket in the Church Foyer.



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**.

Bushfire Fundraiser Night: CM Shows invites everyone to their Bushfire fundraiser that will be on **Friday 6th March 7pm - midnight** in **St Louis' School Hall**. **Adults \$25 Child \$10 (under 10 free)**
See noticeboard for more details or contact **Chiara 0432 598 753**.



Special Events:

Lenten Reflection Groups: Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on 26th Feb.

Once again you are invited to join the Lenten Reflection Group: on **WEDNESDAYS** at **10.30am** at **St Brigid's** (starts 26th February – Ash Wednesday)

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.



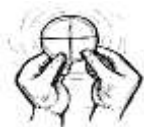
Stations of the Cross: During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on:

Mondays at 9.45am at St Louis' and Fridays at 11am at St Brigid's.

Next Week: Next weekend there are Family Mass for the students of St Louis' Yr4 & St Brigid's Yr3/4 and also Commitment Masses for children from our Parish preparing for their first Eucharist. There is a special Parent Information Evening for all the parents of the First Eucharist children from both our schools and the Catechist class on this **Tues 25th February** at **7pm** in **St Brigid's School Hall.**



Thursday Communion Service From now on Thursdays will usually have a Communion Service at **9.15am** at **St Louis'** as this is the day that Fr Andrew works in the Permanent Diaconate Office.



World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer is an annual event when Christians all around the world come together to pray for different countries. This year the featured country is Zimbabwe the theme is: **'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'**. Come along to one of the services in our area and join with our inter faith friends.

This year **St Louis de Montfort's Church** is hosting the World Day of Prayer Special Ecumenical Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area on **Friday 6th March** at **1pm** at **St Louis de Montfort's Church.**

Afternoon tea to follow service.



The service in the Mentone/Mordialloc area will be held at **Parkdale Church of Christ**, 176 Como Pde West (near shopping centre) at **10.30am** on **Friday 6th March.** Morning tea to follow service.



Stewardship Envelopes: Receipts and new sets of Stewardship envelopes are available this weekend. Please pick them up from the Church Foyer.

New Rosters: The new roster for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for March to June was emailed to volunteers this week. If any volunteer did not receive an email then please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** so we can update our records with your correct email address. Printed copies of the roster are available in the foyer.

COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)	
Sun 23rd Feb	7th Ordinary Sunday
	Parish Outdoor Mass/Picnic*
Tue 25th Feb	First Eucharist Parent Night
Wed 26th Feb	Ash Wednesday
	Lenten Groups start*
Sat 29th Feb	Yr4&Yr3/4 Family Mass
	Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sun 1st Mar	1st Sunday of Lent
	Yr4&Yr3/4 Family Mass
	Eucharist Commitment Mass
	RCIA Rite of Election
Thu 5th Mar	Parish/School Staff Retreat
Fri 6th Mar	World Day of Prayer*
Sun 8th Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent

Recently Deceased: Fr Rod Pitts,
Marie Corr (sister of Terese Jackson)

Anniversaries: Judith Carboon, Alfred Moncrief, Jack Delahey, Florence Rizzo, Charles Vassallo. Brian Wagstaff, Helen Grogan, Mary Logan, Anthony Malone, Joan McMahan, Audrey Castleman, Jean Parker, Barry Sims, Patrick Fallon, Arthur Hager, Norma Smith, Dorothy Stevens, Victor Vellozo, Christopher Walley, Brian Conway, Carmel McGrath, Kevin Phelan, Jenny Popley, Teresa Vaizzi, Joan Mead, Mirko Mesic, Fred Sommerville, Monica Westgarth, Carmel White, Betty Wood, Lorenzo Barbarino, Antonio D'Astoli, Percy Wilson, Lynn Young, Judy de Lacey, Pauline Dwyer, William Ellis, Alan Jones, Audrey Kane, Christopher Parker.

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

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on **Wed 26th Feb** Masses are: at **10am at St Brigid's** & at **7pm at St Louis'** plus there are services at both our schools:



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



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PROJECT COMPASSION

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.



NEXT SUNDAY- 29th February & 1st March 2020

Feast of the First Sunday of Lent in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **GENESIS 2: 7-9, 3: 12-19;**

ROMANS 5: 12-19; MATTHEW 4: 1-11

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

6PM MASS

Reader Yr 4 Families

Commentator Yr 4 Families

Special Ministers Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Marie Seddon, Debbie Poynton, Julius Lau

9.30AM MASS

Reader Yr 4 Families

Commentator Yr 4 Families

Special Ministers Brenda O'Leary, Brian martin, Phillip Morris, Alison Krishnadas, Susan Dornom

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Marlene Tangso, Debi & Bill Atherton

Aspendale: Stan Mitula, Carmel & Brian Smith

NURSING HOMES: (this week)

Sandy Lodge: Elizabeth & Terry

Mercy Place Nixon: Annette

8AM MASS

Reader Liz O'Farrell

Commentator Jane Standish

Special Ministers Stephen Pooley, Sr Deidre Malone, Debi Atherton, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

11AM MASS

Reader Yr 3/4 Families

Commentator Yr 3/4 Families

Special Ministers Mary Cassar, Sr Reba Woodwiss, Peter Wain, Helen Rocks, Glenice Laughlin

Bayside: Marie & Gail

Elly Kay: Debbie

Parkdale: Olga & Rose

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.