



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 September 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16

PARISH CHURCHES

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

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,
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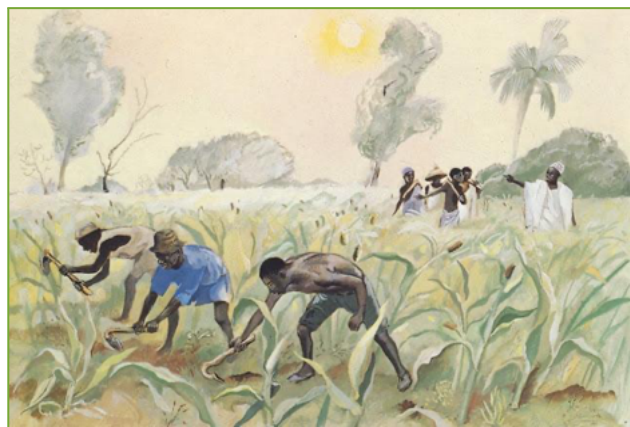


GOSPEL REFLECTION

A common cry in sports is 'what's the score?' As humans we want to know 'the score' in many parts of our life. Am I doing well? Am I doing the right thing? Checking to make sure I'm doing the right thing has benefits. None of us live a completely isolated life - my behaviour affects others.

However, such thinking can quickly turn into controlling behaviour. The 'right' thing isn't just for me - I can also use it to judge others.

Today's Gospel shows that God doesn't care about human standards of 'right' and 'wrong'. The kingdom of heaven is a place of compassion and inclusivity - even if it goes against my ideas of 'fair'. Rather what is fair is based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, one of which is Human Dignity. Since we are each created in the image and likeness of God, we are equal in dignity and so need to be treated in this way. This equality in dignity is at the essence of today's Gospel.



Today's Gospel helps to hold my ideas of 'fair' up to the light. Is my idea of fair based on the thinking that for something to be fair everyone needs to get exactly the same, even when people aren't exactly the same, having different abilities and needs? Surely, this is part of my conversion to more closely follow Jesus, so that I acknowledge that I and everyone around me are made in God's image. The God who is love that shows in compassion and inclusivity. Rather than wanting God to follow my ideas of what is right and wrong.

By Patrick Jurd



PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen **"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"**. You can read Pope Francis' message here [MESSAGE-OF-HIS-HOLINESS-POPE-FRANCIS.pdf \(migrants-refugees.va\)](#)

All are welcome to join in the celebration of the Migrants and Refugee Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 24 September at St Patrick's Cathedral**. The Rosary will be prayed at 2pm in various languages, and Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese at 3pm.



Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Issac Hayden & Xavier Cliche

God has you in His hands on this special day. With every little step you take, He guides you on your way.





This Weekend

Children aged 4-10 to are welcome to join Kidz Zone to play, dance, sing, make friends and learn more about Jesus.

All masses except 8am Sunday.



SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FR ANDREW INSTALMENT #6

Fr Andrew is now in Rome deep into his studies understanding Mary the Mother of Jesus.. He has also been able to visit the sites where St Francis of Assissi did his work, as well as St Benedict and St Scholastica. You can read Fr Andrew's latest blog with photos and all the previous blogs on our parish website [Catholic Parish of St Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale \(melbcatholic.org\)](#)



Fr Andrew's SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Instalment #6



THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND.

Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Mark Miravalle

FORMEDNOW

Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](#) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.





St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

SAT 7 OCT 2023 4.30PM – 5.30PM
AT ST LOUIS' CHURCH

Join us in Eucharistic Adoration while we recite the Holy Rosary.

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

ST BRIGID'S GARDENING GROUP

Next gathering is **Monday 2 October at 9am** for a general tidy up of the gardens followed by morning tea. New hands welcome.

PRAYER MINISTRY IS ON NEXT WEEKEND

The roster for the Prayer Ministry which will be held after all the weekend Masses next weekend is as follows - **6pm** Berna Wake & Bob Ward, **8am** Odette Budge & Jack Meyer, **9:30am** Therese Basile & Felice Cortese and **11am** Nola Petraitis & Nicole Mielczarek. Thank you.

GRAND FINAL DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

On Friday the 29th of September the Parish Office will be closed for the public holiday for the Grand Final day parade. There are no changes to the weekly Mass at St Brigid's on Friday at 11:30am.

SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

Please note that there is **NO** meeting during the school holidays for the Scripture and Friendship group. The **Next Meeting will be Tuesday 10th October @ 10am** at 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. Ann 0425 712 741 or Carmel 0425 773 608.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to our parish we want to wish you a very warm welcome. Please say hello to one of our friendly welcomers or to Father, as we would like to meet you and give you one of our Welcome Packs that you can take home to learn more about our parish. Our Parish Priest Fr Andrew Jekot is on Sabbatical and will return to our parish late October. In the meantime you can see Fr Andrew's welcome message on our parish website or m.stmaryofthecross.com/welcome.

SERVE MINISTRIES ROSTER DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024



The next Serve Ministries roster for December 2023 through to March 2024 is currently being prepared. If you are going to be away during this time please let the parish office know. We are always ready to welcome new serve ministers for the parish. If you have

been thinking about stepping up to serve God and our parish please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministries booklet on the Welcome Desk, or view it online at our parish website

[MORDIALLOC-ASPENDALE PARISH: : Serving in one of our ministries \(melbcatholic.org\).](http://MORDIALLOC-ASPENDALE PARISH: : Serving in one of our ministries (melbcatholic.org).)

FAREWELL KRISTIAN TANGSO

It is with sadness we announce that Kristian Tangso will be leaving the Parish Leadership Team, the Parish Pastoral Council and SMOTC parish as she heads off on a new adventure to Sydney. Her final day of work is **26th September**. Please join Kristian for a cuppa on the **24th of September after the 11 am Sunday Mass** at St Brigid's to bid her farewell. Godspeed Kristian.



SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

If you or someone you know is having a significant birthday or anniversary and would like a **special blessing** during the weekend Masses, please let the [Parish Office](#) know.

What Jesus never said: "Feed the hungry only if they have papers." "Clothe the naked only if they're from your country." "Welcome the stranger only if there's zero risk." "Help the poor only if its convenient." "Love your neighbour only if they look like you. - James Martin, SJ.





If you know of anyone who needs prayers
or a pastoral visit
please contact the Parish Office. 

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nicholas Paul Rainsford (grandson of Rose and John Costa)

ANNIVERSARIES

Stefan Mitula, Godwin Cassano, Rodelio Torres, Gwen Murfett, Ken Lawrence, Eileen Raphael, Audrey Quirk, Msgnr Lawrence Chua, Zorka Marinovic, Ruth Hickey, Cyril Touhy, Bert Vickers, Annie McFall, Ron Argent, Greg Kellett, Denzil Popley, Frank Buxton, Joseph Hamilton, Sarah McCorquodale, Paola Zahra, Paula Sims, Therese Antonios, Phil Wraight, Robert Mitchell, Megan Abbot, Lorenzo Barbarino, Paul Mooney, Peggy Quinn, Giovanna Di Benedetto, Margaret Powell, Diego Fernandes, Bob Moorhouse, Audrey Morris, Mary Newington

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Serge Nayna, Sue Kelly, Denis Foley, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Olive Rankin, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, Sam Finnochiaro, Sophia Bicos, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Maree Burns, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Ian Hughes, Darren Rankin, Graham Owen, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Carmelo Prattico

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6pm Mass (St Louis')

Sunday: 8am Mass (St Brigid's)

Sunday: 9.30am Mass (St Louis')

Sunday: 11am Mass (St Brigid's)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 9.15am Communion
Service (St Louis')

Tuesday: 9.15am Mass (St Louis')

Wednesday: 10am Mass (St Brigid's)

Thursday: 9.15am Mass (St Louis')

Friday: 11.30am Mass (St Brigid's)

RECONCILIATION

Friday - 12pm St Brigid's,

Saturday - 5.30pm St Louis'

KIDZ ZONE

4th Weekend of the month

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 10.30am at St Brigid's

PRAYER GROUP AND ADORATION

1st Saturday of the Month: 4.30pm to 5.30pm at St Louis'

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

3rd Friday of the Month: 7.30 to 8.30pm alternating church each month

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults in our community.

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training. Copies of the policy are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office. For any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

30th Sept & 1st October	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Jenny Ferguson	Pauline Parker	Sonia Williams	Julius Lau	Anthony Barnhoorn	Danny Carey	Volunteer	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Barry Wheeler	Jane Standish	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Veronica Johnson
9.30am (A)	Niko Tovia	Brenda O'Leary	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Joe Corda	Niko Tovia	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Volunteer	Dianne Wain	Michele Meachen	Peter Hannan	Volunteer	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Glenice Laughlin

Counters

Group 2 - Anthony Barnhoorn, Kelvin & Helen Rocks

If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change.



Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.

