



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 September 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
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Fr Andrew Jekot

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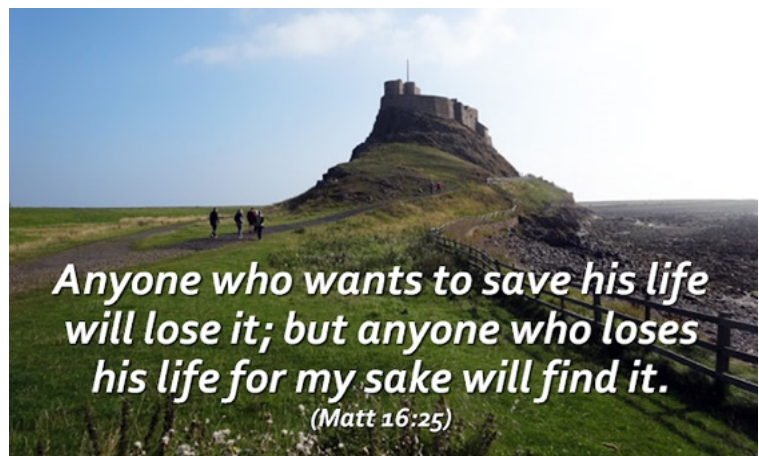
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Get behind me, Satan!'

This week is the first prediction of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel. Here, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus. However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.



The passage then leads into a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. At the time of the writing of Matthew's gospel (around 75-80 CE), Christians were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. These followers saw Jesus' triumph over death as a sign of great hope and trust in the future. Jesus' words— 'whoever loses his life for my sake will find it' – would give hope to those under persecution that ultimately they too would triumph and that the deaths of their friends were not in vain.

Today, we are invited to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example; to also be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. We are encouraged to see suffering as an opportunity to grow in love. Through this we learn more about ourselves and God and can help others carry their crosses as well. Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts with anyone in need. As we take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone- Christ is always with us.

Jodie Marziano - St Brigid's Primary School Mordialloc

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FATHER'S DAY APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The collection at all masses this weekend will go to The Priests Retirement Foundation. Please donate using the envelopes that are in the church foyers or electronically by visiting www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through Paypal. **Thank you for your generous support of our Retired Priests.**



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC ?

Have you ever thought about doing the sacraments and expanding your faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has begun and is held on **Thursday Evenings at 7:30pm**, at St Louis' meeting room. RCIA is for Adults who are not baptised; Adults baptised in another Christian Church or faith; non-practising Catholics wishing to renew their faith.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Parishioners are invited to pick up the latest Australian Catholics Magazine Spring edition from the church foyers.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

A big thank you is extended to all who have made meal donations for our Food for Friends. **Currently the freezer stock is low** and we are calling out for meal donations to be made. Containers and labels can be picked up from the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We would like to thank those parishioners who have been making and contributing meals on a regular basis, your generosity and caring are much appreciated.

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.



LONG BEACH LUNCHEON

The next luncheon is at The Riviera Nepean Highway on **Wed 13th September at 12:30pm**.. For bookings ring Keith on 0417-350-733 or 9772-7292. Or Patricia on 0448-866-020.



SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FR ANDREW INSTALMENT #3

Fr Andrew who is currently on his sabbatical has written some highlights of his time away from the Parish. You can read the **third instalment** on our Parish website, short link: m.stmaryofthecross.com/andrew.

GANGLAND TO PROMISED LAND - EX GANGSTER JOHN PIDMORE

Ex-Gangster John Pridmore nearly killed a man who failed to pay a debt. After his conversion in 1992, he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and met St. Mother Theresa. They helped him to love again and to use his story to help others. John Pridmore has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion. He has



inspired countless individuals to find hope and meaning through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions. **John will be speaking at St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza** in the coming weeks. Each talk begins at 7:30 pm and runs for one hour on the **18th, 19th and 20th September**.

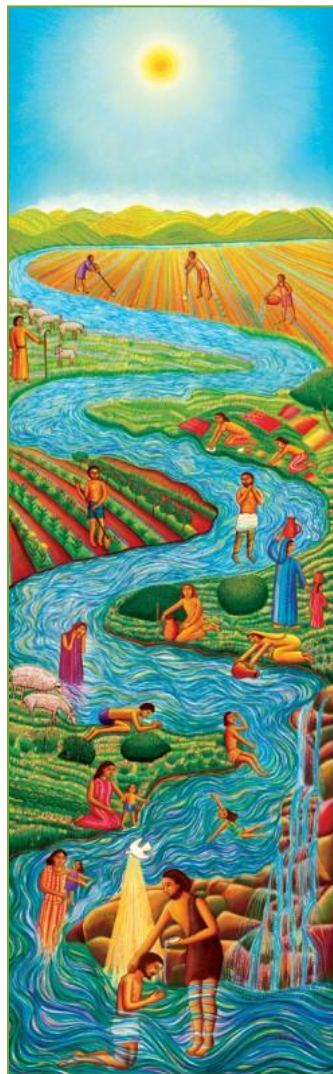
POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The **Synod on Synodality**, initiated by Pope Francis in October 2021, is a multiyear, worldwide undertaking during which Catholics have been asked to submit feedback to their local dioceses on the question "What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together?'" The Synod will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place October 4-28, 2023, and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic: "**For a Synodal**



Church: Communion, Participation, Mission." This is a momentous event in the Catholic Church. This short video explains more about what a Synod is: [An Introduction to Synod 2023 - YouTube](#)

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LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT LAUNCH THE SEASON OF CREATION 2023 - LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW

We are [launching the 2023 Season of Creation](#)! This year's theme is "Let justice and peace flow", with the symbol "A mighty river" (see sidebar picture). **The Season of Creation** is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. **"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord"**. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Laudato Si is the name of the encyclical letter written by Pope Francis in 2015. [Laudato si' \(24 May 2015\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

The Season of Creation "Celebration" begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. For more information and resources visit: [laudatosimovement.org](#). There is also information available on our parish website.

HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING



Save the date. All are invited to come to a Healing Mass with anointing on the evening of **Thursday 21st September at 7pm at St Brigid's**. An opportunity to receive God's peace and comfort.



**GOD OUR FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE
FOR FATHERS YOUNG AND OLD.
WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEWLY EMBRACING
THEIR VOCATION; MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND
PERSEVERANCE TO BALANCE WORK, FAMILY AND FAITH
IN JOY AND SACRIFICE.
WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN FATHERS
AROUND THE WORLD WHOSE CHILDREN
ARE LOST OR SUFFERING; MAY THEY KNOW
THAT THE GOD OF COMPASSION WALKS
WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW.
WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FATHERS BUT STILL
MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH FATHERLY LOVE AND
ADVICE.
WE REMEMBER FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, AND GREAT
GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WHO
LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY AND NOURISH US WITH
THEIR LOVE.
AMEN**



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Meyer, Linda Jamieson, Marcella Doran, Clara Dundon, Dr Janos Bognar, Jack Lanaway, Kathleen Mary Doherty, Margaret Dow, Alan Brereton, Lena Saccio, Agnes Bugden, Curtis Drenen, Terence Partleton, George D'Cunha, Marc Licciardo, P.J. Thomas Bert Hodgkinson, Mary Carroll, Dennis Porter, Alec Rodrigues, Maria Scardoni, Virgilio Arcilla, Joseph Antonios, Frederick Summerton, Dr Peter Nelson, Fr Tom White, Eileen Hannan, Blossom Baldery, Maureen Reidy, Trish Hone, Beryl D'Sylva, Roma Kampf, Letetia Sheehan, Vincenta Vella, Maureen Cuskelly, Robert Reid, John Martin

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

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

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

To keep each other safe, we encourage mask wearing when attending Mass.

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'

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

KIDZ ZONE 4th Weekend of the 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

9th & 10th September	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Year 1 Mass	Year 1 Mass	Pauline Parker	Bernie Stuart	Carmel Barker	Danny Carey	Annette Brilliant	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Joan Healy	Chris McAleer	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Barry Wheeler	Wence Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Year 1 Mass	Year 1 Mass	Mary Nayna	Volunteer	Elizabeth Newington	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Judy Lamb	Trent Alphonso	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Volunteer	Tung Phan	Vanessa Fernandes	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 4: Bernadette & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom							

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.

