

Blessings



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WELCOME TO ALL

Our Parish Mission

Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples



The anchors that underpin our Parish Mission



Grow deeper in our faith & discipleship



Grow wider, welcoming those outside in



Leadership where we are all called to serve God



Exceptional weekend Experience – Hospitality, Hymns & Homilies

Welcome

Blessings is our quarterly magazine where we share stories about our Parish Mission and our community. We warmly welcome newcomers as we open the doors to Christ's love and mission. If you are new to our parish, please register at our Welcome Desk in our church foyers.

Stay in touch



Join via Livestream the Saturday 6pm Mass [here](#) and the 8am Sunday Mass [here](#).

SUNDAY MASS

6pm Saturday Vigil St Louis'
8am Sunday St Brigid's
9.30am Sunday St Louis'
11am Sunday St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12 noon St Brigid's
Saturday 5.30pm St Louis'

WEEKDAY MASS

9.15am Monday St Louis' (Communion Service)
9.15am Tuesday St Louis'
10am Wednesday St Brigid's
9.15am Thursday St Louis'
11.30am Friday St Brigid's

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Assistant Priest: Fr Hoang Dinh
Parish Leadership Team:
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We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather and their leaders – past, present, and emerging.

Front Cover: Ordination to the priesthood - Fr Hoang Dinh with his sister Hong (far left) and Hong's friend



Father Andrew's Word



It was so refreshing to be able to celebrate the start of Lent with masses on Ash Wednesday. Last year we were in lockdown and two years ago, well, I cannot remember, it was just the beginnings of the pandemic. We come to this point where we are feeling more confident in how we will move forward with parish life living with Covid amongst us.

It is terrific that we are able to restart our parish magazine Blessings. It is a great way of communicating the many activities that the parish is initiating and all that has happened recently. Thank you, Berna Wake. I am grateful for the photos of the BBQ farewell and thankyou lunch for the Brigidine sisters that I could not attend having to isolate due to contracting Covid. Thank you to the team who made this occasion so special. Fr. Hoang and I have been busy with lots of baptisms, and I personally have been celebrating many weddings that have been rescheduled over the last 12-18 months. These are truly happy occasions. We also honour those who have died and make their final journey to be with our loving Father. May they rest in peace.

This year we are continuing to build upon the strong base that is our parish missionary renewal "Opening the Doors to Christ's love." Our Parish Leadership Team (PLT – read up on who we are in this edition) have been meeting weekly looking at strategies to how we can strengthen our parish and evangelise. This is where the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC – read about who we are in this edition also) assist the implementation of these strategies e.g. The 10 Values analysis to be presented to the parish later this month.

A great opportunity for you to be more involved in our parish renewal is by attending our gathering on 15th March where we will hear from Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and Mr. Nicky Gumbel and their wisdom and expertise. We can then apply some more ideas to our parish reality. This will be an exciting opportunity to see how we can bring Jesus' Good News to others, here and beyond. This is what we are about. We are called to live out the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment!!!

On a sad note, our prayers are desperately needed for the escalating situation in Ukraine to end. We pray that peace and common sense will prevail soon and an end to the senseless destruction of life and property. Personally, I find this situation very "close to home" My father was a Polish soldier captured by the Germans and sent to Germany in World War 2. At the end of the war, he was unable to return to Poland because the countries were under Russian rule. My father never spoke about this part of his life as he no doubt experienced many atrocities that come with war. In addition, many of my extended family in Poland are in the region that is close to the border of the Ukraine where many Ukrainians are now seeking refuge. It is sad that there is this instability in a part of the world that has been through so much already. Let us pray that the Easter message of new life prevails over the entire world!!

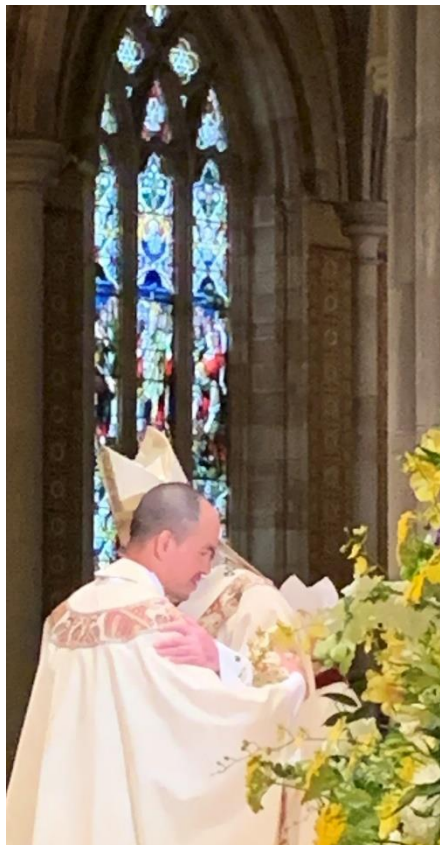
Shalom,

Fr Andrew Jekot
St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc
& Aspendale
Parish Priest

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 4 December 2021, 30 parishioners joined the bus trip into St Patrick's Cathedral to witness the ordination to the priesthood of Rev Hoang Tuan Dinh by the Most Reverend Peter A. Comensoli – Archbishop of Melbourne.

Fr Hoang has a special place in our hearts, having been seconded to our parish for his pastoral placement in 2019 and 2021. It was a glorious day of praise and thanksgiving. Hoang was ordained along with four other young men, Joseph Jackson Nguyen, Samuel Charles Pearson, Alexander Hong Jiun Chow and Jaycee Tala Napoles. We ask our Lord to give to each of these men a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in their lives.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Reflection from Fr Hoang

For those completing their seminary training that one day in September is a monumental occasion. Not only important for the candidates but also the people whom they are connected to family, friends, and the wider parish communities. All the years of sweat, tears and holy water come the day they can share in the celebration with the living Church, the people. Apart from 2020, the ordination day had not been postponed for many years running, however there is always a first or a second, and it was due to, you guessed it, COVID! Like many others who had big plans for 2021, the year will forever be remembered for making plan B's.

Rescheduled to the blessed day of December 4th, things couldn't have turned out more beautifully had it been scripted. Originally going to be a family affair with each ordinand allowed twenty-five guests, with restrictions eased, invitations were extended to everyone: friends, parishioners, and dignitaries and anyone else interested in a celebration.

Many people often talk about the sleepless night before their big day but as for me it was a regular night's sleep. I needed all the energy to make the most of the big day and sleep was the only answer.

Arriving at St Patrick's Cathedral, one of the many scenes that moved me was seeing parishioners disembarking from coach buses. I immediately recognised their faces. They made the long trip from the early hours on Saturday when the alternative was watching it online. I was even more grateful after hearing about the drama on their way home! On my way to the entrance many more family members, relatives, and friends greeted me with adoring smiles, seeing them all filled me with joy and gratitude knowing I have their love and support.

Throughout the ceremony it didn't even cross my mind that for many years watching ordinations from the pews that I was about to be made a priest. I suppose the gradual progression towards ordination over the years helped alleviate the shock. Being alongside some of my year mates Alex, Jaycee, Joseph, and Samuel who journeyed together made it all the more special. The day had many highlights, but the most humbling moments were the laying on of hands, prostrating on the floor, concelebrating, and blessing the people after Mass.

Although disappointed with the 3 months wait, on reflection that time gave me a chance to adjust to life without a very special person who passed away in late August. The passing of my dad so close to the original ordination date of Sept 11 would have made any celebration a highly emotional event. Even though Dad wasn't there physically, I am sure Dad with a big smile on his face, was watching from heaven (On live stream).

The extended wait seemed like a lifetime for my year mates. I am glad the year ended on a high and we were able to share it with so many people. Together we celebrated the biggest day of our lives with the biggest smiles. **Fr Hoang Tuan Dinh**



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Vinh Hoang Do was ordained to the Diaconate by Most Reverend Anthony Ireland, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne on Saturday 18 December 2021 at St Joseph's Church Springvale. Vinh is a beloved friend of our parish, having spent time with us on his pastoral placement in 2019. We pray for God's blessings and love for Vinh as he continues his journey to the priesthood.



Let us pray that Deacons faithful in their service to the word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire church. Pope Francis

Franciscus

Reflection from Deacon Vinh Do

Before the Ordination to the Diaconate, my Mum asked me about my motto, my guiding principle, for the Ordination which in Vietnam, it might well be practiced in other countries as well, is considered to be a standard for a candidate to have and to live by that motto/slogan.

After much reflection of my life and what I desired, I chose a description of our Lord Jesus described by saint Mark's gospel that seeing the crowd "he had compassion for them"

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So, he began teaching them many things." (Mk 6:34)

Depending on translation, the word compassion means "to suffer with" or in Greek – splagchnizomai - so rich and beautiful, means "gut-wrenching, emotional response that is so strong that we are physically moved to action." It is a dynamic word that attracts me as a person who is called into the service of others.

Firstly, I have been shown, felt and saw the compassion of Jesus in my life. Because of his love that he came into the world to save me. He does not look at my lowly and earthly status but looks at me as a lovable son of God, the Father, and shares with me his ministry of healing and saving others for the glory of God.

Then, upon receiving such grace of life and of Ordination, Jesus strengthens me in my conviction of love and of service to others with all my talents and strength that I have to carry out his great commandment, which is for the Church, her ministers and for all the faithful, "just as I have loved you, so you also should love one another"

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (Jn 13:34)

The Ordination is not an end, but it is a new beginning in my life, and I have continued to pray that God will always remind me of this grace that I received at my Ordination so that I could live as Jesus has lived because "he had compassion for them."

Deacon Vinh Hoang Do

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council



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Diah



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Fr. Andrew
Jekat



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Kristian Tangsa



Nika Tavia



Berna Wake



Bob Ward

Who are the Parish Pastoral Council?

The St Mary of the Cross Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a diverse group of parishioners, with rich personal and professional experience. Each one has shown their commitment to the parish mission and vision, giving of their time and unique gifts for a full Saturday morning seven times a year.

What is the role of the PPC member?

The role of the PPC member is to strategise, to step back and look at the big picture for our parish future in line with our desire to become a missionary parish. A missionary parish is inclusive and open, accompanying people on a journey of deep personal encounter with Jesus, *"a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach."* Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium #26. To achieve this, the PPC will focus on the '5 Foundations Assessments.'

The Five Foundations of a fruitful parish

These foundations, also known as systems, represent the vital signs of life in a parish. A healthy body is made up of ten systems: the digestive system, nervous system, circulatory system etc. When one of these systems is not working properly the body becomes unhealthy. So too it is for the parish. If one of the 5 Foundations is not functioning well, the ability for the parish to be healthy, growing, and fruitful is impacted. In the New Testament these five foundations are central to Jesus' life and mission. Our parish is distinct in its history, gifts, and resources, these will be respected and honoured as we move forward.

Being aware of, assessing and strengthening each of the 5 Foundations will ensure our parish remains healthy well into the future. It is vital that we have a clear understanding of the meaning of each Foundation. Read a little more on the next page.

In future editions of Blessings, we will explain in more detail the process of assessment and keep parishioners updated on the progress.

THE FIVE FOUNDATIONS

The Five Foundations of a fruitful parish

Evangelisation – To bring others into an encounter and friendship with the person



of Jesus Christ. By building relationships of trust with others, awakening their spiritual curiosity as well as openness, we can share our faith, and the love and forgiveness God has for us. We do so without judgement and in a spirit of patience, warmth and welcome. *"The call is not to speak at people about things they are not interested in (yet) but to listen for the gaps, the need, the beauty, or pain that open a space for God's name to be heard and hopefully received."* Sr Mary Catherine Hilbert O.P.

Discipleship – Growth in holiness, faith and understanding.



Supporting each other on our faith journey. Providing pathways that nurture and develop the continual process of growing in our love for God, wanting to serve Him with the gifts He has given each one of us. *"To be a disciple is to be a learner who sits at the feet of Jesus, grows in faith and understanding over time, and is sent to witness and convey to others the truth of God's love in Christ."* Sydney Archdiocese Mission Plan

Worship – The encounter with God's mercy in the Eucharist and other sacraments,



prayer and devotions. The celebration of the Eucharist brings people into an intimate encounter with Jesus. The weekend experience is primary as we aim for a transformative experience with our Hospitality, Hymns, and the Homily. *"Our conscious decision to place the Great Commission, the command to 'make disciples,' at the heart of our identity and action means discerning and enacting new ways to strengthen our worship of God."* Sydney Archdiocese Mission Plan

Service – A culture where we serve within the parish and reach to the outside



When we focus on helping others and honouring Christ we soon discover that our needs are met far more deeply than we have ever experienced. *"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."* Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium #49

Community – Where all are known, loved, and supported in their faith



"Community can draw people into the journey of discipleship when they experience meaningful relationships in which they are known and loved, and they can be inspired to 'go out' to share his joy of belonging in Christ with their neighbour." Sydney Archdiocese Mission Plan

FAREWELL & THANK YOU TO THE BRIGIDINE SISTERS

St Brigid's Primary School was a perfect setting to say farewell and thanks to the Brigidine Sisters of today and years past.

The shade of the trees provided a perfect setting for parishioners, guests and especially the many Brigidine sisters who were able to attend, to sit, mingle and share stories. There were indeed many shared stories as the reminisces of past endeavours and times spent within the community. A unique experience for those gathered, whether students or teachers or parents of years gone by who had benefited from the devotion and warmth of the Sisters.

Sharing a beautifully prepared meal enabled conversation to flow and a magnificent cake brought the day to a fitting conclusion.

An original artwork by Kristian Tangso, (a parishioner and member of the Parish Leadership Team) depicting the journey of the Brigidine sisters and the strong connection to Mordialloc and Aspendale area, was presented to Sisters Reba, Lia, Deidre and Michelina and will enable the spirit the Brigidine's created to be taken with them to their new communities - The original artwork will be taken to the Brigidine house in Albert Park and each Sister received a copy for themselves.

Two hundred years past a mighty oak was planted and its roots spread to Australia. The work of the Brigidine Sisters in Mordialloc and Aspendale may have physically ended but their charisms and spirit will live on.

A fitting and beautiful farewell for these women who dedicated their lives to serving others and building community. We are indebted to them for the charisms of strength and gentleness they planted and nurtured in our communities. ***Mick & Carmel Barker***



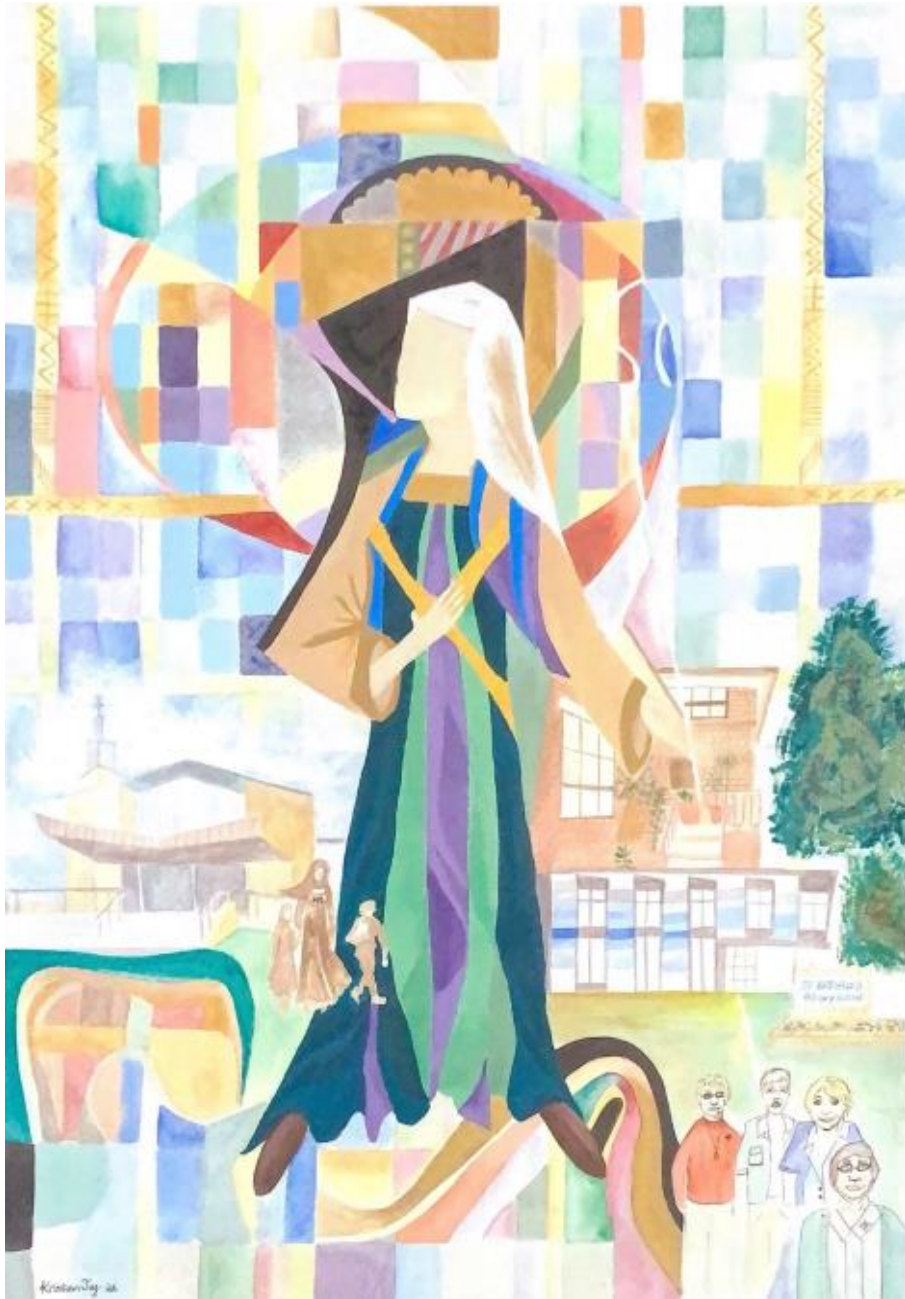
YEAR 5 ST BRIGID'S STUDENT, LUKE PRESENTS THE ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL PRAYER TO SR LIA AT THE BLESSINGS MASS FOR THE SISTERS



THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR DELICIOUS SALADS & WONDERFUL HELP



FAREWELL & THANK YOU TO THE BRIGIDINE SISTERS



Beautiful original artwork

It was such a delight to create an artwork for the Brigidine Sisters – a fruitful experience that both enabled me to grow in my creative expression, as well as prayerfully offering up each stroke in gratitude for their presence and service within our parish and blessings for the future.

It was definitely a challenging task to capture what their most memorable encounters might have been whilst living in Mordialloc into a single image, so I turned to St Brigid for inspiration. As you can see, the focal point of the artwork is of the saint herself.

Being mesmerised by how she is depicted in one of the stained-glass windows of St. Brigid's church, I slowly imagined how the façade of the key places the sisters lived their ministry could be nestled within the elements of the original picture that stood out for me. Notably, St Brigid's church sits on top of a hill signifying its prominent location overlooking the bay. The faceless figure looks towards the heavens with the Brigidine cross close to her heart illustrating how St Brigid's love of God continues to guide her sisters in their mission.

Hence sisters Reba, Lia, Diedre and Michelina all stand before her shepherd's staff (as well as their home and St Brigid's primary school) leading to a path beyond.

Thank you,

Kristian Joy Tangso



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

May God bless you abundantly with love, joy, and happiness



DERMOT REITER & JESSICA SBALCHIERO WERE MARRIED BY FR ANDREW AT ST BRIGID'S ON 26 FEBRUARY 2022. PICTURED WITH DERMOT'S PARENTS COLIN & MARCELLA REITER



MELINDA D'CRUZE & IAN MCCLYMONT WERE MARRIED BY FR ANDREW ON THE GROUNDS OF THE PORTSEA HOTEL ON 2 FEBRUARY 2022. PICTURED WITH MELINDA'S PARENTS CHRISTINE & LES D'CRUZE



SAMANTHA MURNANE & NATHAN PLUMRIDGE WERE MARRIED BY FR ANDREW AT ST BRIGID'S ON 5 DECEMBER 2021



DARREN MICHAEL ROZAIRO & SNEHA SRIDHAR WERE MARRIED BY FR ANDREW AT ST BRIGID'S ON 27 NOVEMBER 2021





We welcome children recently baptised

Isabel Lilly Forde child of Boyd & Susan Forde

Dilara Grace Gafayri child of Salim Gafayri & Cristina Cortese

Mikayla Elizabeth Anrep child of Lloyd & Rebecca Anrep

Brooklyn Bajram child of Bobby & Orlinda Bajram

Willow Jane Neeamuthkhan child of Jamie & Jessica Neeamuthkhan

Juliette Caroline Klos child of Michael & Malgorzata Klos

Leon Philip Moore child of Philip & Jessica Moore

Isabella Stephanie Lavars child of Tony & Stephanie Lavars

Aisha Jasmine Ross child of Chelsea Ross

Willow Duggan child of Matthew & Shannon Duggan

Emma Tumino child of David & Patricia Tumino

Sophie Donna Elms child of Mitch & Katrina Elms

Michael Jekot son of Matthew & Fiona Jekot

Frederick Tabisal Chani child of Yannick & Rebecca Chani

Oliver Tony William Bilston child of Chris Bilston & Kate Zimmer

Myles Harry Clucas child of Martin & Sarah Clucas

Annabelle May & Lara Grace Devereaux children of

Mark & Matilda Devereaux

Hazel Adah Askham child of John Askham & Siobhan Sweeney

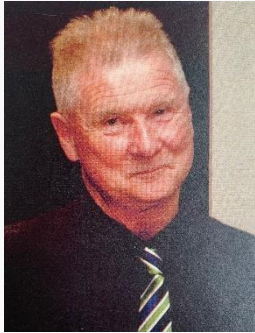
"Whoever welcomes a child in My name, welcomes Me."

– Luke 9:46-48.

We hold in prayer all who have passed this year

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4



Kevin Saker (69). Kevin passed away on the 11th of January 2022. Kevin's funeral service was held at Le Pine Chapel, Mordialloc on the 28th January 2022.



Maurice James Anthony Purcell (85). Maurice passed away on the 14th of January 2022. Maurice's funeral was held at St Louis de Montfort Church on the 2nd February 2022.



Donnamaree Rocks (50). Donnamaree passed away on the 22nd January 2022. Donnamaree's funeral was held at St Brigid's Church on the 4th February 2022.



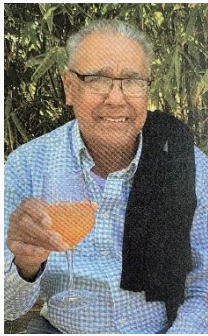
Jennifer Harston (65). Jennifer passed away on the 10th February 2022. Jennifer's funeral was held at St Louis de Montfort Church on the 16th February 2022.



We hold in prayer all who have passed this year

"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

St Francis of Assisi



Judex Edouard Henri Neeamuthkhan (79). Judex passed away on the 10th of February 2022. Judex's funeral was held at St Brigid's Church on the 22nd February 2022.



Anka Mihaljevic (78). Anka passed away on the 7th February 2022. Anka's funeral was held at St Brigid's Church on the 23rd February 2022.



Caterina Galanti (Ved.Vinci) (93). Caterina passed away on the 7th of February 2022. Caterina's funeral was held at St Brigid's Church on the 24th February 2022.



Fortunata Cortese (90). Fortunata passed away on the 17th of February 2022. Caterina's funeral was held at St Brigid's Church on the 3rd March 2022.



When beauty pierces the heart

'Discernment' and 'vocation' are two words that only entered my vocabulary about four years ago; around the time when I first personally encountered Jesus. Of course, before then I was no stranger to making all kinds of decisions in life, whether it be big or small, pertaining to relationships, professional ambitions or in the menial tasks of daily life. However, what perplexed and saddened me was not knowing for most of my existence that God longs to be in union with each of us in the depths of our heart and soul, and that it was possible to have a relationship with Jesus. Discovering that the God I believe in is not just a distant Father watching idly by while I go about life half-asleep, but rather a God who is persistently seeking and patiently waiting for me to experience His unconditional love and to love Him in return completely changed my life. The moment I let Love pierce my heart, my soul awoke from slumber, my life was renewed and enlightened to appreciate the Beauty in all of creation – a Divine Romance that awaits you all! I may be a fool in love, but isn't that what we see in people who become better versions of themselves out of doing good for the people they love?

"The love that captivated me was so strong that it made me stop and seriously question the purpose of my life."

The love that captivated me was so strong that it made me stop and seriously question the purpose of my life. Encountering Jesus through silence, prayer, Sacred Scriptures, frequenting the Eucharist and Reconciliation, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and trying my best to live and love in the present moment with others helps me discern well how the Holy Spirit is guiding me in my journey closer to God. I was shocked to realise that my life is really not about me and what I want, but about my relationship with God and doing His will. Jesus calls all of us to holiness and to discipleship; following His teachings and the way He lived so that His love and mercy may bring light to the world.

Last year on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I was Received into the Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to share with others a way of life that will help me to live out my Baptismal commitment.

Being a Lay Carmelite doesn't make me better, holier, more special or loved more by God than anyone else, it is simply a path Jesus has invited me on to journey with Him towards God. The contemplative life is having an openness to being transformed interiorly little by little every day in God's love – something we are especially encouraged to do during our Lenten Journey.

My passion for the arts was sparked during the season of Lent when I was working as post-doc research scientist in Norway. From the moment I held my very own paintbrush, I knew that we would become inseparable, working together in love to bring joy to others. I'd be lying if I said that I remained true to my own sentiments, but sadly I let the busy affairs of life get the better of me.



KRISTIAN JOY'S RECEPTION WITH THE MELBOURNE LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY AT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL CHURCH IN MIDDLE PARK 12 DECEMBER 2021

OUR COMMUNITY

When beauty pierces the heart (continued)

It was not until I had to deal with the hardships of living with a chronic illness when I realised that both singing and painting are God's healing graces in my life. They brought me out of the darkness of languishing mental and physical health and brought me back to life. I have finally embraced my calling as an artist with a renewed hope and fire to follow the deep desire in my heart to help lead humanity to Jesus Christ through The Way of Beauty. As such, I will be venturing off to Florence, Italy in a few weeks to pursue studies in Sacred Art and receive formal training in painting in the Christian tradition; an amazing opportunity that harmonises my love for God, my faith, the fine arts, and humankind.

United in prayers

Kristian Joy Tangso

Follow me on Instagram @love.kristianjoy



Enjoying my first experience at painting with acrylic on canvas during my sister-in-law's bachelorette art party (2019). 'Serenity' (far left) was a metamorphosis of my unfinished artwork portraying 'A Colourful World' (left) completed a year later.

Outdoor Prep Mass & Picnic 27 February

Students, teachers, Mum's, Dad's, Grandparents & friends enjoyed a lovely outdoor Mass & picnic at Braeside Park with Mass celebrated by Fr Andrew.



Calling parishes to make disciples

In our first workshop for 2022 the Parish Pastoral Council had the pleasure of joining with other parishes across Australia to hear scripture scholar Dr Mary Healy present *'Why Make Disciples? What Scripture tells us about making and forming disciples.'*

Dr Healy is a globally respected speaker, a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author.

Dr Healy's lively, entertaining, and informative talk, focused on the Scriptural basis for the mission of all baptised Catholics – and therefore all parishes – to lovingly share the Gospel message with others, including those who do not currently have an active relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. The conversation was appropriate given our parish mission, recovering the original mission of the Church, as laid out by Jesus in the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

The Church today has the same mission and spiritual power as in the time of the apostles when the first Pentecost event broke them out of 'lockdown' in the upper room and on to the streets to proclaim the Good News. Dr Healy asked us to imagine just how scared the apostles would have been, after they had seen their friend and teacher crucified just days before. They were terrified the same fate awaited them, and yet when the Holy Spirit descended on them, they went out and turned the world upside down for Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel message is not asking us to become "bible-bashers." The simple acts of showing kindness to one another, particularly those we are not friendly with, visiting a lonely relative or friend, listening without judging, giving without expecting something in return are all ways each one of us can reveal the love of Jesus to others. As the season of Lent has begun, now is the time to look for opportune moments to make a positive difference.

If you would like to watch the recording of Dr Mary's talk you can do so [here](#).



DR MARY HEALY



FR. JAMES MALLON | BISHOP ROBERT BARRON | REV. NICKY GUMBEL

JOIN US FOR THIS
GLOBAL EVENT

TUESDAY - MARCH 15, 2022

ST LOUIS' CHURCH ASPENDALE
7.00-9.30PM

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH?

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
DIVINE RENOVATION + **ABC**

All are welcome to this global online event by three of the most influential speakers on the topic of parish renewal and evangelisation.

There will be ample time to discuss how their views can impact our parish missionary renewal journey.

Register at the Welcome Desk in the Church foyers.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Parish Leadership Team



Fr Andrew Jekat



Trish Angliss



Fr Hoang Dinh



Kristian Tangza



Berna Wake

***"If you want to go fast,
go alone.
If you want to go far, go
together."
-African proverb***

In all the reading and research into moving parishes from maintenance to mission, the existence of a Parish Leadership Team is a strongly endorsed, common element. Priests who have a PLT say it is the single biggest game changer in their parish leadership.

The PLT is a group of no more than 4-5 trusted people who support the leadership of Fr Andrew. They are co-responsible with Fr Andrew for leading the implementation of the parish mission, strategies, and actions.

PLT Members:

- Have a passion for renewal in the parish & are open to personal growth in their faith
- Are open to change
- Have gifts that complements (not mirrors) the priests
- Are available to meet weekly

Striving to be led by the Holy Spirit, the PLT views the parish as a whole and discerns where the Lord is calling for greater health, accountability, and missional activity. Our Parish Mission and strategic anchors guide us in this endeavour.

Difference with the PPC?

The PPC are the big-picture thinkers, looking at where the parish is going in the next 3-5 years in line with our Parish Mission & anchors, whilst the PLT are responsible for the day-to-day activities in the parish.

PLT members are also members of the PPC. This gives them the essential insight when it comes to implementing the plans developed by the PPC.

Specific PLT Responsibilities:

Each PLT member has responsibility for one of our Serve Ministries-
Fr Andrew- Care Ministry
Trish Angliss -Liturgical Ministry
Fr Hoang/Kristian – Discipleship Ministry
Berna Wake – Hospitality/Parish Support Ministries

Like to know more?

Please do reach out to us, when you see us at Mass or out and about, we would be delighted to explain more about the role of the PLT. More importantly we are here to serve the parish. Our parish belongs to all of us, and your input and ideas are welcome and appreciated. Please do share them with us.

Contemplative Prayer

Be silent
Be still.
Alone
Empty
Before our God.
Be silent.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That's all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you with enormous love,
and only wants to look upon you
with that love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.
Let your God -
love you.

Edwina Gateley

