



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

**Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Tan,
Deacon: George Piech-Meat**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 September 2024
Readings for Year B: Isaiah 50: 5-9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35



Take up your cross

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replies, "You are the Messiah." This is a true acknowledgment of Jesus, but it's followed by a surprising teaching: Jesus must suffer, be rejected, and die, then rise again. Peter can't accept this and tries to correct Jesus, but Jesus tells him to get behind Him.

Jesus then calls us to follow Him by taking up our cross and denying ourselves. This means that being a disciple involves more than just believing in Jesus; it involves making sacrifices and facing challenges with faith. This call to discipleship is not just about grand gestures but also about the daily choices we make. It's about living out our faith in small acts of love, service, and justice. It's about aligning our lives with the values of the Kingdom of God, even when it's challenging.

As we reflect on this passage, let's ask ourselves: Are we ready to follow Jesus in both easy and hard times? May we have the courage to take up our cross and live out our faith each day.

Michelle Barron

**Deputy Principal at St. Louis Primary
School and Learning and Teaching Leader**

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.



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Parish News

Fr Ignatius Tan



It is with sadness but with enormous gratitude that the time has come to farewell and give thanks to our beloved Fr Ignatius. Fr Ignatius joined our parish as Assistant Priest in August 2022 and very quickly became a much-loved priest and friend to so many. His kindness, humility, sense of humour and faith have touched many hearts, and he will be greatly missed. Fr Ignatius will continue his vocation as Assistant Priest at the parish of St Francis Xavier and St Clare in Box Hill.

All are invited to a farewell afternoon tea for Fr Ignatius where we can show our appreciation and wish him well on his priestly journey. The details are:

Sunday 22 September at 2.30pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall (enter via Barkly Street, Mordialloc). We invite you to bring a plate to share.

There will be cards to sign and donation boxes in the foyers this weekend.

JAG online auction to raise funds for BASP

Thanks to all who participated in our online auction.

We raised almost \$5200 - \$3600 in bids and the rest in donations. Your support is so much appreciated.

Donations can still be made for the next week - cash donations can be placed in the JAG JAR in the church foyers (please put in an envelope specifying the donation is for the BASP Auction).



Let's Do Footy Lunch - All welcome

Aspendale's Vinnies invite you to enjoy a special footy themed lunch with a fun Footy Quiz on **Tuesday 17th September from 12pm-2pm**, in **St Louis' Church Foyer**. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program.

Catechist Reconciliation Journey Masses

Please keep in your prayers our Catechist children who will be at our weekend masses committing to their Reconciliation journey. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts as they continue on their faith journey.

New Serve Ministry Roster

The new roster for September to December has been emailed out to all our serve ministers. If you require a hard copy, they are available at the Welcome Desk.

Would you like to serve in our parish?

We encourage and invite everyone to step up and serve God and our parish. When you do, you find you are rewarded in many ways. To read about our Serve Ministries please pick up a booklet in our parish foyers or access online at our [parish website](#).

Flower ministry

We are currently looking for some new people for our flower ministry. Trish Le Brocq would love to have a flower partner to help her with the arranging every 3 or 4 weeks at St Louis. We will also need a new flower minister at St Brigid's as Liz O'Farrell is retiring at the end of the year.

Alpha - all are welcome

Tuesday's 6.30-8.30pm

**St Brigid's Primary School Hall
Barkly St, Mordialloc**



At Alpha, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to explore faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a **multi-week program where people exploring faith** can openly discuss life's big questions and share their opinions in a safe, friendly environment.

Guests can try out **one or two sessions** before deciding whether Alpha is for them.

At each session we **share a meal, watch a video and have a discussion**. The emphasis is on friendship, faith and fun.

We are into Week 2 of our current Alpha season, but it's not too late to join. Please register with the QR code.



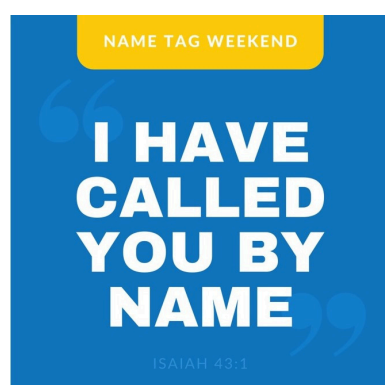
Announcements



The Season of Creation is the annual month-long Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: where the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home.

This year's theme is **"To hope and act with Creation"**.

We will be celebrating the Season of Creation throughout September in songs, liturgy and our altar display.



Cuppa and Name Tag Day next weekend 21/22 September

Whether you are attending Mass in our parish for the first time or are a regular parishioner, we invite you to wear a name tag. A table will be set up at the entrance of our churches with supplies for writing your name on a sticky note. Please take a moment to write your name and

wear the sticky note during Mass. This small gesture helps us to get to know each other better and strengthens the bonds of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in the spirit of our community.

As it is a cuppa weekend, please feel free to bring a cake to share.



Kidz Zone Next Weekend - Calling all children aged 5 - 12

Kidz Zone is on during all masses next weekend (**21/22 September**) except 8am. All children aged 5-12 are welcome to come and have fun and learn about Jesus. If you would like to be one of our adult leaders for Kidz Zone, we would love to talk to you. This would enable us to offer Kidz Zone more than once a month. If you are interested, please contact Sangeetha at nsangeethac7@gmail.com



Baptism Celebrations last weekend Sunday 8 September

We welcomed into our parish family:

Milana Jayne, Albert Anthony, Mya Willow

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

CRISP (Community Refugee and Integration Settlement)

Members of our JAG team have joined with others from OLA Parish Cheltenham to support a refugee family to assimilate in Australia. To learn more : <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>
In early November we will begin a series of fundraising activities to support the team with their sponsorship.

Save the date - Sunday 27 October

Our Annual Refugee Friendship and Family Day Picnic will be held at St Louis on 27 October in the school garden at St Louis Primary School starting at 12pm. More details to follow.

Parish Groups

Bob's Knitting Group

Our next gathering is this **Friday 20 Sept** at **St Louis meeting room** from **10am to 12.30pm**. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat. If you're an all year crafter, switch to cotton and quick & easy items such as beanies, socks or squares for blankets. You are welcome to take home some wool from the baskets in the foyers. Knitted or crochet squares should measure 20 x 20cm & remember to leave a long tail for sewing up.

Thanks Monique ❤️

Men's Fellowship Group

Our next gathering is on **Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm** at St Louis. All men of the parish are welcome.

Praise and Worship

Our next Praise and Worship night is this coming **Friday 20 September. 7.30pm at St Louis church**. Come along and be filled with the Holy Spirit through scripture, song and prayer. This month we will be led by Ann Furlong. All are welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21/22 SEPTEMBER 2024

21/22 Sept 2024	25th Sunday Ord Time Readings (Yr B) Wisdom 2:12,17-20 James 3: 6, 4:3 Mark 9:30-37 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Volunteer	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Sonia Williams	Bernie Stuart	Berna Wake	Monique Bruce
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Paula Rodrigues	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Tony Aloysius	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Elizabeth Newington	Martin Newington	Felice Cortese	Ron Schneider-Loos	Mary Nayna	Jon Searle	Norma Taylor
11.00am (M)	Judy Lamb	Nola Petraitis	Peter Hannan	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Lucy Cameron	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks					

Recently deceased: Dan Pike (friend of Rosemarie Sterling)

Anniversaries of those who have died: Bridget Gallagher, Janos Pastor, Ribomapil Concon, Maureen Payton, Ellis Melder, Andrew Atherton, Alex Baptist, Michael O'Leary, Bernie Varney, Hilary Rooney, Gary Callaghan, Glen Callaghan, Verlie Callaghan, Gus Pottier, Joan Jose, Alexander Louis, Ruby Mannix, Maureen Allday, Joan Phillips, Darbra Singh, Felecia Cresswell, Peter Crawford, Aniello Pollio, Zsolt Bogнар, Francis Mannix, Ita Mary Munro, Owen O'Leary, Charlie Attard, Marie Celine Gregory, Anthony Lamperd, Wayne Blair, Richard Potter, Brigid Murphy, Rose Farren, Matthew Lazaroo, Mattia Aparo, Sebastiano Costanzo, Joyce (Dolly) Hendricks, Pat Edward, Dorren Keating, Betty Cutts, Margherita Trettel, Nayda Churches, Carl Beer, Marie Cooper.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Brenda Cortese, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Nancy Selby, Sr Anita Le Clerq, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Gail Hamilton, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesols.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
 St Brigid's Sunday 8am
 St Louis Sunday 9.30am
 St Brigid's Sunday 11am
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service, St Louis Tuesday 9.15am, St Brigid's Wed 10am, St Louis Thurs 9.15am, St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
 St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm
RECONCILIATION

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

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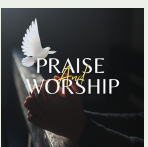
GROWING IN COMMUNITY AND BELONGING AT ST MARY OF THE CROSS



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 4-10-year-olds. 4th weekend of the month.



PRAYER MINISTRY
 Intercessory prayer. last weekend of the month - all masses.



PRAISE & WORSHIP
 3rd Friday of the month 7.30-8.30pm.

FORMED

This Week on FORMED - LOTR and Catholicism Chris Stefanick Show with Joseph Pearce

Based on the historical records and personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the famous stigmatic monk, St Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968
 Go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

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