



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 October 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
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ASSISTANT PRIEST

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PARISH COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance. They have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following rules but is simply about loving God.

Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely. The second commandment flows immediately from the nature of Israel's God, who has so identified with the cause and situation of human beings. To love God with all one's heart and soul and mind is to love those whom God loves: one's fellow human beings, especially the vulnerable and the poor.



Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

How different might our world look if we followed these commandments today?

By Jodie Marziano (Deputy Principal, St Brigid's Primary School)

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

WELCOME BACK FR ANDREW

Fr Andrew returns to the parish this weekend after his sabbatical and annual leave. We thank God for his safe return and appreciate having him back in our parish community.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL



An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT RAFFLE

The raffle to support BASP will be drawn on **Sunday 29th October** at our JAG- BASP Friendship Family Day. Winners will be notified and announced in next week's Bulletin. Good luck to all who have entered and a big thanks to Maree and Phillip Morris for organising.

KSC MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

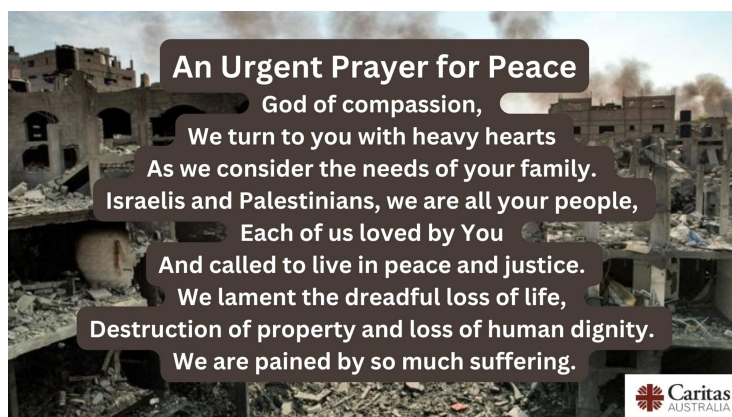
Join the fun in the KSC's Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023 — for just \$2 per ticket. Tickets are available for purchase after all Masses **until Sunday, November 5th**, with the draw held on Cup Eve. Winners will be notified before the race, and all personal information will be destroyed once announced. Proceeds fund bursaries for Year 6 -12 students and hopefully one lucky year 11 student eligible to attend both year 11 in 2024 and 12 in 2025.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Mass of Remembrance - all who have passed away in the last 12 months will be remembered at our weekend masses on the 4th and 5th of November. The special Memorial Book will be present on the altar at each Mass during November with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember.

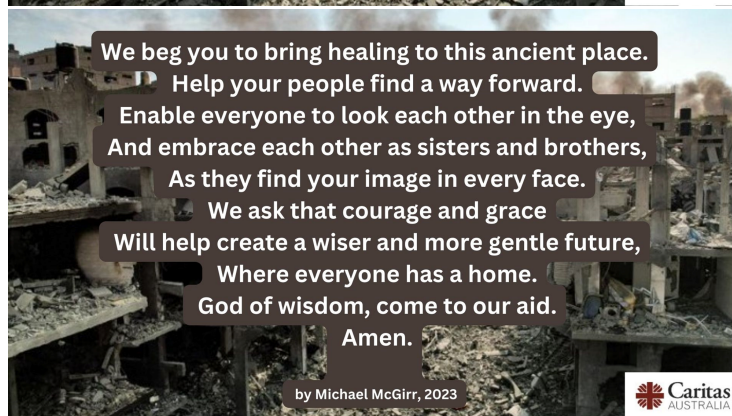
SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month (excluding school holidays). An open invitation is extended to all who may enjoy discussing the weekend Gospel and gathering in friendship. The final meetings for the year will be held on the **14th and 28th November** at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.



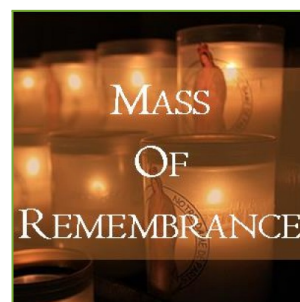
An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,
We turn to you with heavy hearts
As we consider the needs of your family.
Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people,
Each of us loved by You
And called to live in peace and justice.
We lament the dreadful loss of life,
Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.
We are pained by so much suffering.



We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.
Help your people find a way forward.
Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,
And embrace each other as sisters and brothers,
As they find your image in every face.
We ask that courage and grace
Will help create a wiser and more gentle future,
Where everyone has a home.
God of wisdom, come to our aid.
Amen.

by Michael McGirr, 2023



St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

**SAT 4 NOV 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

Baptism this weekend!

We welcome into our Parish family:

Rosie Joy

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

SPECIAL OFFER

5.55% p.a.
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Open an account with CDF Community Fund, and save while doing good. Help build classrooms for students, churches for communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the poor and vulnerable.

To open an account call 1800 134 135 or scan the QR code.





JUDY AND KEN JORGENSEN

Judy and Ken would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all the lovely parishioners who helped Judy when she collapsed at the 8am Mass last weekend. Judy is recovering well.

PARISH OFFICE 7TH NOVEMBER

Please note the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 7th November (Cup Day). Mass on Cup Day Tuesday will be at 10am at St. Louis.

SERVE MINISTRIES NEEDED

We welcome new serve ministers and encourage you to view our Serve Ministries booklet at the Welcome Desk or online at m.stmaryofthecross.com/serve. In particular, we are looking for **Special Ministers at the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Louis'** and for people to join our **Flower Ministry**.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR PROCLAIM 2023!

We are excited to announce that registrations are now open for our inaugural Archdiocesan gathering, Proclaim. Over three days, the Catholic Leadership Centre will become a vibrant sojourn to inspire, engage and equip ourselves to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Register at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232.



KIDZ ZONE



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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

COMING UP

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

Starting
28 Nov

An opportunity to reflect on the Advent scriptures. 6 alternative groupings over 4 weeks – in-person and online. One hour duration.

Starting week of 28 November. Registration details available soon. All are welcome.

ADVENT RETREAT

2 Dec

All are welcome to join in this special time of prayer, music and reflection as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Facilitated once again by Jacqui Guiliani from the Archdiocese Proclaim Office.

9.00am - 12.30pm, Saturday 2nd December at St Brigid's Church.

SERVE MINISTERS THANK YOU

3 Dec

In appreciation of all who serve in our various parish ministries we would like you to invite you to a light luncheon. We look forward to celebrating all that has been achieved by our parish ministry serve ministers this year. Registration details available soon.

Sunday 3rd December, after the 11am mass in the Presbytery Grounds 12.00pm - 1.30pm.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lou Van Beveren (St Louis'), Steve Padfield (Barbara's husband St Louis')
Carmelo Prattico (St Louis')

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Ryan, Mary Lamb, Derek Fernandez, Angela Angelone, Irene Wilson, Kevin Fernandez, Yvonne Schneider-Loos, Lyell Renton, Glenda De Palo, Marie Cassidy, Marie Silarsah, Kathleen Cleary, Damien Jackson, Maria Zagami, Jack Eddington, Joyce Newcombe, Andy McManus, Tess Rankin, Marie Temple, Errol Porter, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Hazel Jellis, Brenda Payne, Louise Cotegah, Elizabeth Pigeot, John Cincotta, Didier Lubin, Mary Foster, John Wallace, Christian Kalis, Juan Gomez Folz, Michael Healy (snr), Frank Chatelier, Mary Popley, Michael Popley, Daniel Abbot, Milena Fabris, Lindsay Lebler, Rose Tueta, Vincent Alfonso, Peter Quinn, Michelle Barclay, Roger Lodoiska, Albert Tueta, Luna Tueta, Teresa Bell, Chuck Spencer, Miriam Moloney, Lisette Silarsah, Terence Gallagher, Sr Elizabeth Lyons

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Thomas Jacobs, Julie Buick, Pam Ulbricks, Sally McGloin, Serge Nayna, Eugene Roberts, Sue Kelly, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Judy Callmac, Sophia Bicos, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, Graham Owen, Sam Finocchiaro, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Minnie Joseph, Ian Hughes, Olive Rankin, Darren Rankin, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12								
4th & 5th November	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Pauline Parker	Marg De Vries	Marg De Vries	Gail McGillivray	Bernie Stuart	Ann Brennan	Margaret Deveson	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Joan Healy	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Carole Guthrie	Jack Guthrie	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Irene Crowe	Elizabeth Newington	Alison Krishnadas	Maureen Wraight	Ron Schneider-Loos	Norma Taylor	Patricia Le Brocq	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Judy Lamb	Vikki Fitzgerald	Jaun Wilson	Volunteer	Ellen Young	Volunteer	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.

