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Catholic Parish
EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

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WELCOME TO ALL



Fr Andrew's Silver Jubilee



Confirmation Celebrations

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, a **BIG WELCOME!** Please introduce yourself to one of our Welcomer's and pick up a Welcome Pack at our Welcome Desk in our church foyers.

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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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We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather and their leaders – past, present, and emerging.

Front Cover: Mass of Thanksgiving & celebratory lunch for Fr Andrew's Silver Jubilee of priestly ordination

FATHER ANDREW'S WORD



“ The SEARCH has been a successful experience of parishioner’s coming together and sharing our faith in small groups.”

How special do I feel having had a beautiful celebration for my silver jubilee of ordination!!! Thank you to all the wonderful words of love and support, your gifts, and the fantastic tribute at the luncheon. I was touched by the effort made by so many to come and be part of my significant milestone. I know that my parents were also with me in spirit as I was surrounded by most of my family and friends.

That celebratory weekend was also the first weekend in the parish for Fr. Ignatius. What a way to start? It was a roller coaster of emotions leading up to that weekend as we said farewell to Fr. Hoang and sent him to his next parish appointment and then received Fr. Ignatius as a stranger soon to become friend and pastor.

As we assisted Fr. Hoang to grow into his priesthood, we will do the same for Fr. Ignatius through love, acceptance, honesty, and compassion.

The Parish Pastoral Council have been busy having workshops on Saturdays that have been focusing on the Foundation of Discipleship. Our time together has been guided gently by Berna’s research and planning in discerning how we live out our discipleship and how do we grow our discipleship. Some fruits of that work by the PPC will slowly be known to you all.

The SEARCH has been a successful experience of parishioner’s coming together and sharing our faith in small groups. You can read about THE SEARCH and in particular some of the feedback we received on pages 8 and 9.

Offering THE SEARCH for our parish community is just the start, and your feedback has prompted the Parish Leadership Team (PLT) to offer our next series on the “Mystery of the Eucharist”. Please mark the dates in your diary. Details on page 10.

Finally, after two years of lockdowns, I have been able to offer our next Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) opportunity and we have five people who have responded. We will profile the catechumens in the next edition of Blessings but in the meantime, keep them in your prayers.

As we change from winter into spring, we are invited to embrace our liturgical Season of Creation. The bright banner in front of the altar reminds us of how we are stewards of our world and the responsibility that we have to pass on a world that needs to be in better shape than when we received it.

We have a lot of work to do, and it starts with each and every one of us NOW. Prayer is also a good start.

Shalom,

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

FAREWELL FATHER HOANG

You are indeed a reflection of God's love, and we want you to know how much we appreciate you.

Back in 2018 my pastoral director at the seminary broke the news to me "Hoang you are going to Mordialloc and Aspendale for your parish placement." "Where?" I thought to myself. It must be somewhere in Victoria. Geography certainly wasn't my best subject at school. Geography aside soon enough I got to know the parish by meeting its people after Mass and visiting them in their homes. Those visits helped me really come out of my shell. Meeting more people than you normally would is challenging as you don't remember all the names, but people definitely don't forget yours!

I came back as a deacon in 2021 to practice my preaching on weekends whilst finishing my studies at the seminary. Everything went swimmingly until lockdown was reinforced and things started to turn. During this time, I had to deal with Dad's failing health and his eventual passing. It was an extremely difficult time but the amazing support from everyone specially the parish made such a difference. For that I am so ever grateful.

The year was not done yet as it ended on a high with my ordination to the priesthood. All those years of sweat, tears and holy water finally paid off! 2022 offered me many opportunities to be with people dealing with the loss of loved ones and those celebrating their child's entry into the Church. Administering the Sacraments and preparing my homilies by reflecting on the Scriptures have been real moments of grace and inspiration.

As I move on in my priestly journey to elsewhere, I can say with certainty that I have experienced great affection from a community that was once not known to me but is now very near and dear. – **Fr Hoang Dinh**

We say thank you and farewell to our beloved Fr Hoang and wish him all of God's blessings in his new parish appointment to the Camberwell, Balwyn & Deepdene Parishes.



WELCOME FATHER IGNATIUS TAN

*A very warm and loving welcome to our new
Assistant Priest Father Ignatius Tan*

Hello, I am Fr Ignatius Tan. I was born into a traditional Chinese family in Singapore that practiced Taoism. God has worked mysteriously on me. He first led me into a Catholic school and in my Secondary school education, I was attracted by the charism of a youth group, the Young Christian Student Movement. I suppose, my intention was “to go and see.” This “go and see” adventure opened my perspective of God – “A God who has died for us all.” God then invited me into catechism classes, and I was baptised at the age of 18. I continued to journey with God in the bible sharing groups and a group that offers bridging-mission to reach out to the Church in China. In these years of learning and serving in the church, there were a few promptings from God, asking me to think about the priesthood vocation. But I thought I am not worthy; I don’t think I have the quality to be a priest.



When I came to Melbourne in 2007, I started with the bible cell group at St Augustine Church. I was then introduced to the Missionaries of Charity (MC) Sisters in Fitzroy and started volunteering in the soup kitchen and night shelter. After that I joined the “I Thirst Movement,” a lay group formed by the MC Fathers.

One day an MC Sister asked me, why was I not considering priesthood vocation, since I am considering living a consecrated life? I began to ask God what He wants of me. I attended a 5-day silent retreat, and I felt that God wanted me to search for my vocation further. After talking to the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and with constant spiritual direction for about two years, I decided to go through the application process for the seminary formation.

In these years of formation, I learned to step out of my comfort zone and be willing to let God lead me. I didn’t know whether I could do it or not. But I knew that God would give me the conversion of heart and give me the grace to go forward. I learnt to trust God and be generous with God. The more I give, the more I received.

I do not know what will be placed in front of me in my future as a priest, but I know that if I trust God, and let Jesus walk every step with me, and through the intercession of our Lady, I can learn and grow in my vocation. As St Teresa of Calcutta said: “If we are humble, nothing will change us, neither praise nor discouragement.” – *Fr Ignatius Tan*



Fr Ignatius distributes communion as a newly ordained priest



Fr Ignatius celebrates his first Mass at St Louis'

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Isabella & Family with Bishop Tony



Leila & Fr Andrew



Celeste with her Mum
& Bishop Tony



Ashvath & Fr Andrew



Ruby & Bishop Tony



Xavier & Fr Andrew

Confirmation Celebrations



Maggie & Family with Bishop Tony

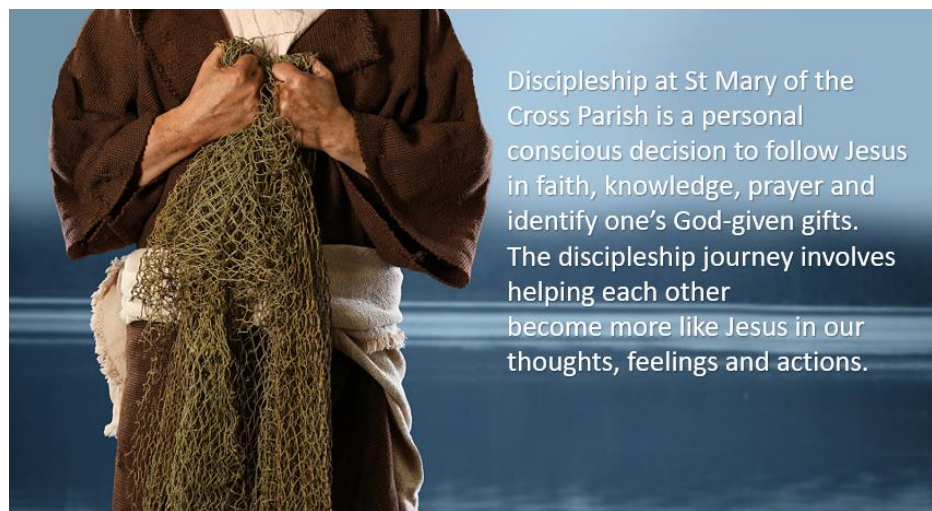
May God's Spirit and love rest upon all of the students from St Louis' School who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We give thanks to Bishop Tony Ireland for his ministry on this special occasion.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have held six Saturday morning workshops this year, where we have been busy undertaking an assessment of the Foundation of Discipleship. The Five Foundations (Discipleship, Evangelisation, Community, Service & Worship) represent the vital signs of life in a parish and were central to Jesus' life and mission. Strengthening each of these foundations creates healthy, fruitful growth in the parish.

In our final workshop for 2022 we will create a discipleship pathway to help us deepen and grow in our faith. This will be shared with the parish community, later this year.



Discipleship at St Mary of the Cross Parish is a personal conscious decision to follow Jesus in faith, knowledge, prayer and identify one's God-given gifts. The discipleship journey involves helping each other become more like Jesus in our thoughts, feelings and actions.



The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) have been in operation now for one year. When we commenced in September 2021, we were one of the first in the Melbourne Archdiocese. It was for this reason that Jacqui Giuliano from the Melbourne Archdiocese's Proclaim Office spent 5 weeks with our PLT recently so that she could observe and take her learning's to assist other parishes in the Archdiocese. (Please see Jacqui's reflection on her time with us on page 11.)

Father Andrew comments, *"With the PLT I feel very supported in my role. That sense of the parish priest being the leader, and everything deflected to the priest, I feel is now very much shared. Accountability and follow up on parish activities are more streamlined. Once you prioritise it, everything else works around it."*

Father Hoang commented, *"The PLT weekly meeting gives you a good overview of what is happening in the parish. Other Assistant Priests would probably just be told what to do. The PLT is a forum to share thoughts."*

One of the weekly agenda items for the PLT is a review of the weekend masses and a forward review of the upcoming weekends. This has been of great assistance in our parish planning. In our review we discuss and feedback on things that went well and where we need to improve. The forward review allows us to plan for activities such as the memorial garden blessing at St Louis', Father's Day, Baptism Blessing Masses, THE SEARCH 'Watch & Discuss' sessions, the rollout of FORMED, amongst many other initiatives. If you have any thoughts and suggestions to help our parish grow fruitfully towards our Parish Mission – **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples**, or you would like to chat about our parish in general, please do speak with one of the PLT members.



Parish Leadership Team



Fr Andrew



Fr Ignatius



Trish Angliss



Berna Wake

THE SEARCH



THE SEARCH is one of the series available on FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. All parishioners have free access. Recently we offered **THE SEARCH** for all parishioners to come together over seven weeks, to enjoy hospitality and to discuss each episode in small groups.

THE SEARCH guides viewers through seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

If you are concerned that your children and grandchildren no longer want to come to Mass, and are disenchanted with the church, please watch **THE SEARCH** with them. It can change their perspective, as so many topics are discussed in an open and honest way.

We were delighted with the incredible response from our parish community. Over the seven weeks, 87 people attended, with a core group of 60+ people each week. This was despite a cold and wet Melbourne Winter. Thank you to all who joined in, and if you couldn't make it, please do have a look at [Formed](#)

Thank you to the many people (40) who completed the feedback survey. The feedback was very positive. Some of the reactions are captured on the next page. **-Berna Wake**



THE SEARCH

The Search Feedback

"The diverse nature of the group aided in challenging the position and where I/we are on our faith journey."

"I was surprised at the lack of knowledge of faith. I think we all need to learn more about what we believe."

"I was able to understand my group members so much better, through the sharing, the person behind the face."

"I learned we are all sometimes confused and need answers."

"Would like to see if we could continue something like this once a month."

"It was an uplifting experience to see so many people gather on cold nights and experience friendship, sharing and conversation. The series was absolutely brilliant, so well done, enlightening, provoking, and reinforcing."

"I believe these events will truly build our community, making us stronger, creating new friendships and deepening our faith and understanding in a God who unconditionally loves and forgives us."



"It was great! It felt like we are a family discussing our issues/inhibitions to resolve ourselves in faith so that we can impart the same in our day to day lives on crossing paths with anyone."

"The Search experience was very timely given the challenge of the Church's recent failings and disappointing lack of accountability. To be encouraged to actively question the Church, our faith and meaning in today's environment was a great experience and to be given tools such as The Search videos and resources on FORMED to bring us back to a deeper relationship with God and our faith and a way forward within the Church was very appreciated."

"Videos were enlightening, even though some use of Scripture was quoted with a fundamentalist or literal view."

"Would have liked the group discussions to be longer. Specially the last night could have started with a Mass."

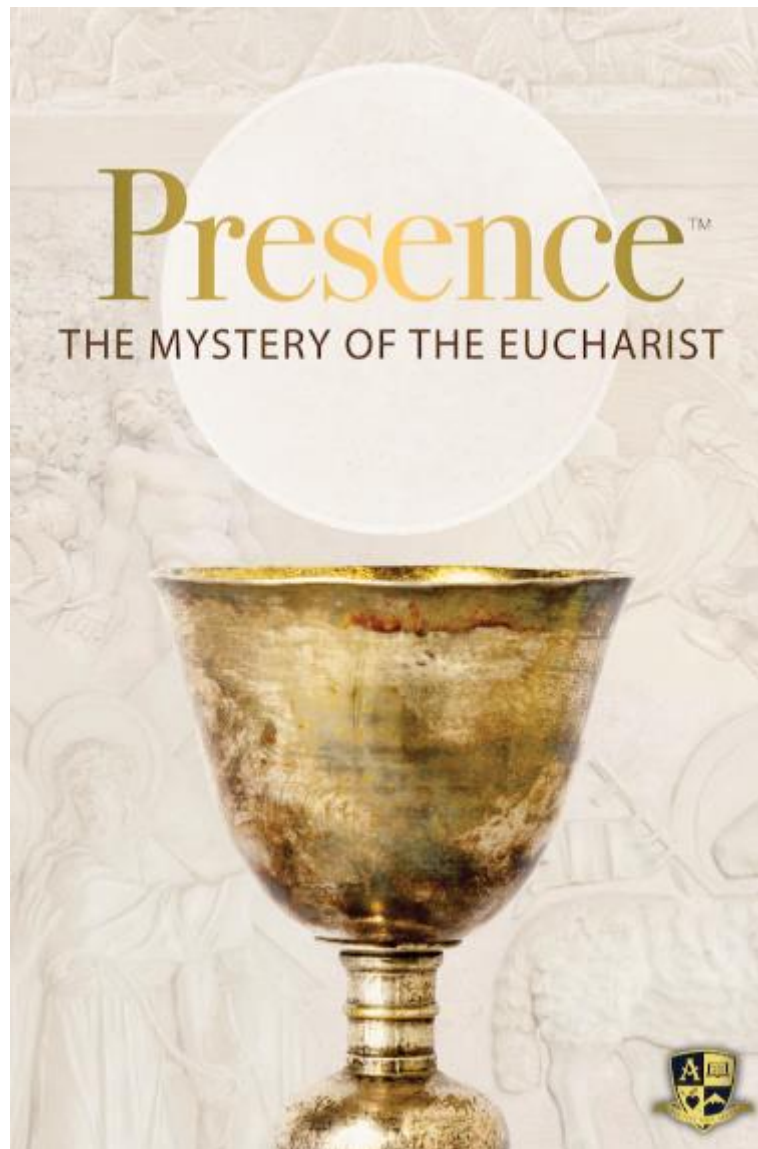
"I loved the lead up into each session and enjoyed each topic."

"Our faith grows as we grow. Life experience has an effect on our understanding. It is great to hear the beliefs and views of others. We must endeavour to see how our Faith is to be lived in our modern world."

"We met, listened, exchanged, and confirmed our faith in God. Many thoughts, concerns, and wonderful stories were told, shared, and listened to by the community."

In THE SEARCH parishioner feedback survey, we asked whether people were interested in other opportunities to get together as a parish community to watch and discuss topics that enhance our faith. 94% said YES! THE PLT are delighted to offer our next series Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. See the next page for details.

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us to watch the series and join in small group discussions.
Venue: St Louis’

Week 1: Episode 1: God is With Us - Tuesday 11 October 7.00 - 8.30pm

**Week 2: Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist - Wednesday 19 October
7.00 - 8.30pm**

Week 3: Episode 3: Bread for the Journey - Tuesday 25 October 7.00 - 8.30pm

Please register at the Welcome Desks in our church foyers

Journeying together in the Spirit

We were delighted to welcome Jacqui Giuliano from the Melbourne Archdiocese Proclaim Office to join us for 5 weeks to observe first-hand our Parish Leadership Team and Parish Pastoral Council Workshop. Here is Jacqui's reflection.

It is with a grateful heart that I write a brief reflection on my partnership with the Parish Leadership Team (PLT). I referred to it as an internship - a time of listening and learning for an agreed period of time.

In my current role I visit, accompany, and facilitate conversations within the parishes of the southern region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I have been in this role just over a year and was pleased to find not only an open door, but leadership engaged with their people, well on the journey of parish missionary renewal. The PLT agreed to my accompanying them as they meet each Tuesday afternoon for five weeks and invited me to participate in a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Team meeting on one of their bi-monthly Saturday morning gatherings.



It has been a great experience for me to watch a PLT in action.

A team who begin and end their meeting with prayer. Seeking and searching to be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit communicates through a variety of ways.

A well-oiled decision-making team, working harmoniously but with great established trust that allows robust discussion when called for.

A team who are constantly engaged in further dialogue and learning to further their parish journey. Creating opportunities to engage and grow their people and leaders to become missionary disciples, people who have chosen to follow Jesus with mind and hearts and who are looking for ways to serve.

The next step in the parish journey involves intentional invitation to those not currently in the parish community. From what I heard and saw, the seeds that have been planted and watered toward becoming a welcoming parish are ready and waiting to welcome.

Welcome those who are searching, those who may have lost their way for any number of reasons, those who are looking for a place to belong and to come home.

I wish you every blessing as we continue to walk together this way of the Gospel - inviting, growing, and making disciples. – *Jacqui Giuliano*

Take The Way of The Gospel Reference & Advisory Group

At the time of Pentecost 2021 Archbishop Peter Comensoli wrote a letter entitled "Take the Way of the Gospel" where he outlined a re-imaging of the local church in the Melbourne Archdiocese as mission communities. In June 2022 a Stakeholder Advisory and Reference Group was established by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to provide advice, suggestions, and feedback regarding the Archbishop's vision for parish mission communities.

The purpose of the group is to collaborate on the implementation of the "Take the Way of the Gospel" strategy, particularly as it applies to parishes. Members will seek to draw upon their own experiences as parishioners, as well as other professional skills and personal gifts in the service of the wider Archdiocese. The Advisory Group is made up of 6 Clergy and 9 Laity, I am delighted to represent our parish as one of the lay leader representatives. – *Berna Wake*

FATHER ANDREW'S SILVER JUBILEE



*Congratulations
Father Andrew*



FATHER ANDREW'S SILVER JUBILEE

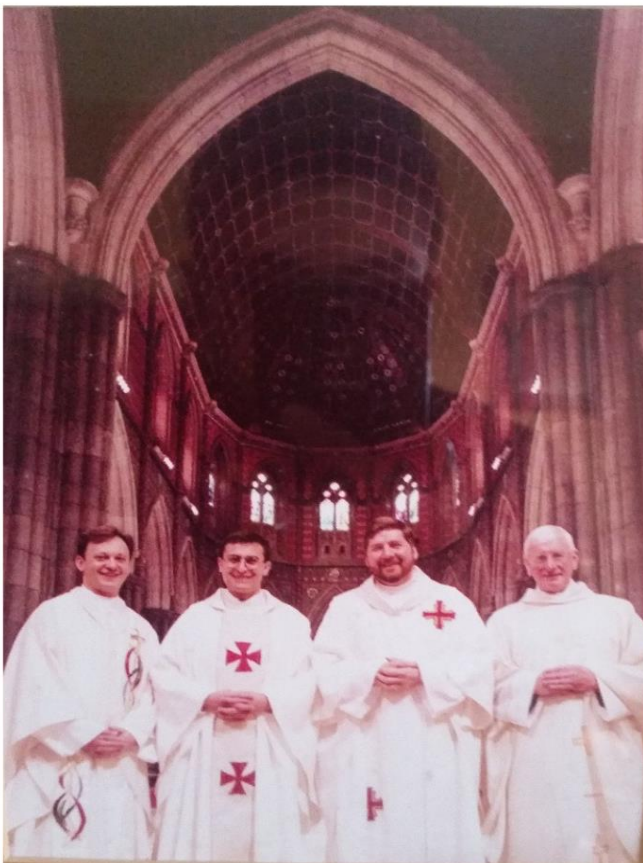
A day like none other as our parish community came together to celebrate Fr Andrew's Silver Jubilee of Ordination

On Sunday 21 August our parish community gathered together to give thanks and celebrate our wonderful Parish Priest Father Andrew Jekot on the occasion of his 25th Year of Priestly Ordination. A Mass of Thanksgiving at St Brigid's was concelebrated by Fr Andrew, Fr Peter Matheson, Fr Ignatius Tan and Fr Paddy Sykes. It was a beautiful, joyous occasion.

This was followed by a delicious barbeque lunch at St Brigid's Primary School, where over 140 people gathered in appreciation of Fr Andrew.

Fr Andrew's very good friend, Fr Paddy Sykes gave a beautiful speech covering the circles of life and friendship shared. A video of tributes to Fr Andrew followed where family and friends, along with our school students and teachers from St Louis' and St Brigid's spoke of their love and admiration, for a man who has touched many lives. The video montage to the tune of "Say a little Prayer" had people smiling, whilst the "He's the One" singalong led by Trish Angliss was a hit.

*Father Andrew, wishing you all the happiness and God's blessings that the years ahead can hold.
May the Silver keep on glowing until it turns to Gold.*





Welcome children recently baptised

Poppy Joan Taylor daughter of Michael Taylor & Megan Brosnan

Lachlan Patrick Fricke son of Ben Fricke & Jane Brosnan

Gabriella Winifred Lima & Andrea Michela Lima

daughters of Luciano Lima & Beth Castleman

Floral Loree Reid daughter of Shane & Fleur Reid

Xavier John DePropertis son of Anthony DePropertis & Amy Marton

Archie Levi Giarratana son of Robert & Kristin Giarratana

Ella Maeve Aarons daughter of Chris Aarons & Kirsty Greengrass

Kodi Phoenix Tan Nguyen & Ollie Jaxon Tan Nguyen

sons of Bao-Anh Nguyen & Ju-ni Tan

Rocky Pearson son of Michael Pearson & Tenille Kearney

James Nelson Salita son of Patrick Salita & Andrea Perseveranda

Larni Margaret Lillian Evans & Jack Andrew James Evan

children of James & Taigan Evans

Mia Nowakowski daughter of Jim & Simone Nowakowski

Penelope Jo Suarez daughter of Marcello Suarez & Linda Tempesta

William Blake Zara-Field & Eve Harper Zara-Field

children of David Field & Vivien Zara

Freya Eve Slade daughter of Sean & Clare Slade

Annabelle Teresa & Amber Taylor O'Kane daughters of Michael & Fiona O'Kane

James Leo Bohan son of Michael & Renae Bohan

Kitty Lee Brown daughter of Charles Brown & Lisa Craig

Benjamin Ambrose Singh son of Garry & Alana Singh

Hudson Ignacio Mielczarek son of Michael & Nicole Mielczarek

Mabel Noelle Ephraum daughter of Matthew & Nicole Ephraum

***Whoever welcomes a child in My name,
welcomes Me. – Luke 9:46-48.***



We hold in prayer all who have passed recently
"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." St Francis of Assisi



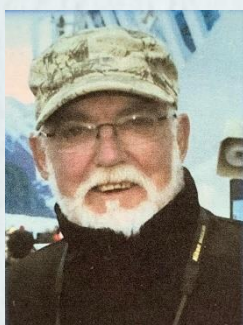
Tracey Ann Heenan (58). Tracey passed away on the 8th of June 2022. Tracey's funeral was held at St Brigid's on 21st June 2022.



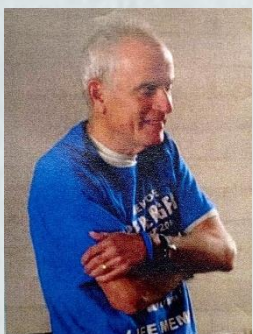
Margaret McCormack (87). Margaret passed away on the 16th of June 2022. Margaret's funeral was held at St Louis de Montfort's on 22nd June 2022.



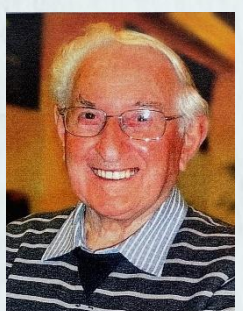
Leah Mary O'Hehir (85). Leah passed away on the 28th of June 2022. Leah's funeral was held at St Brigid's on 12th July 2022.



Glen David Martin (78). Glen passed away on the 28th of June 2022. Glen's funeral service was held at the Sanctuary Chapel, Bunurong Memorial Park on 13th July 2022.



Kevin Jennings (79). Kevin passed away on the 4th of July 2022. Kevin's funeral was held at St Brigid's on 13th July 2022.



Don Waight (100). Don passed away on the 6th of July 2022. Don's funeral service was held at WD Rose Brighton on 16th July 2022.



Maree Elizabeth Velten (81). Maree passed away on the 16th of July 2022. Maree's funeral was held at St Louis de Montfort's on 22nd July 2022.



Patricia Mary Campbell (75). Patricia passed away on the 19th of July 2022. Patricia's funeral was held at St Francis Xavier Church Frankston on 27th July 2022.



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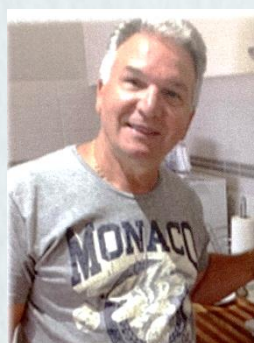
*Mary Agnes Angliss (93).
Mary passed away on the 6th
of August 2022.
Mary's funeral was held at
St Brigid's on 16th August 2022.*



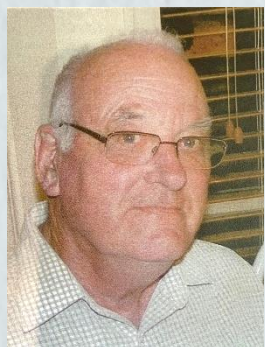
*Donald Lawrence Ferguson (92).
Donald passed away on the
17th of August 2022. Donald's
funeral was held at St Brigid's
on 24th August 2022.*



*Mary Frances Carlon (93).
Mary passed away on the 22nd
of August 2022. Mary's funeral
was held at St Louis de
Montfort's on 26th August 2022.*



*Antonio (Tony) Del Prete (74).
Tony passed away on the 23rd
of August 2022.
Tony's funeral was held at
St Brigid's on 2nd September
2022.*



*Barry Thomas Garlick (85).
Barry passed away on the 4th
of September 2022. Barry's
funeral was held at St
Patrick's Catholic Church
Kilmore on 15th September
2022.*



*Thomas (Tom) Joseph Velten
(84). Tom passed away on the
12th of September 2022. Tom's
funeral was held at St Louis de
Montfort's on 21st September
2022.*



God's Hands



It is said a picture paints a thousand words and the poster on the altar at St Louis' and St Brigid's certainly leaves you with many a word for thought, it also reminds me of a saying my mum had "God's hands are bigger than ours."

Mums saying reminded me of what was important, man is always looking above and below for the next discovery, the next big Tech, hopefully for betterment or to make the next few million. At \$10 Billion dollars the James Webb Space Telescope is the latest of over 25 space telescopes whizzing around the earth. A testament to man's engineering and talent, allowing scientists and the world to view some never-before-seen images up to 13.6 billion light years away. This impressive instrument can help us see the past, but not the future, point it towards the earth and it can't see the present but only a massive blur, it's out of focus and out of its intended design. After the garden Adam and Eve struggled with life, it became difficult, their vision out of focus, blurred, out of their intended design.

In Genesis 1:28 Adam and Eve were instructed to multiply and take care of their garden called Eden our planet earth, man's, and woman's free will working with Gods will so that Gods nature would grow and live in them and in the world, they were entrusted with, bringing healing and peace.

Micah 6:8 live justly, love, tenderly and walk humbly with your God, we must take care as at times we are repeating the works of Kane and Able and Nimrod. From the beginning we were made to be different but there was no deceit or indifference, Lord help me to see that our differences should bring us closer together, taking care of each other and the world we live in; God our creator teaches us how to walk humbly on it with insight.

This telescope is revealing to us new knowledge but it's actually old knowledge, Mrk 2:22 tells us to place new wine only in new wine skins, St Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that we should cultivate a new mind and a new heart. As we discover and learn about this new knowledge, we need Adam and Eve's original knowledge given to them by God and the Holy Spirit as a new human nature, if we were already doing this, we would have less wars and less degradation of our earth.

Mum was a simple woman with her hands always open always serving. The earth gives us all we need so we can serve one another. **Words: Felice Cortese**

CONGRATULATIONS FR BRIAN & FR IGNATIUS

Called to be a light of hope and joy



Ordination of Fr Brian Muling



On the evening of Friday 15 July, the bells rang out from St Patrick's Cathedral, joyfully anticipating the ordination of three new priests.

In a beautiful and moving liturgy, Rev. Brian Anthony Muling, Rev. Andrew John Kwiatkowski and Rev. Ignatius Boon Kim Tan were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

Little did those of us attending from our parish know that Fr Ignatius was soon to be appointed as our new Assistant Priest, pictured below with Archbishop Peter.



Fr Ignatius Tan & Archbishop Peter Comensoli



Photos courtesy of Melbourne Catholic

SERVE MINISTRIES



Building Leadership where we are all called to serve is one of the

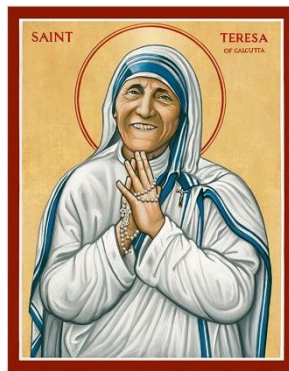
4 key anchors that underpin our Parish Mission to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples.

We have recently held Formation Sessions for our serve ministers who assist in our Hospitality, Parish Support and Care Ministries.

Fr Hoang developed the idea to have a patron Saint for each of our five Serve Ministries. On the Feast Day of each Saint, we will have the particular formation session to share ideas and update on latest developments. The 5 Patron Saints for our 5 Serve Ministries are:



*Saint Martha –
Hospitality Ministry*



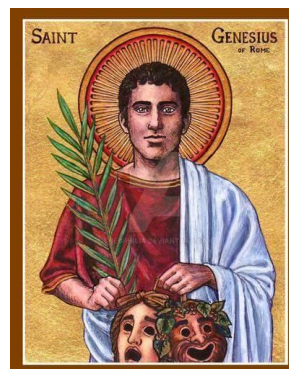
*Saint Theresa –
Care Ministry*



*Saint Mary Magdalene –
Discipleship Ministry*



*Saint Cecilia –
Liturgical Ministry*



*Saint Genesius of Arles –
Parish Support Ministry*

Our parish is built on the love of Jesus and the support and participation of our parish community. When we serve our parish, we serve God. Each one of us has been given unique gifts and talents. If you have been a little hesitant about stepping up to serve in our parish, we encourage you to pray and take that step forward. The various serve ministry roles in our parish are covered in our Serve Ministry booklet. We encourage you to pick up a copy in the church foyers or have a look online at our parish website. Our Parish Leadership Team will ensure you are well supported and will help you to find the role that fits you best.



St Mary of the Cross Parish
Serve Ministries

*Where is God calling
you to serve?*

2022

Serve Ministry Booklet

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST MARY OF THE CROSS



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