



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 November 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
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Fr Ignatius Tan

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Ann Fitzgerald

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Matthew's Gospel, a very wealthy master entrusts his assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.



Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved.

The message for us is that we must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in our own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

According to Nick Brodie, the Dean of Academic Studies in Hobart, "This Gospel, Pope Francis says, highlights that 'not doing good is not good'. The Pope points out that goodness is more than the absence of harm. Burying our talent and passively neglecting our gift is not what God wants. We have been given many gifts: Faith, the Gospel, the Sacraments, even the Holy Spirit! We Christians cannot, therefore, be a people who respond to God by turning in on ourselves and burying our treasures because we are fearful of losing them. Having been 'entrusted' with God's property – the Church, the Earth, even our very lives and the lives of others– we will be called to account for our custodianship of it."

This parable reminds me of real-life choices that Christians need to be making today. Living Christianity is not simply avoiding evil; there is the demand on us that we actually contribute, that we act in ways that promote Gospel values. Did we help out someone in need? Did we make a stand for justice; Did we put the gifts we have been given at the service of Jesus? What will the Master say to us when he returns?

This weekend our beautiful Year 2 families will be joining us at Mass. The Yr 2 students have explored this parable in class and came up with a very appropriate theme that we can all aspire to: Use your Talents to Serve Others and Be More!

Can we take up this challenge?

Marylène Douglas - St Louis' de Montfort Primary School

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

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. The Church dedicates the month of November to intercession for souls in purgatory. Through these prayers, may God also grant us solace in the absence of our loved ones and greater hope of reunion one day in heaven. Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a four-part video series on FORMED - watch.formed.org/eternal-rest.



ADVENT RETREAT

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

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

Please register at the welcome desk.

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

Our small Advent groups will start the week of the 28th November. There are 4 groups in-person and online, they go for one hour each week, for 4 weeks. Please register at the welcome desk. It is an opportunity to reflect on the Advent scriptures. All are welcome.

Group 1. Tuesdays 10am St. Louis' Trish Le- Brocq. **Starts 28th November**

Group 2. Wednesdays 10.30am St. Brigid's Frances North. **Starts 29th November**

Group 3. Wednesdays 7.30pm Tony & Josie's house. **Starts 29th November**

Group 4. Thursdays 7.30pm online Zoom Ann Furlong. **Starts 30th November**



SERVE MINISTERS THANK YOU LUNCH

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. Please register at the welcome desk for catering purposes. **Sunday 3rd December, after the 11am mass in the Presbytery Grounds 12.00pm - 1.30pm.** We look forward to seeing you all there.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - LET'S DO LUNCH

Enjoy a Christmas Lunch with Christmas Carols performed by St Louis' School Choir on Thursday **30th Nov 12pm-2pm at St Louis' church.** A donation to SVDP Assist a Student Program would be appreciated. Please register your interest at the welcome desk. All parishioners are welcome.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS & SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2024 Columban Calendars & SVDP Christmas Cards are now available from the piety stalls after the weekend Masses. Calendars are \$10 & Christmas Cards are \$3.50 per pack.

PRAYER MINISTER ROSTER

The Prayer Minister Roster for next weekend is as follows - **6pm Mass** Ann Furlong and Berna Wake, **8am Mass** Connie Nichols **9:30am Mass** Teresa Basile and Jon Searle, **11am Mass** Ellen Young and Graham Harrison.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home.

Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair.

You are our peace and light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East.

Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your love. Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen

Please pick up a prayer card for peace in the middle east from the church foyers.



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ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

MOVEMBER COLLECTION

Your donation could help a man diagnosed with prostate cancer live longer and be there when his granddaughter walks the aisle. Or go towards research and resources that guide another man through testicular cancer recovery so he's back to his old self, having a drink with his mates sooner. Donations also fund vital mental health and suicide prevention projects and have already funded over 1,320 men's health projects so far. Your generosity is appreciated.



ROSTER DECEMBER 2023 to MARCH 2024

The latest Serve Ministries roster has been emailed out to all volunteers. If you require a printed copy please collect one from the welcome desk.

SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

The Scripture & Friendship Christmas breakup is on **Tuesday 21st November at 10am**. This will be our final Scripture and Friendship gathering for 2023, **(date has changed to allow participation in our Parish Advent groups)**. All are welcome to join us for a morning of sharing/scripture/prayer and a delightful morning tea with a touch of Christmas. Please bring a small plate to share. Venue: Ann's Home Contact Ann 0425712741 or Carmel 0425773608

BOB'S KNITTING GROUP

A huge thank you to our Bob's Knitting Group for the beautiful items you have created so far, both in your monthly get-togethers and those who are knitting at home. These will be donated to various worthy causes including St Kilda Mums, The John Paul College Companion Van for those sleeping rough on the streets, the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project and Frankston Pregnancy Assist.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas Choir Practice is on every **Tuesday evening from 7:30pm** at St Louis' Church. This is for the Christmas Eve 8:30pm Mass at St Louis' and the Midnight Mass at St Brigids. Please contact Trish Angliss on 0421 604 849 for further details.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ST KILDA EAST - CAROLS

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga warmly invites you to a beautiful Advent Carols event, at St Mary's Catholic Church St Kilda East on Saturday 9th December starting at 2pm followed by afternoon tea at 3pm. This is a free event. For catering purposes please email cwlvicww@gmail.com or go to www.trybooking.com/CMCSZ.

DO YOU LIKE SINGING? JOIN THE CHOIR AT THE INTER-CHURCH CAROLS

This year at the Inter-church Council Carols on 10 December (starting at 6.30 pm) we would love to have a choir of people from all of our local churches. Practices for this event will be on Mondays 27 November and 4 December at the Chelsea Town Hall in Station Street. The practice will start at 7.30 pm and conclude at 8.30 pm. If you would like to be part of this choir, please contact Rev Sue Bluett on 0433 024 626 or suzannejbluett@gmail.com so that the music and the singing parts you need can be forwarded to you.

ACN: NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites you to Night of the Witnesses on **22 November 2023 at 7pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. An evening to remember, to pray and to be inspired by the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside over the evening. For more details visit aidtochurch.org/notw

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

The alarming escalation of violence in Gaza is leaving people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Your support is needed now. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.





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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sue Kelly (Michelle, Julie and Lyn's Mother)

Sue Kelly's family wish to thank SMOTC parishioners who have been praying for their mother over her long illness journey. The Rosary & Funeral Mass for Sue is on the 28th of November at 10:30am at St Louis'.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lorraine Iwanow, Maria Mota, Bill Whyte, George Dowker, Bernadette De Maskens, James Moloney, Guy Anquetil, Tammy Sullivan, Albert Weiss, Barry Brown, Johanna Jones, Colin Smith, Joyce Greene, Ellen Jones, John Jones, Gert Marshall, Laurie Worsnop, John McGinley, Jack Marshall, Mary Poda, Gaston Joseph, Carmen Melder, Helen Bibby, Claire Barrile, Elisabeth Gerlach, Saul Lemus, Frank O'Connell, Russell Brilliant, Alfredo Cardamone, Augusto Godeassi, Jack Vines, Brian Carroll, Brian Grace, Elisa Villar, Leticia Semeniano, Charlie Vassallo, Alwyn Summerton, Thomas Kelly, Leonie Laughlin, Bertram Cramer, Pina Pecora, Antonio and Sarina Paola

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

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

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
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Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

Christ the King - Readings (Year A) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46								
25th & 26th November	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Michael Barker	Debra Searle	Anthony Barnhoorn	Bernie Stuart	Carmel Barker	Volunteer	Danny Carey	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Stefanie Carino	Carole Guthrie	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Volunteer	Barry Wheeler	Veronica Johnson
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Lisa Tuke	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	N/A	Carmel Smith	Rosemary Miller	Ann Furlong
11:00am (M)	Volunteer	Lucy Cameron	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Vikki Fitzgerald	Tung Phan	Robyn Worsnop	Tung Phan
Counters	Group 5 - Aileen Dynes, Mary & Serge Nayna							
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.

