



# 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**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 September 2024**  
**Readings for Year B: Isaiah 35: 4-7 James 2: 1-5 Mark 7: 31-37**



## *He has done all things well*

In Mark 7:31-37, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and has difficulty speaking. He is in the region of the Decapolis, a largely non-Jewish area. The man's friends bring him to Jesus, hoping for a miracle. Jesus takes the man aside privately, touches his ears and tongue, and says "Ephphatha," meaning "Be opened." Immediately, the man can hear and speak clearly.

The crowd is astonished, praising Jesus for His extraordinary works. This miracle demonstrates Jesus' compassion and His power to heal and restore. It also symbolizes the broader spiritual healing Jesus offers, making us reflect on our own openness to His transformative grace.

**Carmel Stutterd**  
**St. Louis' Primary School Principal**

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.

## ONLINE AUCTION THIS WEEKEND

**Starts Friday 6 September at 5pm until 5pm**

**Sunday 8 September.**



Bid on over 50 items with all proceeds going to BASP to support refugees and asylum seekers. Scan the QR code or copy this link to go straight to the auction site

<https://airauctioneer.com/jag-basp-online-auction-2024>. If you need any assistance bidding online, please call Maree on 0407 376 505.



All are welcome to join JAG members from **3.00pm on Sunday 8th September at St Louis'** for afternoon tea or wine and cheese to watch the auction come to a close. If you need a hand to place a bid and are having difficulty with online bidding there will be people there to assist you with your bids.

## PLEASE NOTE - Changes to weekday masses this week

St. Louis' - Tues and Thurs will be Communion Services. St. Brigid's - Wednesday Mass has been cancelled.

## 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](#).



## 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.

## 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 started Week 1 of our current Alpha last week, but it's not too late to join. Please register with the QR code.



# Announcements



## Child Protection Week 1 - 7 September - Safeguarding Sunday 8 September

### Every conversation matters

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child abuse prevention in our communities. Conversations are powerful tools in our parishes for keeping children and young people safe and well. Our own Child Safeguarding team work hard to keep all children in our parish safe by making sure all our volunteers are compliant. Their names are listed at the end of our bulletin.

On Safeguarding Sunday, we recognise and apologise to those who have been abused, their families and supporters, from the harm done by priests, religious, and lay people within Church settings. We recommit ourselves to safe practices and protocols to create and maintain safe environments for all people. Together, through awareness, conversation, and prayer, we can build a safer, more supportive community for our children and young people.



The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year's theme is **"To hope and act with Creation"**

We will be celebrating the Season of Creation throughout September but will have an emphasis on the weekend of **14/15**. On that weekend we will ask you to bring along some **'fruits of the earth'** that we can collect and then donate to Vinnies and Parkdale Pantry to be distributed to those in need.

### 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 about the program <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/> Renowned Aussie journalist, Heather Ewart, follows a Community Supporter Group and refugee household who participated in the CRISP in an upcoming episode of ABC's Back Roads. She explores how local support for refugee arrivals in regional Australia can enrich the broader community, along with other stories of local welcome. **Tune in Tuesday, 10th September at 8pm AEST on ABC or iView.**

## Parish Groups

### Bob's Knitting Group

As the warmer months approach, it's time to prepare for next winter. If you're an all year crafter, switch to cotton and quick & easy items such as beanies, socks or squares for blankets. Knitted or crochet squares should measure 20 x 20cm & remember to leave a long tail for sewing up.

Once again, a huge thank you to all who supported us this past winter. Monique ♥

### Justice Action Group

Our September JAG meeting is on Wednesday 11 September from 7.30-9pm at St Louis'. All are welcome.

An urgent call has been sent out for woolen blankets for the homeless and victims of domestic and family violence within the City of Kingston. If you can assist, please leave your clean blankets in the containers in the church foyer.

### Scripture & Friendship Group

Our next get together is Tuesday 10 September at 10am at 47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale. Any enquiries contact Ann 0425 712 741. All welcome.

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14/15 SEPTEMBER 2024

| 14/15 Sept 2024 | 24th Sunday Ordinary Time Readings (Yr B) |                         | Isaiah 50: 5-9    | James 2: 14-18      | Mark 8: 27-35      |             |                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                 | Reader                                    | Commentator             | Special Minister  | Special Minister    | Special Minister   | Welcomer    | Welcomer        |
| 6pm (A)         | Bernie Stuart                             | Volunteer               | Marg De Vries     | Volunteer           | Lesley-Anne Bailey | Ann Brennan | Danny Carey     |
| 8.00am (M)      | Chris McAleer                             | Stefanie Carino         | Carole Guthrie    | Jack Guthrie        | Joan Healy         | Jack Meyer  | Angela Meo      |
| 9.30am (A)      | Niko Tovia                                | Maureen Wraight         | Alison Krishnadas | Elizabeth Newington | Ann Furlong        | Berna Wake  | Trish Le Brocq  |
| 11.00am (M)     | Jennifer Rodrigues                        | Paula Rodrigues         | Juan Wilson       | Philippa Pecora     | Helen Rocks        | Judy Lamb   | Mary Ann Farren |
| Counters        | Group 1                                   | Gary & Joanne Partleton |                   | Ron Soares          |                    |             |                 |

**Recently deceased:** Fr Des Magennis, Vittorio Paterno (Mordialloc), Patricia Daly (East Parkdale).

**Anniversaries of those who have died:** Dr Peter Nelson, Fr Tom White, Eileen Hannan, Blossom Baldery, Maureen Reidy, Trish Hone, Beryl D'Sylva, Roma Kampf, Letetia Sheehan, Vincenta Vella, Maureen Cuskelly, Robert Reid, Nicholas Rainsford, John Martin, Morris Joseph, Ken Raphael, Dirk Senn, Fr Michael Quigley, June Rosina Phippen, Ethel Cecilia Coghlan, Joseph D'Rozario, Don Byrnes, Denise McMahon, James Doran (snr), Freda Fernandez, Fr Peter Murray, Kurt Wessel, Filippina Gazzo, Tom Velten, Sr Anne Boyd, Mary Coen, Julien Mendonça, Sheila Popley, Gordon Teasdale, William Blackie, Anthony Purcell, Dea Thomson, Kevin Worfolk, Leonarda Costanzo.

**Praying for the sick:** Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, 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](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 6pm St Louis; Sun 8am St Brigid's; Sun 9.30am St Louis'; Sun 11am St Brigid's.

**Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:**

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

Every Fri 10.30am St Brigid's and 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm St Louis'.

### RECONCILIATION

Fri 12pm St Brigid's, Sat 5.30pm St Louis'.

### CONTACT US

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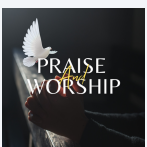
## GROWING IN COMMUNITY AND BELONGING AT ST MARY OF THE CROSS



**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.

### This Week on FORMED - A Bible study of the Annunciation

In this video Dr Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38. highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://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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