



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 August 2024

Our Readings for Year B: 1 Kings 19: 4-8; Ephesians 4: 30, 5:2; John 6: 41-51



The bread he gives, is his very self

"Pope Francis suggests that 'the bread of life' – Jesus – should never be treated as 'a side dish'. True faith in Jesus means recognising that he is the nourisher of our very being.

'We need bread to live', the Pope says. In identifying himself as 'the bread of life', therefore, Jesus wants us to see that he is essential. Through him we find meaning for our lives and nourishment for our souls.

We see in today's Gospel passage that Jesus wants his followers to understand that he is not merely a provider of bread.

The Pope encourages us to embrace our sense of amazement at this mystery. 'No one in this world', the Pope points out, 'as much as they might love another person, can make themselves become food for them.' Jesus is telling us something truly amazing: The bread he gives is his very self!

Interestingly, Jesus chooses to affirm this in response to squabbling within the crowd. They were arguing about Jesus, focused on where he came from. 'Perhaps we too might be scandalised', the Pope suggests, 'it might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life'. But Jesus' followers are called to help, not hinder his eternal self-giving. As the Pope says, 'God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world.' We pray that through the Church, in the Eucharist, and in the life of every Christian, Jesus continues to feed the world."

Nick Brodie - Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall, Hobart.

Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

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.

Announcements

Bible Study - Unlocking the mystery of the Bible - Starts this Tuesday

All are welcome to join an 8-part Bible study to help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture and get the “big picture” of the Bible.

When: August 13th to October 1st. Every Tuesday for 8 weeks.

Where: Upper Room, St Brigid's Church, Mordialloc.

Time: 6.30pm start: 8pm finish, comprising 30 minutes of fellowship and refreshments, 30-minute video and 30 minutes of discussion. Register with the QR code or contact Emily Wisniewski (emwisnie@gmail.com)



Curious about Alpha?

You may have heard about Alpha and wonder what it's all about. If you were part of our previous Alpha (April-May) please think about inviting a friend or family member to come to casual drinks, nibbles and an intro to Alpha on **Tuesday 3 September at 7pm at St. Brigid's Primary School Hall (Barkly St, Mordialloc)**. There is no judgement and no pressure, just come and see. There are invitation postcards available on the pews and our Welcome Desks.

Registration details are included on the postcard. **Please register before 26 August.** This short video will give you more information about what Alpha is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK_Xb3Wg



Mary Mackillop Feast Day 8 August

At all masses this weekend, we will have the opportunity to pray with St Mary of the Cross for her prayerful intervention. We also invite everyone to enjoy a cuppa and special cake after mass. *'Make no reserves with God. Reject no-one. You never know what grace can do.'*

Tuesday 9.15am Mass cancelled

PLEASE NOTE: 9.15am Mass is cancelled this week due to the funeral of Ray Martin (R.I.P.) at **11am on Tuesday 13 August** at St. Louis. Rosary at 10.30am. Burial and refreshments at Springvale Cemetery.



Feast of the Assumption - Thursday 15 August

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are: 9.15am in the St Louis school hall. 11.30am in the St Brigid's school hall and 7pm at St Brigid's church.

Men's Fellowship Group

Our Men's Fellowship group will gather on **Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm at St. Louis** to continue to watch the acclaimed series “My Father's Father.” Come along into this safe space to talk about faith and enjoy some new friendships. New members are very welcome.

Scripture & Friendship Group

PLEASE NOTE: The Scripture and Friendship Group has been **cancelled for this coming Tuesday 13 August** due to the two funerals occurring on that morning. We will meet again on Tuesday 27th August.

Earthcare Team thanks

Thanks to all our parishioners who saved up their plastic bottle tops, blister packs, soft plastics etc. and brought them along for our Earthcare team to recycle. It was a great response to our first recycling and awareness campaign.

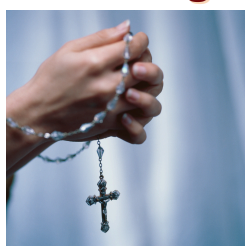
Growing in Community and Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy.
4-10-year-olds.
4th weekend of
the month.



Praise & Worship.
3rd Friday of
the month
7.30-8.30pm.



Rosary & Adoration.
1st Saturday of the
month 4.30-5.30pm
St. Louis'.



Scripture & Friendship.
2nd & 4th Tuesday
of the month
10-11.30am.



Prayer Ministry.
Intercessory prayer.
last weekend of the
month - all masses.

Announcements

2024 Archbishops Campaign

The Archdiocesan Development Office is introducing a streamlined approach to fundraising to support the **Archdiocesan ministries**. This will reduce the number of times Archdiocesan collections are requested during the year. Envelopes are available at the Welcome desk containing more information.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our own Fr Ignatius on Friday 9 August. We hope you had a wonderful day and managed to celebrate the occasion. We are truly blessed to have you in our Parish. May God continue to bless you in all ways.

JAG - Fundraiser for Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

Our **JAG group** is running a **Silent Online Auction** in **August** to raise money for the **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project**. Donations of artwork, new books, vouchers, plants, craftwork, gifts, toys, etc will be appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Contact **Maree on 0407 376 505 by 12th August** for more details.

Next JAG Meeting - Wednesday 14 August 7.30-9pm

If you are looking for ways to understand more and take action with social justice issues including Domestic & Family Violence & Homelessness, Refugees and People Seeking Asylum, First Nations People, Human Trafficking and Protection of the Environment please come along to **our next JAG meeting on Wednesday 14 August in the St. Louis meeting room at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

Praise and Worship Night

Our next Praise and Worship night is **Friday the 16 August from 7.30 to 8.30pm at St. Brigid's church**. All are welcome to come and be filled with the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture and song. This month's worship will be led by Carmel Barker.

Thank You for your outreach



A big thanks to our wonderful parishioners who made knitted items and donated clothing and food for our JAG outreach initiatives including SHAC (Seaford Housing Action Coalition) & homeless people who are served by the John Paul College Companion Van in Frankston. On Tuesday 6th August, our 7 parishioners pictured here, helped out with the John Paul College Companion Van. Our team gave out parish donations, prepared toasties and hot drinks, distributed grocery items and spent time chatting to the visitors to the van. This is our Parish Mission in action - Love God, Love Others & Make Disciples.

Bob's Knitting Group



The next gathering for Bob's Knitting Group is **Friday 16 August** from 10am to 12.30pm in the St. Louis meeting room. All are welcome to join in. Enjoy a cuppa and make some new friends. You are also welcome to take home some wool from the baskets in the foyers and knit up some garments and bring them back so they can be donated to charities for distribution to those in need. For any enquiries contact Monique on 0422 155 694.

Longbeach Parishioners Luncheon

The next Parishioners Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 21st August at The Cove Hotel Thompsons Rd, Patterson Lakes**. For bookings ring either Patricia Adams on 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733 alternatively leave a message on 9772-7292.



This Week on FORMED

A Bible Study on The Glorious Mysteries: Assumption

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr John Sehorn & Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma.

Go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17/18 August 2024

17/18 August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings Year B			Proverbs 9: 1-6	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51-58		
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Jenny Ford	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Carmel Barker	Gail McGillivray	Janice Hughes	Tom Hughes	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Jane Standish	Barry Wheeler	Carole Guthrie	Stephen Pooley	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Elizabeth Newington	Felice Cortese	Mary Nayna	Ann Furlong	Volunteer	Joe Corda	Tony Allday
11.00am (M)	Judy Lamb	Michelle Campbell	Juan Wilson	Vikki Fitzgerald	Louise Breslin	Ellen Young	Helen Rocks	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks						

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Margaret Nelan, Jo Wakeham, Phyllis Laughlin, Patrick White, David Lavery, Don Ferguson, Don Ferguson, Alice Barkley, Paolo Laria, Cecil Rowe, Annie Drenen, Jose De La Luz Amaya, Vera Phillips, Joaquim Rovira Reixach, Christopher Jones, Bernadette Munro, Joseph Asciak, Jan Smith, Phil Cain, Patricia Sayers, Donald Milne, Lorna Coyne, Margaret Scarrott, Antonia Bautista, Janet White, Robert O'Kane, Elvis Ricky Thurgood, Joseph Ellul, Angelo Stoppa, Margaret Fallon, Joseph Chan, Pat Crowe, Joaquim Rovira-Reixach, Maria Tesoriero, John (Jack) Wilkinson, Hector Bibby, Don Sutherland, Br Bill Lebler, Bronislaw Zukowski, Mary Carlon, Marie O'Dea, Clare Brennan, Kathrine Fernandes, Phyllis Laughlin, Ernesto Leme, Maurice Dowd, Roger Parfait, John Michael Malone, Mary Baldock, Tom Drenen, Tony (Antonio) Del Prete, Sr Mary Imeldine A.C., Sr Mary Silvaria A.C., Frances D'Argent, Aloysius Demonte, May Demonte, Dennis Tamplin

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS:

Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Fernanda Barbarino, Valerie O'Hara, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Ben Quirk, Bernadette Carr, Nancy Selby, Sr Anita Le Clerq, Giulie Waddell, Desmond Dunn, Brenda Cortese, Adam Taylor.

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

Mass Times

Weekend Masses



Saturday: 6pm Vigil 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)

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary



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

Reconciliation



Friday - 12pm St. Brigid's,
 Saturday - 5.30pm St. Louis'

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 Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

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 9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

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

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