



# 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**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 September 2024**  
**Readings for Year B: Isaiah 50: 5-9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35**



*Whoever wants to be first  
must be last*

This week's gospel presents a significant teaching moment from Jesus, while he and his disciples were traveling through Galilee. Jesus knew that his time on earth was short and he would soon face suffering. The disciples were preoccupied with their own concerns and ambitions, arguing among themselves about who among them was the greatest.

Jesus, aware of their discussion, sat down and called them to him. He taught them that true greatness in the kingdom of God is not about seeking status or recognition, but rather about humility and service. He illustrated this by taking a child into his arms and saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

This passage challenges us to examine our own motivations and priorities. It reminds us that God's kingdom operates on principles that often stand in stark contrast to the values of the world. True greatness is found in humility, in serving others selflessly, and in putting the needs of others before our own. Reflecting on this passage invites us to consider how we can emulate Jesus' example of humility and service in our daily lives, and how we can cultivate a spirit of compassion and care for those around us, especially the marginalised and vulnerable.

**Tanya Stefanec**

**Deputy Principal at St. Louis Primary  
School and Wellbeing Leader**

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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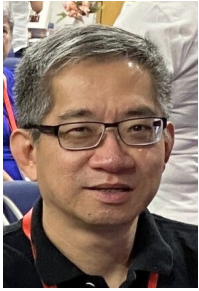
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# Parish News

## AFTERNOON TEA FOR FR IGNATIUS THIS SUNDAY



This weekend is Fr Ignatius' last one with us, before he takes up his next appointment 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. No need to book, just come along, and we invite you to bring a plate if you can.

**The details are: Sunday 22 September at 2.30pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall (enter via Barkly Street, Mordialloc).**

There will be cards to sign and donation boxes in the foyers this weekend and at the venue. God bless you Father Ignatius.

## PLEASE NOTE - Changes to Weekday Mass Times

**Thursday 9.15am** Mass at St Louis on 26 September will be replaced with a Communion Service.

Also, the **11.30am Mass** at St Brigid's on Friday 27 September (public holiday) will go ahead as per normal



### Offertory Giving Campaign

Dear Parishioners, In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over a three-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital

part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

### St Vincent de Paul

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Let's Do Footy Lunch' at St Louis'. It was a very enjoyable event and thanks to your generosity we are able to sponsor another two students in developing countries through St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. This weekend members of Vinnies will be giving a brief talk after Mass and hosting the cuppa. Please join them to learn more about what Vinnies does.



### Alpha

We are up to week 4 of our latest Alpha series and it is again a very rewarding experience where faith is being deepened and friendships formed. Please pray for every guest on the Alpha journey. Week 4 continues on **Tuesday 24 September from 6.30-8.30pm** at St Brigid's Primary School Hall (Barkly St. Mordialloc)



### Memorial Book

In the month of November, we commemorate All Souls Day remembering all of our loved ones who have passed away. Our Memorial book contains the names of all who have been remembered in our Parish Bulletin over many decades and is placed on the altar and remembered in Masses throughout the month of November. If you would like to include your loved one who has passed away in the past 12 months, whom you have not registered previously, please fill in a form which is available on our Welcome Desks.

## Which Serve Ministry is right for you?

Here are some of the many ways you can serve at St Mary of the Cross. Pick up a copy of our Serve Ministry booklet in the church foyers or on our [website](#) or speak to one of our Parish Leadership Team.

### Welcomer

Do you enjoy greeting people & giving helpful information?

### Music

Do you love to sing or play an instrument?

### Altar Flowers

Do you love to see our altar beautifully decorated?

### Mass

Would you like to participate in the Mass as a reader, commentator, special minister?

### Children's Ministry (KidzZone)

Would you like to teach kids about Jesus' life and His love for them?

### Church Grounds

Do you have a green-thumb and love doing the garden?

### Prayer Minister

Do you have a heart for others and deeply feel the power of prayer?

# Announcements

## Online Information session on the Permanent Diaconate



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permanent diaconate.

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the

### Online Diaconate information meeting:

**Tuesday, 24 September · 19:30 – 21:00. Location: via ZOOM.**

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison. **Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au**

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.



## Season of Creation

**September 1 - October 4, 2024**

“Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have

witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.” **Pope Francis**



## Baptism Celebrations this weekend

**Sunday 22 September**

We welcome into our parish family:

**Lily Maree, Logan Matthew, Grace Charlotte, and Ruby Louise**

*God has you in his hands on this special day.*

*With every step you take, He guides you on your way.*

## CRISP (Community Refugee and Integration Settlement)

Members of our JAG team have joined with OLA Parish Cheltenham to support a refugee family to assimilate in Australia. To learn more : <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/> In early November we will begin a series of fundraising activities to support the team with their sponsorship.

**Save  
the  
date**



## Annual Blessing of Pets - Saturday 5 October 10am

Our Annual Blessing of Pets (all creatures great and small) will take place on **Saturday 5 October from 10am on the steps of St Brigid's Church**. All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing by Father. All pets will receive a certificate of blessing and a treat.

## Family Friendship Day - Sunday 27 October

Our Annual Refugee Friendship and Family Day Picnic will be held on **27 October in the school garden at St Louis Primary School** starting at 12pm. More details to follow.

# Parish Groups

## Bob's Knitting Group

If you're an all year crafter, switch to cotton and quick & easy items such as beanies, socks or squares for blankets. You are welcome to take home some wool from the baskets in the foyers. Knitted or crochet squares should measure 20 x 20cm & remember to leave a long tail for sewing up.

Thanks Monique ❤️

## Men's Fellowship Group

Our next gathering is on **Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm** at St Louis. All men of the parish are welcome.

## Prayer Ministry next weekend 28/29 September

What is Prayer Ministry? It is two or more people praying with you for a particular intention. Everyone is invited to take part in this opportunity. It will only be for a few minutes and the prayer team will gently guide you. All you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God. Father will announce the Prayer Ministry teams at the end of Mass.

## Scripture and Friendship

Will resume post the school holidays.



Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28/29 SEPTEMBER 2024

| 28/29 Sept 2024 | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings (Year B) Numbers 11: 25-29 James 5: 1-6 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48 |                        |                  |                   |                     |                 |              |                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
|                 | Reader                                                                                                             | Commentator            | Special Minister | Special Minister  | Special Minister    | Welcomer        | Welcomer     | Prayer Ministers                 |
| 6pm (A)         | Debra Searle                                                                                                       | Marg De Vries          | Michael Barker   | Julius Lau        | Carmel Barker       | Jan Hughes      | Tom Hughes   | Bernie Stuart<br>Ann Furlong     |
| 8.00am (M)      | Tony Aloysius                                                                                                      | Krystyna Wrzesinski    | Chris McAleer    | Stephen Pooley    | Marlene Tangso      | Carole Guthrie  | Jack Guthrie | Connie Nicholls<br>Jack Meyer    |
| 9.30am (A)      | Irene Crowe                                                                                                        | Lisa Tuke              | Maureen Wraight  | Alison Krishnadas | Elizabeth Newington | Rosemary Miller | Niko Tovia   | Mary Nayna<br>Jon Searle         |
| 11.00am (M)     | Lucy Cameron                                                                                                       | Michelle Campbell      | Louise Breslin   | Helen Rocks       | Peter Hannan        | Mary Ann Farren | Judy Lamb    | Graham Harrison<br>Nicky Winters |
| Counters        | Group 2                                                                                                            | Helen and Kelvin Rocks |                  |                   |                     |                 |              |                                  |

**Recently deceased:** Paolo Carnibella (Parkdale)

**Anniversaries of those who have died:** Lucy Rogen, Luciana Miglietti, Alexandra Grace Walsh, Ruby Stoppa, Clare Dunn, Mary Augello, Mary Gleeson, Stefan Mitula, Godwin Cassano, Rodelio Torres, Gwen Murfett, Ken Lawrence, Eileen Raphael, Msgnr Lawrence Chua, Zorka Marinovic, Ruth Hickey, Cyril Touhy, Bert Vickers, Annie McFall, Ron Argent, Greg Kellett, Denzil Popley, Don Swaine, Frank Buxton, Joseph Stuart Hamilton, Sarah McCorquodale, Paola Zahra, Therese Antonios, Phil Wraight, Robert Mitchell, Megan Abbot, Lorenzo Barbarino.

**Praying for the sick:** Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Maureen Fitzgerald, 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, Elaine Kent.

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

St Louis Saturday 6pm

St Brigid's Sunday 8am

St Louis Sunday 9.30am

St Brigid's Sunday 11am

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

[m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass](http://m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion

Service, St Louis Tuesday 9.15am,

St Brigid's Wed 10am, St Louis Thurs

9.15am, St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am

St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm

### RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm

St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

### CONTACT US

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### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,

Berna Wake

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

### FORMED

#### This Week on FORMED - St Vincent de Paul Catholic Saints

Join Dr Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share with us about the life of St Vincent de Paul who dedicated himself to helping the poor, and was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity.

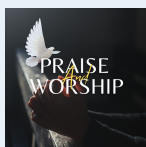
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
5 - 12-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.

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

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Fr Andrew Jekot 03 9412 8432

Fr Ignatius Tan 03 9412 8432

Trish Angliss 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin 0415 963 799

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