



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 23 July 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel emphasises the Kingdom of God. The parables teach us about God's desire for justice and kindness, the Spirit's help in our weaknesses, and the effect of the growth and impact of the Kingdom.

Jesus shares with us a parable about a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field, but an enemy also sowed weeds among them. This story challenges us to reflect in our hearts and on our choices. It reminds us that we all have moments of goodness and weakness, love and selfishness and that recognising our imperfections humbles us and invites self-reflection. He also shares the parable of the mustard seed and yeast, illustrating the small beginnings and transformative power of God's kingdom.

It is important to understand that we can influence others through our words, actions, and attitudes, becoming agents of positive change. These themes were reflected in listening to our Guest Speaker Roseanne Rofaeel - the founder and CEO of a not for profit organisation 'Christmas on the Streets' - at our Year 5 and 6 'Spirit Filled People' evening. Roseanne spoke of her calling to live her life as a missionary after being inspired by Mother Teresa. From the age of 17 she donated her birthday money to create two water wells in a community in Cambodia, one in Ethiopia and one in Mozambique. In 2016 she recognised the need to help the homeless in her own backyard - the streets of Melbourne. Today at the age of 26 she continues to work amongst people that society has turned their back on and she works tirelessly to support them. Her work aims to change the lives of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves. She asked us all to recognise the gifts and talents we have been given and to use them for good. She recognises that she may never solve the homeless problem, reach everyone or create a world that is free from poverty but that one small act of kindness is enough to make a difference for someone.

Roseanne's life mission is reflected in the parable of the mustard seed. This parable reveals the extraordinary potential in seemingly small aspects of our lives. Small acts of faith and love can have a significant impact when nurtured. It challenges our perception of value, reminding us that God's kingdom works humbly. Simple acts of kindness, compassion, and faithfulness can ripple through lives, contributing to the growth of God's kingdom. Even our smallest actions infused with faith and love can have far-reaching effects. Our choices and interactions matter and it is now up to us to

By Michelle Barron St Louis' de Montfort Primary School



PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: 27 JULY 7.30PM AT ST LOUIS INFORMATION NIGHT ON THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an invitation to the Australian people from First Nations Australians. It asks Australians to walk together to build a better future by establishing a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution, and the establishment of a Makarrata Commission for the purpose of treaty making and truth-telling.

CUPPA WEEKEND

This weekend is a cuppa weekend. Could we kindly ask welcomers to help with the setting up of the kitchen. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Thank you.

LATEST ROSTER

The roster for August, September, October and November 2023 has been sent out via email. If you don't have an email address or have not received the roster, please pick one up from the Welcome Desk. Thank you.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

Christopher is a **NEW** parishioner to the St Brigid's parish and is looking for local accommodation. He is on a holiday working visa and works as an electrician. If you can help please contact Christopher on 0493 780 622. Please ensure to ask for references.

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group social gathering is on **Friday 28th July, 7 pm at St Louis church**. All men are welcome. Suggested \$10 donation to help cover the cost of BBQ and salads. BYO drinks. Tea & coffee provided. We will have access to a TV to keep up with the footy score. To assist with catering please RSVP to ajallday@optusnet.com.au or text 0411 075 631 by Monday 24th July.

BLESSINGS

The latest edition of Blessings is now available for collection, please pick one up from the church foyers.

SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month (excluding school holidays). An open invitation is extended to all who may enjoy discussing the weekend Gospel and gathering in friendship. Our next time together is **Tuesday 25th July at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale**. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.

FLOODLIGHT AT ST LOUIS'

There will be a new Floodlight installed into the St Louis' carpark to make it easier to navigate the footpath and driveway. The work commenced on the 20th July and will be completed on the 25th of July.



St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

**SAT 5 AUG 2023 4.30PM – 5.30PM
AT ST LOUIS' CHURCH**

Join us in Eucharistic Adoration while we recite the Holy Rosary.

PARISH NEWS



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PARISH!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Fr Ignatius' 60th Birthday

Sunday 13 August 12.30-2.30pm St Brigid's Primary School Hall



PARISH FEAST DAY LUNCH & FR IGNATIUS' BIRTHDAY

Everyone is warmly welcome to a BBQ lunch to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Ignatius' 60th birthday. The date is Sunday 13 August from 12.30-2.30pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall. Bookings can be made online at trybooking.com/CKBOG. The cost per person is \$15/head. Please book no later than Sunday 6th August. This will be a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation for Fr Ignatius and celebrate as a parish community.



Calling all children aged 4 – 10

Come along and join our new St Mary of the Cross KIDZ ZONE. An opportunity to play, dance, sing, make friends and have fun hearing stories from the Bible and getting to know your friend Jesus.

KIDZ ZONE this Sunday July 23 after 9.30am Mass at St Louis'

Together we will plant mustard seeds in pots that you can take home, water and watch them grow just like how God can transform our little faith into great blessings.

LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

Kilbreda College in collaboration with St Bede's College present - *Legally Blonde The Musical*. A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde **Performance Dates and Times -7:30pm** - Thursday 10 August to Saturday 12 August; Wednesday 16 August to Saturday 19 August and **2:00pm** - Sunday 13 and 20 August. **Cost** - Adults \$35, Child \$30.00, Program \$10.00. **Venue** - Kilbreda College Auditorium Gate 4, Como Parade West, Mentone. events.humanitix.com/kilbreda_legally_blonde_2023



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY RESTORING DIGNITY TO THOSE WHO ARE CAST ASIDE 23 JULY



*God of love,
We thank you for our wonderful
grandparents.
They bring such joy and happiness into
our lives.
Thank you for all the special times that
we have with them.
Please watch over them, protect them
and care for them.
May they know your goodness and love
always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*



*"His mercy is from age to age"
(Lk 1:50). "God wants young
people to bring joy to the hearts
of the elderly, as Mary did to
Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from
their experiences"*
Pope Francis



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

RECENTLY DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Deirdre Hunter, Robert Panton, Emilio Vintaloro, Aureliya Edwards, Aileen Rowe, Nicholas Mercer, Antony Saliba, Frances Morgan, Kathleen Hirst, Ramon Reed, Judith (Bobbie) Panton,, Patrick Hewitson, Magherita Taranto, Teresa Healy, Antoinella Burgio, Vivette Jansz, Josephine D'Cunha, Bill White, Maria Pitinga, Andrew Burns, Bobby Mills, Edna Ansalde, Kerry Pipkorn, Tom Mills, Paul Buick, Jean Halloran, Bill Wilkins, Tom Enright, Alan Seddon, Alma McElroy, Jack McElroy, Della Dalton, Danielle Gassin, Johnny Williams, Joseph Genovese, Issa Rizk, Jack Murphy, Brian Bellamy, Jack Brennan, Herbet Cumberbatch, Karen Murray

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

David Austin, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Susan Waltho, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Sophia Bicos, Julie Griffith, Maree Burns, Josephine Wood, Sue Kelly, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Pam Ulbrick, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Sam Finnochiaro, Darren Rankin, Ian Hughes, Anne, Claire, Matt

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

To keep each other safe, we encourage mask wearing when attending Mass.

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'

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: 7.30-8.30pm 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
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

17th Sunday in Ord Time - Readings (Year A) 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

29th & 30th July	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Year 3 1st Reco Mass	Year 3 1st Reco Mass	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Bernie Stuart	Carmel Barker	Danny Carey	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Graham Jones	Barry Wheeler	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Joan Healy	Jack Meyer	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Year 3 1st Reco Mass	Year 3 1st Reco Mass	Volunteer	Ron Schneider-Loos	Elizabeth Newington	Jan Hughes	Tom Hughes	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Jennifer Rodrigues	Volunteer	Donna Cardamone	Gail Bell	Volunteer	Vanessa Fernandes	Judy Lamb	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 3 - Deborah Joseph, Joe Corda, Nelson Popley							

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.

