



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

PARISH VISION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God. We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 18 September 2022

Our readings are: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

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

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Email

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Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

[Saturday 6pm](#) and [Sunday 8am](#)

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

In researching this week's gospel I came across a reflection written by Greg Sunter that I could really resonate with. He writes that this week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. In the parable of the steward and his master, the actions of the steward, upon learning that he is to be dismissed, seems to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness. When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit



for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forfeit his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

Through this parable Jesus makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Money is even described as “that tainted thing” which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus is really saying is to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

By Marylene Douglas (St Louis' de Montfort school)

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

Parish News

Mass Schedule Updates

While Fr Andrew is away from 9 September to 7 October, there will be a few changes to our Mass schedule. Please extend a **warm welcome to Fr Elio Capra and Fr Peter Matheson** who will be assisting during this time.

1. Mass on **Wednesday the 21st of September** at 10am has been **Cancelled** due to Tom Velten's funeral at St Louis'.
2. Mass at St Brigid's on **Wednesday 28th September will be at 09.30am** and not 10am.
3. **Fr Elio Capra** will be officiating Mass on the weekend of the **18th September**, at the **9:30 am Mass St Louis' and 11am Mass - St Brigid's**.
4. **Fr Peter Matheson** will be officiating Mass on the weekend of the **25th September**, at the **8am Mass - St Brigid's and 11am Mass - St Brigid's**.



Cuppa after all Masses - Next Weekend

All parishioners are welcome to stay after mass next weekend. If you wish to bring a plate to share after any mass they are most welcome.



Child Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Our Parish Safeguarding Team would like to inform all Parish volunteers that it is now a safeguarding requirement for them to complete an online Essential Safeguarding Training Program. This is to make sure everyone understands the importance of child safety and our responsibilities. To access this online training go to: safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org. To login, you will need your WWCC number and your email address. **All Parish volunteers** are expected to complete this training as part of our compliance for child safeguarding and your participation will be recorded.

Have you subscribed to Formed?

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH,
ON DEMAND.

Padre Pio Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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Upcoming Serve Ministries Roster

The **Parish Serve Ministries Roster for November and February 2023** is currently being compiled. If you are **away during this period**, wish to be added to the roster, or do not wish to be on the roster, please let the [parish office](#) know as soon as possible. New Serve Ministers are most welcome, in particular Welcome Ministers, Music Ministry, Kidz Zone leaders, Funeral Care Ministers and Altar & Flower Display Ministers. If you would like to know more about any of these serve ministry roles please pick up a copy of the Serve Ministries booklet and registration form at the Welcome Desk or online at the parish website. Alternatively, you are very welcome to reach out to one of our Parish Leadership Team members, who will be happy to assist you.



St Mary of the Cross Parish
Serve Ministries

*Where is God calling
you to serve?*

2022

Parish News

Asylum Seekers and a new Australian Government



Our friends at St Kevin's Parish Templestowe Social Justice Action warmly invite all to an online presentation from, the founder of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Sr Brigid Arthur AO, csb. Sr Brigid will provide a timely update on the growing reality of issues faced by Asylum Seekers reaching Australia. This free online event on **Thursday 29 September from 7:30pm - 8:30pm** will be in the context of Catholic Social Justice thinking, and the recent election of a new Government, and will include a Q&A. Further details are available at the Welcome Desks. Online registration is available at trybooking.com/CCLKA

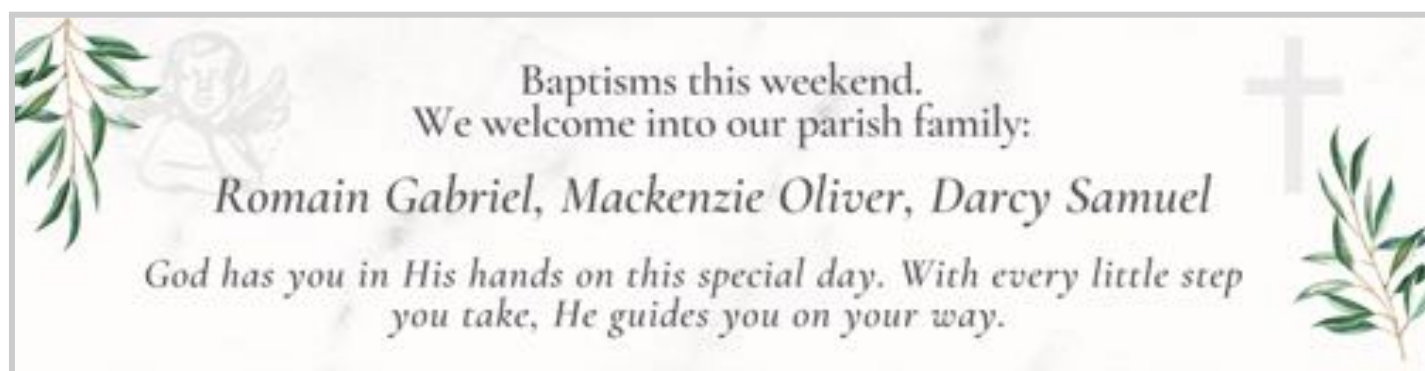
Aboriginal Literacy Foundation

This month being "The Season of Creation", JAG and our Parish Earthcare Group are highlighting the issues of First Nations People. We are asking for your support for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. A \$50 donation can provide a box of books for an indigenous family, \$500 can pay for a term of online tutoring. Donations can be made via the JAG Jar. Thank you.



Longbeach Parishes Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday 28 September at Mordialloc HQ**. Meet about 12:30pm for lunch at 1:00pm. All Parishoner's welcome. For bookings ring Patsy 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733.



Happy 50th Anniversary
Ginette and Lindsey Edwards

*May God continue to bless you both
in your commitment to each other.*

Heart of Life presents 'Walking with Wisdom Series'

In person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another; to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.



Heart of Life
Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Marriage Encounter Weekend - "Live Your Best Life in Love"



This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website wwme.org.au for more details.

Date and Venue: 22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie. Please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information/bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Recently Deceased

Tom Velten (St Louis') The Requiem funeral Mass for Tom Velten will be held on Wednesday 21st September at St Louis' at 10am. Holy Rosary from 9.30am.

Anniversaries

Maureen Allday, Mattia Aparo, Charlie Attard, Mary Augello, Carl Beer, Wayne Blair, Zsolt Bognar, Godwin Cassano, Marie Cooper, Sebastiano Costanzo, Peter Crawford, Felecia Cresswell, Betty Cutts, Clare Dunn, Pat Edward, Rose Farren, Marie Celine Gregory, Joyce (Dolly) Hendricks, Ruth Hickey, Dorren Keating, Anthony Lamperd, Ken Lawrence, Matthew Lazaroo, Alexander Louis, Francis Mannix, Ruby Mannix, Luciana Miglietti, Stefan Mitula, Ita Mary Munro, Gwen Murfett, Brigid Murphy, Owen O'Leary, Joan Phillips, Aniello Pollio, Richard Potter, Eileen Raphael, Lucy Rogen, Darbra Singh, Ruby Stoppa, Rodelio Torres, Cyril Touhy, Margherita Trettel, Bert Vickers, Alexandra Grace Walsh

Healing Prayers Asked For

Carly Gordon, Lindsey Edwards, Therese Brown, Danielle Spence, Giulie Waddell, John Nicholson, Josie Wood, George Caruana, Sophia Bicos, Evararad Augustine, Michael Moore, Peter Hopkins, Bridie Duggan, Peter Grove, Dermot Duggan, Minnie Joseph, Lisa Downing, Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, Ian Anderson, Serena Zienau, Michele Ives, Pat McDonald, Oonagh Duggan, Sam Finnociaro, MaryJane Duffy, Lynch family, O'Shannessy family, Stone Family, Sharon Stephenson, Melvyn Porte, Graig dePalo, Ian Ryan, Margaret Beesley, Barbara Padfield, Rachael Salpietro, Amnin Bukic, Donavin Plaatjie



Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 25 September 2022 Readings (Year C): Amos 6:1,4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31				
24th & 25th Sep	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Carmel Grace	Barry Wheeler	Brenda O'Leary	Bernadette Bouvier
Commentator	Mick Barker	Jane Standish	Lisa Tuke	Dianne Wain
Special Minister	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marlene Tangso	Mary Nayna	Peter Wain
Welcomers	John Bainbridge Pauline Parker	Odette Budge Jack Meyer	Maureen Wraight Berna Wake	Paula & Wence Rodrigues
Counters	Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares			
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	TBA	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin
Welcomers' please note this is a 'cuppa' weekend; we appreciate your help. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.				
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.				

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.



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

PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS:

Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis',
Aspendale

Sunday

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc
9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale
11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS:

Monday (Communion Service)
9.15am - St Louis',

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 9.30am - St
Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH SCHOOLS



St Brigid's School,
129 Albert St, Mordialloc
9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



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JOIN US EVERY 4TH SUNDAY**

Our Parish Mission



**Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples**