



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**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 August 2024

Our Readings for Year B: Proverbs 9: 1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6: 51-58

*Whoever eats my bread
will have eternal life*



The large crowd struggled accepting what Jesus taught; that he is the true bread from heaven, and whoever eats him will have eternal life. They could not accept Jesus giving himself for us to eat and drink. Jesus turned to his disciples and asked them: Are you leaving too? Simon Peter replied: "Where can we go Lord? You are the Holy One of God."

What is the 'difficult' teaching that Jesus gave? Jesus claimed that he is the true bread from heaven; His flesh is real food, and His blood real drink.

What do we believe in? Can we believe Jesus is saying this? Literally or symbolically? If he is saying this symbolically, then why do the followers leave? Or do they not understand what Jesus means? Can we believe that Jesus is giving himself to us as spiritual food in His Real Presence in the Eucharist? Jesus said: "If we do not eat his flesh, we are not in communion with him." "Eating his flesh," reminds us of what he said to James and John, "to drink my cup." (Matthew 20:22-23). We are called to be in communion with our Lord Jesus and walk His way, take our cross and follow Him.

In the sacramental aspect of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, what can we learn from Eucharistic miracles? Scientific studies have claimed that the consecrated host became human heart muscle tissue under severe stress, with the same blood type as the Shroud of Turin. 1

[1] [Eucharistic Miracles – CAINA \(cainaweb.org\)](http://cainaweb.org/)

**Fr Ignatius Tan
Assistant Priest**

**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



What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. No matter where Alpha takes place, the format is the same. We eat together, we listen to a talk and then we gather together in small groups for discussion. Over 29 million people across the globe have done Alpha.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone and anyone. The beauty of Alpha is that there are no questions that are too hostile, too silly, or too simple. Alpha has no prerequisites whatsoever. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves.

Why not come & see?

Why not invite 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 are invitation postcards available on the pews and our Welcome Desks. Registration details are included on the postcard, or you can put your name down at the Welcome Desks. **Please register before 26 August.**

Wednesday 28 August 10.00am Mass cancelled at St Brigid's

PLEASE NOTE: 10.00am Mass is cancelled this week due to the funeral of Frank Finnochiaro (RIP) at 10.30am.

New Serve Ministry Roster

The new roster for September to December has been emailed out to all our volunteers. If you require a hard copy they are available at the Welcome Desk.



Baptism Celebrations at St. Louis' this weekend at 12.30pm

We welcome into our parish family:

**Violet Mae, Tyler Jackson, Charlie Jones, Sonny Peter,
Levi William, Amelia Pearl, Aaron**

God has you in his hands on this special day. With every step you take, He guides you on your way

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

JAG Major Fundraiser for BASP

SILENT AUCTION

Support a worthy cause and make a difference for refugees & asylum seekers. Bid on over 50 unique items while helping those in need.

Bidding starts 6 September & ends 5pm 8 September, 2024.



Beautiful handmade quilt



Wine



Unique Print

SCAN HERE →



or follow the link at:
<https://airauctioneer.com/jag-basp-online-auction-2024>

Homeless in Kingston

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. Thank you.



Child Safety Training

All our volunteers are required to be compliant with our Child Safeguarding Policy. This includes a current WWCC linked to our parish, signing our Code of Conduct and online training through the Archdiocese of Melbourne website. For those who have been unable to do the online training, we will be holding a further face to face group training opportunity to complete your compliance. **Sunday 1 September 10.30am at St. Louis.** Call Trish for any enquiries **0421 604 849.**

Scripture & Friendship Group

All welcome to come to the next Scripture & Friendship meeting - we explore and discuss and reflect on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and enjoy friendship as we gather together.

When: **Tuesday 27 August beginning at 10am** and concluding with a cuppa to finish by 11.30am. Venue: Ann's home 47 Gothic St, Aspendale. Carmel: 0425 773 608

ACBC Social Justice Sunday - Truth & Peace - Australian Catholic Bishops Annual Statement



Australia's Catholic Bishops say peace is possible if people commit to speaking the truth and redouble efforts to end war.

"Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. But let us find the courage to see our world not as in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this." Pope Francis

Please pick up a copy of the Australian Catholic Bishops 2024/2025 Statement in the church foyers or access on our parish website.

2024 Archbishops Campaign

The Archdiocesan Development Office has introduced 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 and brochures are still available at the Welcome desk. Envelopes will be collected for the next 2 weeks.

This Week on FORMED - The Bread of Life - Celebrating the Eucharist

Join Brother Frances in this delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist. Go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Next Week's Serve Ministers Roster - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 Aug/1 Sept 2024

31 Aug/1 Sept	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings Year B <u>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8</u> James1:17-18,21-22,27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Ann Brennan	Marie Seddon	Bernie Stuart	Sonia Williams	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Jan Hughes	Tom Hughes
8.00am (M)	Barry Wheeler	Tony Aloysius	Jack Guthrie	Carole Guthrie	Stephen Pooley	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Phillip Morris	Alison Krishnadas	Maureen Wraight	Ron Schneider-Loos	Berna Wake	Trish Le Brocq
11.00am (M)	Dianne Wain	Vikki Fitzgerald	Christine D'Cruze	Juan Wilson	Peter Wain	Ellen Young	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Group 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom				

RECENTLY RECEASED: Raie Godridge (aunt of Lisa Raie Dowling, St Brigid's), Frank Finnochiaro (St Brigid's).

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Jessie Guthrie, Andrew Basile, Verna Moorhouse, Ann Fosberry, Mariamma Johnson, Amanda McLaggan, Hipolito Coutinho, Keith Drinan, Edward James Sheehan, Rita Beha, Adrian Pobjoy, Edna Bowden, Maureen Lyons, Gordon Dunstan, Roman Luvara, Marie Nanci Barbarich, Frank Mooney, Mary Wintle, Juanita Caday, Richard Craig, Fr John Carnie CSSB, Mary Lavery, John Byrne, Sarah Christensen, Felice Cortese, Frank Lebler, Paul Goodier, Rye Johnson, Gabrielle Margaret Southam, Yvonne White, Richard Pearle, Mary Dawson, Walter Cresswell, Leo Laragy, Philip Hunter, Maureen Koenig, Mary Wilde, Roma Jones, James Maguire, Domenica Demaio, Josie Macnaughtan, Maria Marinho, Fred Berthun, Doris O'Brien, George Goodier, Peter Barasits, Mary Bibby, Jack Wraight, Moira Waight, Ray Dickinson, Anacleto Gutierrez, Kerry Smith, Claire Wright, Margaret Hamilton, Drago Tkalcovic, Baiona Pereira, Terry Duus, Giordano Godeassi, Helen Cleary, Kathleen Healy, Dennis Bell, Vilanilathu Kunjumon, Francis O'Reilly, John Wood, Ronald James Coghlan, Sr Marita O'Connell, Bruce Thurgood, Giuliana Gismond, Henry Mellan, Eileen O'Brien, William Amor, Ken Balm, Margaret Roberts, Dorothy O'Keeffe, Antonietta La Sala, Ricardo Vilca, Megan Tomasetti (Levvey), Yvonne Lazaroo, Daniel P Farren, Benita Schneider-Loos.

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, Nancy Selby, Sr Anita Le Clerq, Desmond Dunn, Brenda Cortese, Adam Taylor, Natalian Constanzo.

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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Parish Coordinator

Ann Fitzgerald

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Parish Leadership Team: Fr Andrew,
 Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's - 9580 4518
sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St. Louis de Montfort's -
 9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Parish House - 03 9412 8432

Parish Office - 03 9580 7981

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

Our Child Safeguarding Team:

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