



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.*

The Most Holy Trinity - Sunday 4 June 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

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 LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tangso, Berna Wake**

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Ann Fitzgerald

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ONLINE BULLETIN

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one.

According to Mary Coloe, "Too often the language of 'trinity' begins to sound

mathematical: three in one, one in three. Trinity is a way of trying to put words on an unfathomable mystery of the inner life of God. However, the very nature of God is to love – to reach out to another in a relationship."

Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, John's gospel reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. John 3:16-18 is a profound and widely recognized passage in the Bible that encapsulates the essence of God's love and salvation. It reads, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life... "

At its core, this passage highlights the boundless love of God for humanity. It emphasises that God's love is not limited to a select few but encompasses the entire world. It was out of this immeasurable love that God made the ultimate sacrifice, sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem and offer eternal life to all who believe in Him. The verse clearly conveys the idea that salvation is a gift, freely given by God, and received through faith. Additionally, this reading highlights the purpose of Jesus' coming to the world. He was not sent to condemn or judge humanity but to save it. This reflects the compassionate and merciful nature of God, who desires reconciliation with His creation rather than punishment.

Through Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection, a way was provided for humanity to be reconciled with God and receive eternal life.

Reflecting on this week's gospel reading, I am reminded of the depth of God's love and the magnitude of His sacrifice. It calls for a response of gratitude, faith, and a deepening relationship with Him. It also challenges us to share this message of love and salvation with others, for it is through belief in Jesus that we find true freedom and eternal life.

By Tanya Stefanec St Louis de Montfort Primary School



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

PARISH NEWS

NEW: ST MARY OF THE CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP



Welcoming all men in a non-judgemental, friendly environment

Getting together monthly starting Thursday 22 June 7.30-9pm at St Louis'

Men, do you feel it's hard to find opportunities to talk about faith without being ridiculed or judged - whether it's by your friends, families or at work? Our new **Men's Parish Fellowship Group** will watch and discuss **THE SEARCH**, a 7-part series that uses an evidence-based approach for the existence of God and effectively disputes the idea that science and religion are incompatible. **THE SEARCH** is a journey to consider the deep questions of life and human existence. If you are interested to know more please speak to Father Andrew or Father Ignatius. If you are curious come along to our first gathering on Thursday 22 June at 7.30pm at St Louis'.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

A big thank you is extended to all who have made cash donations to our Food for Friends. The money will be used to organise a Parish Cook Up in the next couple of weeks to enable us to stock our freezer for winter. We would also like to thank those parishioners who have been making and contributing meals on a regular basis. Your generosity and caring are much appreciated.



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.



JUSTICE ACTION GROUP (JAG) SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS



How miserable is it to feel COLD? The (JAG) team are collecting **NEW** socks, scarves and beanies for Dandenong homeless. There is a collection box in the church foyers for these new items to be placed in. **Collections until 11 June.**

SAINT JOHN PAUL COLLEGE COMPANION VAN

As part of our JAG commitment to supporting marginalised people in our community, our JAG group volunteers to help John Paul College Companion Van twice a term in Frankston. Our next date we are rostered on is Thursday 22nd June, Time; 4.30pm to 7.30pm. If you would like to help out or would like to know more information please contact: Sandy Lindfield (JAG) 0412 057 177.



Baptisms this weekend!



WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:



Hazel Grace, Oliver William, Xavier Ged, Noah Frankie

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

PARISH NEWS



Due to a shortage of A3 paper there will be less printed bulletins.

This shortage is likely to impact us throughout 2023.

Please assist us by subscribing to the digital bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/subscribe

and returning any unneeded bulletins to the welcome desk.

Together we can fulfil our goals as an Earthcare Parish.



SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP - 13th JUNE

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 13th of June at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale**. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

The Winter 2023 edition is available for collection in the church foyers.



On Thursday the 8th of June at the 9:15am morning Mass, the St Louis' Grade 6 school children will be serving scones and cream in the St Louis' church foyer for the parishioners.

All St Mary of the Cross parishioners are warmly invited.



THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being. The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters' resources can only carry them so far. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



FACE MASKS - LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

With the colder weather upon us **Covid19 and flu** cases are on the rise in the wider community, please consider wearing a face mask at Mass. There are disposable face masks available in the church foyers if you forget yours.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the church foyers. If you give via direct debit or credit card and require a receipt please contact the parish office to arrange one.





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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rupert Hood (Mordialloc), Paul Burrows (Seaford), Gaetano Di Vasto (Gabriella Carrazzo's uncle)

ANNIVERSARIES

James Harrison, Gloria Brereton, Peter Freese, Patricia Sloan, Joseph Conlon, Margaret Walsh, Peter Kellett, Bill Chick, Irene Woods,, Kathleen Woods, Matthew Woods, Eluvia Cassano, Frances Pujol, Maria Rodolico, Sheila Bailey, Deborah Williams, Patricia Miller, Ivy Allen, William Magee, Joyce Sims, John Furlong, Daniel J Farren, Zita O'Kane, Kath Rosen, Tracy Ann Heenan, Bob Saunders, William Francis Coghlan, Anne Scanlan, Ronnie Jackson, Mario Deluca, Marie Purcell, Margaret McHaffie, Theodore Lazaro, Bernard Noonan, Pauline Jones

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Kathleen Cleary, Christine Wagstaff, Denis Foley, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Sophia Bicos, Sue Kelly, Danielle Spencer, Julie Griffith, Pam Ulbrick, Claude and Lily Fabris, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Kathy & Ray Martin, Sam Finnochiaro, Sally McGloin, Brenda Sin Hidge, Peter Camerino, Josephine Wood, Graham Owen, Michelle Ives, Maree Burns, Glenice Laughlin, Carmel & Brian Grace, Wendy Baderhorst

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'

KIDS ZONE - CHILDREN AGED 4 - 10

4th Weekend of the Month - 6pm, 9:30am & 11am Masses

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

Corpus Christi - Readings (Year A)			Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16		1 Corinthians 10:16-17	John 6:51-58		
10th & 11th June	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Marie Seddon	Helen Healy	Carmel Barker	Anthony Barnhoorn	Julius Lau	Annette Brilliant	John Baninbridge	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Joan Healy	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	John & Carole	Guthrie	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Elizabeth Newington	Gen Martin	Ann Furlong	Maureen Wraight	Mary Nayna	Joe Corda	Patricia LeBrocq	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Lesley Bailey	Louise Breslin	Peter Hannan	Vicki Fitzgerald	Les & Christine	D'Cruze	Tung Phan
Counters	Group 2 Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares							

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 Mission



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