



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 November 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
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Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

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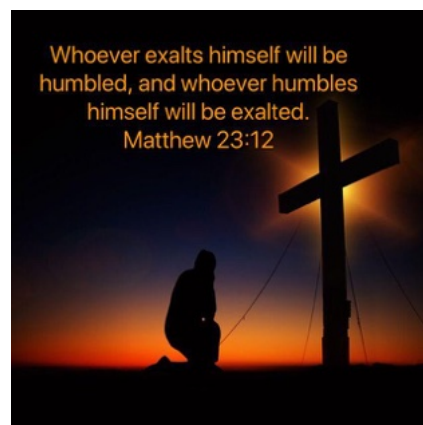


GOSPEL REFLECTION

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for me whilst I was away on sabbatical. It was much appreciated. I did have an amazing time away, travelling, walking, studying and praying. The break from the parish was a chance to recharge the batteries knowing that the parish was left in good hands. My thanks go to Fr. Ignatius, Fr. Peter, Berna Wake, Trish Angliss and Ann Fitzgerald for all their efforts in maintaining the parish momentum along with all parishioners who continue to give so much in their Serve Ministries.

I have come back to parish ministry during a time when parts of our world need prayer and healing. The war in Israel and Gaza is so shocking as we witness violence as an answer to a challenging situation resulting in many innocent civilians' lives being taken. As we begin this month of November, traditionally for Catholics as a month we remember the dead, we have many more people to remember because of the war. We may not know their names, but our loving God knows every one of them intimately. We hold the families of the deceased as they mourn and grieve.

We also welcome families at mass this weekend who have lost a loved one and had the funeral in our parish. We continue to remember these dearly beloved and hold all our families in prayer.



Whoever exalts himself will be
humbled, and whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.
Matthew 23:12

In the gospel, Jesus calls us to live in a spirit of humility. ***"Anyone one exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."***

Jesus uses the examples of certain religious authorities of the time who didn't live up to the values that they represented. We know that even our church has failed similarly in the past. We have limited or no control over what others do, but we have control over what we can do. Let us pray that

we continue to live lives of integrity so that others who witness our actions can see that they reflect the gospel values we espouse.

Shalom/Peace
Fr. Andrew

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS



NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Mass of Remembrance - all who have passed away in the last 12 months will be remembered at our weekend masses on the 4th and 5th of November. The special Memorial Book will be present on the altar at each Mass during November with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember.

The Church dedicates the month of November to intercession for souls in purgatory. Through these prayers, may God also grant us solace in the absence of our loved ones and greater hope of reunion one day in heaven. *Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a four-part video series on FORMED* - watch.formed.org/eternal-rest.



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. The final meetings for the year will be held on the **14th and 28th November** at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.

KSC MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

Join the fun in the KSC's Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023 — for just \$2 per ticket. Tickets are available for purchase after all Masses until **Sunday, November 5th**, with the draw held on Cup Eve. Winners will be notified before the race, and all personal information will be destroyed once announced. Proceeds fund bursaries for Year 6 -12 students and hopefully one lucky year 11 student eligible to attend both year 11 in 2024 and 12 in 2025.

SERVE MINISTRIES NEEDED

We welcome new serve ministers and encourage you to view our Serve Ministries booklet at the Welcome Desk or online at m.stmaryofthecross.com/serve. In particular, we are looking for Special Ministers at the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Louis' and for people to join our Flower Ministry.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED AND MASS ON THE 7TH NOV

Please note the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 7th November (Cup Day). Mass on Cup Day Tuesday will be at 10am at St. Louis.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Parishioners are invited to pick up the latest Australian Catholics Magazine Spring edition from the church foyers.

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV PAUL GALLAGHER

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – **Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL



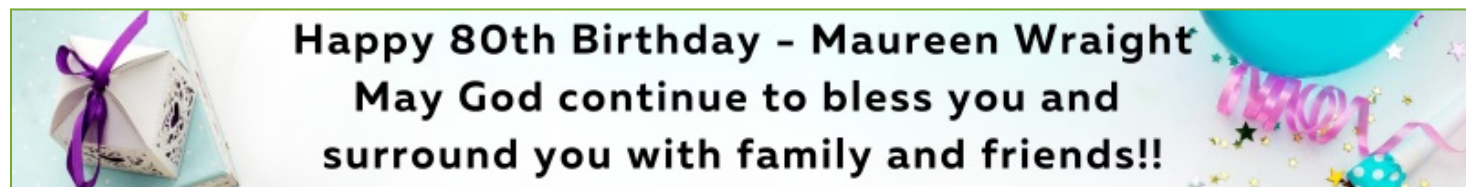
An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

Let us pray with Psalm 122, 6-9: *Ask for peace for Jerusalem: may those who love you live in safety; let there be peace in your walls, safety in your palaces. For my brothers and my friends, I will say: Upon you be at peace! By the house of the Lord our God, I will ask good for you.*

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

ACN: NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES

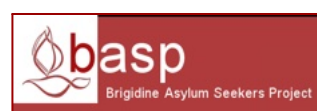
Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) warmly invites you to Night of the Witnesses on **22 November 2023 at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne**. Night of the Witnesses is an inspirational evening of prayer, song, Adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with more than 220 million Christians worldwide who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside over the evening. His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, and Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Northern Nigeria will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith and stories of faithful witness amidst persecution. Please click on [this link to RSVP](#) to attend Night of the Witnesses 2023. For additional information please visit www.aidtochurch.org/notw or contact 1800 101 201. We hope you will join us!



JAG RAFFLE FOR BASP

Many thanks to all who supported our recent raffle to raise funds for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. The raffle was drawn by Sr Brigid at the Family Friendship Day on 29 October. The lucky winners were:

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| 1st Prize | Indigenous Art (by Marksey) | Carmel Smith |
| 2nd Prize | Dinner for 6 in your home | Barbara Cronin |
| 3rd Prize | Beautiful handmade quilt | Sr Pat Dimock |
| 4th Prize | Homemade Christmas cake | Sangeetha Chadramouli |



We are very grateful to all our donors for their generosity: Maree and Phillip Morris, Denise Leonard and Genevieve Conlan. Special thanks to Maree and Phillip for organising the raffle. Thanks to the support of the parish, the raffle raised \$2755 for BASP. Those who would like to make a donation to BASP are invited to do so via the JAG Jar on the welcome desk in the foyer of both St Brigid's and St Louis'.

The JAG meeting is on Wednesday the 8th November at 7.30pm at St Louis' meeting room. All Welcome.



Collections taking place in mass next weekend, 11th & 12th November, will go towards supporting the annual Catholic Deaf Collection. Donations can also be made online at www.jpc.org.au

Longbeach LUNCH

The next Longbeach Parishioner Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 14th November at 12:30pm** at The Cove Hotel Patterson Lakes. For bookings ring Patricia Adams on mobile 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733, alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.

COMING UP

Starting
28 Nov

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

An opportunity to reflect on the Advent scriptures. 6 alternative groupings over 4 weeks – in-person and online. One hour duration. **Starting week of 28 November**. Registration details available soon. All are welcome.

ADVENT RETREAT

2 Dec

All are welcome to join in this special time of prayer, music and reflection as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Facilitated once again by Jacqui Guilian from the Archdiocese Proclaim Office. **9.00am - 12.30pm, Saturday 2nd December at St Brigid's Church.**

SERVE MINISTERS THANK YOU

3 Dec

In appreciation of all who serve in our various parish ministries we would like you to invite you to a light luncheon. We look forward to celebrating all that has been achieved by our parish ministry serve ministers this year. Registration details available soon. **Sunday 3rd December, after the 11am mass in the Presbytery Grounds 12.00pm - 1.30pm.**



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Halloran, Anthony Roberts, Margot Davey, Joseph Barnhoorn, Florencio Marquez, John Cuskelly, John Miranda, Cecila Smith, Molly Carr, Antonio Favaloro, Barbra Hunam, Jessie Summerton, Vanda Smout, Jack Reidy, Patrick O'Neill, Kevin Osborne, Estelita Lacson-Hortaleza, Sebastian Vaz, TrevorJansz, Mary Philomena Parker, Fr Carmine Tricarico, Leo Drill, Ken Gibb, Rita Mansfield, Jo Buxton, Elizabeth Pidoto, Susamma Oommen, Wilfred Hall, Kathleen Reidy, David Ford, Jesse Villanueva, Brian Graham, Concetta Nasello, Estelita Hortaleza, Camilla Allen, Richard Payne, Irene Drill, Ligaya Parker, Rae Kresinger, Lucy Lazaro, Anthony Borg, Dudley D'Sylva, James Doran (Jnr.), David Wood, Thomas Clarke, Peter Toner, Julie Williams, Elaine Barker, Barbra Hunnan, Mark Lavery, Kate Crosbie, Sheila Maguire, Kevin Saker, Henry Decosta, Frank Pierera

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Kath Kidd, Thomas Jacobs, Julie Buick, Serge Nayna, Pam Ulbricks, Sally McGloin, Eugene Roberts, Sue Kelly, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Judy Callmac, Sophia Bicos, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, Graham Owen, Sam Finocchiario, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Minnie Joseph, Ian Hughes, Olive Rankin, Darren Rankin, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau

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'

KIDZ ZONE

4th Weekend of the month

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 to 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13								
11th & 12th November	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Carmel Grace	Carmel Barker	Marie Medlicott	Michael Barker	Annette Brilliant	Gail McGillivray	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Paula Rodrigues	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Jane Standish	Angela Meo	Odette Budge	Veronica Johnson
9.30am (A)	Elizabeth Newington	Irene Crowe	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Rosemary Miller	Volunteer	Ann Furlong
11:00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Dianne Wain	Donna Cardamone	Peter Wain	Helen Rocks	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 3 - Deborah Joseph, Joe Corda and 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.

