



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 27 Aug 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
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St Louis de Montfort's,
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ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Ignatius Tan

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Ann Fitzgerald

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

Jesus asked: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Peter in his reply acclaimed that "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus praised Peter: "it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven."

It is a matter of understanding who Christ is for us: if He is the centre of our life, if He is the goal of our commitment in the Church, our commitment in society. Who is Jesus Christ for me?

If we regard Jesus as our personal saviour, then we will respond ourselves by following his commandments, to Love God and to love our neighbours. How shall I love our neighbour according to Jesus' teaching? I suppose we should do our best to help others to gain their social recognition and dignity. We are called to be aware. It is indispensable and praiseworthy that the pastoral care of our communities be open to many forms of poverty and crises, which are everywhere.

Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith, of the perfection of faith. But it is necessary that works of solidarity, the works of charity that we carry out, not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus.

This Sunday is Social Justice Awareness Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference published a document helping the local Church to be aware of the welfare and the needs of our first Nations People, calling us to: Listen, Learn and Love.

Listen to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been saying and calling for over many years. This has included the powerful call of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders for the Voice.

Through that listening, we have learned much about their struggle for justice and dignity. Our prayerful reflection on what we have heard and learned from them in the light of the Gospel has convinced us to make a commitment to renew our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to accompany them in their struggle for justice.

In a spirit of love and of humility, let us walk with them in love, helping them with a positive and decisive action to transform the current situation in our land.

(Reflection incorporated with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2023-2024.)

Fr Ignatius Tan - Assistant Priest



PARISH NEWS

SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FR ANDREW

Fr Andrew who is currently on his sabbatical has written some highlights of his time away from the Parish. You can read the **second instalment** on our Parish website, short link: m.stmaryofthecross.com.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC ?

Have you ever thought about doing the sacraments and expanding your faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has begun and is held on **Thursday Evenings at 7:30pm**, at St Louis' meeting room RCIA is for Adults who are not baptised; Adults baptised in another Christian Church or faith; non-practising Catholics wishing to renew their faith.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

A big thank you is extended to all who have made meal donations for our Food for Friends. Currently the freezer stock is low and we are calling out for meal donations to be made. Containers and labels can be picked up from the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We would like to thank those parishioners who have been making and contributing meals on a regular basis, your generosity and caring are much appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

The Priests Retirement Foundation runs an annual appeal on the first Sunday of September, **Father's Day**. Please donate using the envelopes that are in the church foyers or electronically by logging on to www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through Paypal. Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

Parishioners are invited to pick up the latest Australian Catholics Magazine Spring edition. There are interesting articles on climate change, fast fashion and small town kindness and compassion. Pick up your copy up from the church foyers.

PRAYER MINISTRY THIS WEEKEND

If you have a special intention and would like to pray with one of our Prayer Ministers, you can do so after all Masses this weekend.

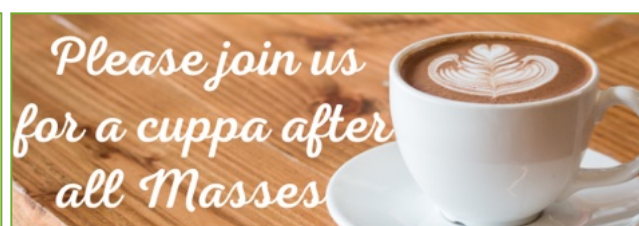
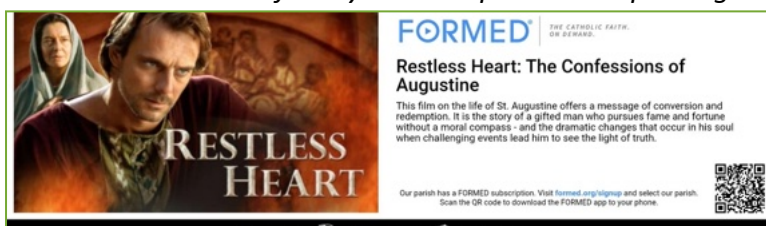
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE - 17th OCTOBER - 28th OCTOBER

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more details contact Sr Annie Bond national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818 (brochures are in the church foyers).

BOBS KNITTING GROUP

Thank you to all who have come along to Bobs* Knitting Group and to those who have been knitting at home and creating beautiful items. Goods will be gifted to the Brigidine Asylum seekers Project. The next session for the Group will be on **Friday 15 September from 10-12.30 pm at St Louis'**. All knitters, no matter your skill levels are invited.

**Bobs was the name of Mary MacKillop's beloved pet dog.*



KIDZ ZONE
ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Calling all children aged 4 - 10
JOIN US THIS WEEKEND!

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 runs after 6pm Mass on Saturday at St Louis (20 minutes) and during 9.30am Mass at St Louis and 11am Mass at St Brigid's on Sunday.

PARISH NEWS

Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

 *Remi Christine, Harry Gorman, Louis Gorman, Lando James*

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

Happy Birthday Don!

May God continue to bless you and surround you with family and friends!!

BISHOPS STATEMENT CALLS FOR NEW ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST PEOPLES - SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement. "One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises." "We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society." - Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. Read the full Australian Catholic Bishops Statement 2023-24 here bit.ly/SJS2023-24.



Congratulations to Anthony Antoniou and Stefanie Carino

who are getting married 1st September at St. Brigid's, Mordialloc.



May Christ's peace, love and joy always enrich your marriage.

Rejoicing with you on your special day.



St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

**SAT 2 SEP 2023 4.30PM – 5.30PM
AT ST LOUIS' CHURCH**

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



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Giordano Godeassi, Helen Cleary, Kathleen Healy, Dennis Bell, Vilanilathu Kunjumon, Francis O'Reilly, John Wood, Ronald James Coghlan, Sr Marita O'Connell, Bruce Thurgood, Henry Mellan, Eileen O'Brien, William Amor, Daniel Farren, Margaret Roberts, Dorothy O'Keeffe, Antonietta La Sala, Ricardo Vilca, Megan Tomasetti, Benita Schneider-Loos, Ken Balm, Joseph Rochford, Sebastiana Musumeci, Les Woodhead, Jose Manahan, Sr Susan Shannon, Gillian Dalton, Julien Pigeot, Bernard Cleary, Charles Barkley, Maria Merlino, Bernard Bourke, Charles Nichols, Margaret Jenkins, Venera Barbagallo

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

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

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 Satur lol day 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

KIDZ ZONE 4th Weekend of the month



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

2nd & 3rd September	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Helen Healy	Julie Buick	Marg De Vries	Sonia Williams	Ann Furlong	Adrienne Kennedy	Ann Brennan	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Barry Wheeler	Jane Standish	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Odette Budge	Angela Meo	Veronica Johnson
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Phillip Morris	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Joe Corda	Jon Searle	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Nola Petraitis	Paula Rodrigues	Louise Breslin	Glenice Laughlin	Peter Hannan	Judy Lamb	Robyn Worsnop	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.

