



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 01 October 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

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 COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew the evangelist loves giving parables of Jesus contrasting 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons in the gospel today. When the father invited his sons to work in his vineyard, the first son said he would not go, but after thinking it over he changed his mind, and went. Whereas the second said he would go, but did not do it. Of course, the first son is an obedient one.



What is this invitation to work in the vineyard all about? God our Father loves us so much that he wants us to experience the joy and grace of working in his vineyard, so that he will make us inherit the vineyard. No landowner will entrust his properties to anyone who does not have any knowledge and experience in labouring in his vineyard.

The kingdom of heaven does not begin after life. The kingdom of heaven begins here and now. We are so blessed to gather as God's children in listening to his words, and able to receive the flesh of our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; heaven indeed begins here and now.

Why does Jesus always pick on the Pharisees and scribes and compare them with the tax-collectors and prostitutes? The tax-collectors and prostitutes know that they are public sinners. Perhaps, maybe by choice, this is what they choose to do as a chance for living. But they are all conscious about their sinfulness and unworthiness. When Jesus extended his invitation to them, they responded with a repentant heart. That's why Jesus said: "*Sin no more and follow me!*" On the contrary, the scribes and Pharisees look highly on themselves. They have the knowledge of the laws and the Words of God, but they were blinded by their egocentric ambition and jealousy. Sisters and brothers, Jesus is calling us to change in mind and change in heart, we may say "No" to him in many ways, and many opportunities; Jesus is always waiting for us to make the first move to return to him. This journey of change may be progressive for someone, and it needs patience and inclusiveness as a community. Let us pray for one another for strength, courage, and forgiveness for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

By Fr Ignatius Tan (Assistant Priest SMOTC)

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note Wednesday the 4th of October **Mass at St Brigid's will be at 9am.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Wednesday 27th September was the feast of St Vincent de Paul. At all the Masses this weekend members of our two local Conferences will speak briefly about what St Vincent de Paul Society does in this area. Please join them for a cuppa and a chat after Mass. For more Information contact: Joanne (Aspendale) 0413 133 184 or Graham (Mordialloc) 0438 834 667.

SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting for the Scripture & Friendship group is on **Tuesday 10th October at 10am** at 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. Please contact Ann 0425 712 741 or Carmel 0425 773 608 for further details.

DISABILITY WALKER

Rosemary Hall has a brand new disability walker to give away to someone who may need this. If you would like the walker please contact the Parish Office.

ST BRIGID'S GARDENING GROUP

Next gathering is **Monday 2 October at 9am** for a general tidy up of the gardens followed by morning tea. New hands welcome.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to our parish we want to wish you a very warm welcome. Please say hello to one of our friendly welcomers or to Father, as we would like to meet you and give you one of our Welcome Packs that you can take home to learn more about our parish. Our Parish Priest Fr Andrew Jekot is on Sabbatical and will return to our parish late October. In the meantime you can see Fr Andrew's welcome message on our parish website or m.stmaryofthecross.com/welcome.

SERVE MINISTRIES ROSTER DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024

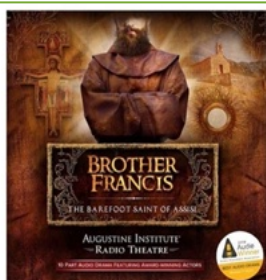
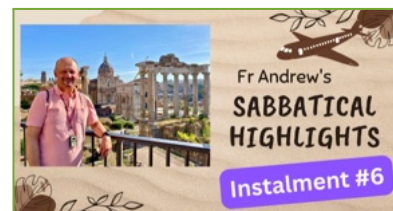
The next Serve Ministries roster for December 2023 through to March 2024 is currently being set up. If you are going to be away during this time please let the parish office know. We are always ready to welcome new serve ministers for the parish. If you have been thinking about stepping up to serve God and our parish please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministries booklet on the Welcome Desk, or view it online at our parish website [MORDIALLOC-ASPENDALE PARISH: : Serving in one of our ministries \(melbcatholic.org\)](http://MORDIALLOC-ASPENDALE PARISH: : Serving in one of our ministries (melbcatholic.org)).

SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FR ANDREW INSTALMENT #6

Fr Andrew is now in Rome deep into his studies understanding Mary the Mother of Jesus. He has also been able to visit the sites where St Francis of Assisi did his work, as well as St Benedict and St Scholastica. You can read Fr Andrew's latest blog with photos and all the previous blogs on our Parish Website; m.stmaryofthecross.com/andrew.

REST IN PEACE DON SWAIN

It is with sadness that we advise that Don Swain passed away on Monday 25th September. Many of our St Louis' parishioners will know Don and his daughter Cath. Don recently celebrated his 100th birthday in August. Don's daughter Cath would like to thank parishioners for their kindness to her Dad, *"Dad loved going to mass - this was the highlight of his week. Dad valued everyone and always felt so welcome at the church. Warm regards Cath"* Don's funeral is on Friday the 6th October at Inverloch.



FORMED

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Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

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PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

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.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT RAFFLE (BASP)

Jag will be holding a raffle over the next four weeks to raise money for the Brigidines Asylum Seeker Support Project (BASP). Tickets are on sale after all Masses and please consider taking home a book of tickets to sell to your family and friends. This is **OUR ONE BIG FUNDRAISER** for **BASP** this year. We need your help to make it a success.

There are four prizes on offer:

1. A limited edition print from Indigenous Artist Marksey.
2. A three course meal for four to six people delivered to your home.
3. A beautiful wall hanging.
4. A homemade gluten free Christmas cake and a bottle of wine.



JAG - BASP FRIENDSHIP FAMILY DAY - SAVE THE DATE



Our annual Friendship Family Day will be held on **Sunday 29th October from 12.00-3.00pm** at St Louis' Primary School grounds. We will greet refugees and people seeking asylum as our guests. It is always a wonderful day where we can extend hands of friendship and love. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. More details to follow.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR OUR HEALING MASS

Our Healing Mass held on Thursday 21st September was a beautiful occasion of love and warmth. Thank you to all who attended and received the gift of anointing. Thank you Fr Peter and Fr Ignatius for celebrating this special night. We will hold more healing masses early in 2024, with masses held in the morning at night to allow for all to be a part of this special occasion..

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS - SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER

All creatures great and small and their owners are invited to our annual Blessing of Pets on **Saturday 21st of October at 10am** on the steps of St Brigid's Church. All pets will receive an individual certificate and a blessing from Father. It's sure to be a fun morning.

Invite your family and friends.

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

If you or someone you know is having a significant birthday or anniversary and would like a **special blessing** during the weekend Masses, please let the [Parish Office](#) know.



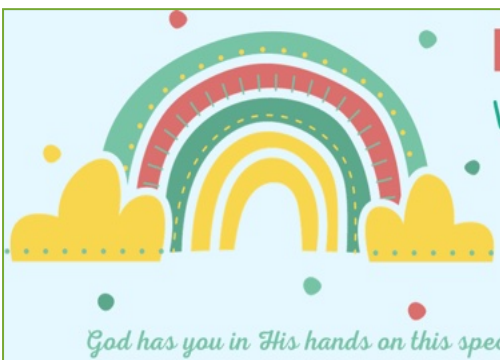


St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

SAT 7 OCT 2023 4.30PM – 5.30PM

AT ST LOUIS' CHURCH

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



Baptisms this weekend!

We welcome into our Parish family:

**Romeo Luca, Daniel Thomas,
Matthew Neil, George Lewis,
Mary Margaret**

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



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lawrence Donald (Don) Swaine

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Costanzo, John O'Donnell, Wladyslawa Mitula, Giuseppe Iorianni, Tjakrawala Ahkiat, Annunziata Camilleri, James Tobin, Teresa Healy, John Surrin, Elizabeth Major, Frank Moor, Charles Patric, Mathew Braganza, Keith Reiter (Snr), Laurie Rose, Bill Wilson, Nadine Shakemamade, Bernadette O'Connor, Sr Carmel of the Child Jesus Furlong, Nancy Stott, Vanessa Mary Davies, Maud Erbs, Gordon White, James Cooke, Max Braganza, Elisabetta Condo, Bette McLaughlin, Edmund Partleton, Joe Cerritelli, Stanley Amos Wagstaff, Megan O'Keeffe, Fr Luke Newington, Carmel Kennan, Neil Noonan, Kathleen Richards, Mary Ellen Doherty, Violet Waltho-Larter, Mary Nicholson

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Serge Nayna, Eugene Roberts, Sue Kelly, Denis Foley, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Olive Rankin, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, Sam Finnochiaro, Sophia Bicos, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Maree Burns, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Ian Hughes, Darren Rankin, Graham Owen, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Carmelo Pratico

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE 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: 9am 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

7th & 8th October	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Lesley Bailly	Joanne Partleton	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	Gail McGillivray	John Bainbridge	Adrienne Kennedy	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Barry Wheeler	Frances North	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Joan Healy	Chris McAleer	Joan Healy	Odette Budge	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Ann Furlong	Volunteer	Elizabeth Newington	Berna Wake	Carmel Smith	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Volunteer	Philippa Pecora	Vikki Fitzgerald	Jaun Wilson	Lucy Cameron	MaryAnn Farren	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 3: Deborah Joseph, Joe Corda, Nelson Popley							

Welcomers please note this is a cuppa weekend your help would be greatly appreciated.

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.

