



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 September 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

PARISH CHURCHES

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples: *"If your brother or sister sins against you, you should go and talk with them about the situation."* Now ask yourself: What is your typical reaction when someone sins against you? Do you ignore them? Do you take some time to decide how you want to respond? Or do you nurse your anger or hurt? Do you retaliate in a like manner?

Most of us developed and honed our personal response to being sinned against at a very young age. We didn't even know we were developing a personal response. We may have modelled our response on how our parents responded in these types of situations. We may have learned how to manipulate others. Or we simply may have decided to keep our distance from the individuals who sinned against us (if that was an option). Or perhaps you were taught to talk with the person who had sinned against you and work it out?

Now take a moment and ask yourself: Today how do I respond when another person sins against me? Is my response different from when I was a child? Or is my reaction basically the same as when I was an 8-year old or a 14-year old? The reality is that our instinctive (and automatic) responses are developed at a very young age, perhaps even beginning while we are still in the womb. These responses become so automatic in our childhood that we may not consciously be aware of them.

Today may be a good day to ask ourselves: how do I respond when I feel sinned against by another? Do we bind another to us with our anger or resentment? Or do we "lose the other person" by striving to "let the hurt, anger or jealousy go" by talking with the individual? The gift is we can always change our automatic responses to certain situations. It typically takes a concerted effort. It is so easy to slip back into old patterns.

Ask yourself: Do you wish to change your automatic response? It is possible if we keep alert and mindful. However, it may take us several weeks or perhaps even months. However, if we choose to do this, then we have a conscious choice to make. We may begin to realise that we are happier and freer. In this process we not only may have freed the individual who sinned against us, we also may have freed ourselves from the pain, anger and hurt that we have been carrying.

Today, ask yourself: what is the pain, hurt and frustration that I am carrying? Am I ready to let it go? I pray you are!

Sister Anne Harpenau, OSB



PARISH NEWS

SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FR ANDREW - INSTALMENT #4

Read the latest highlights of Fr Andrew's Sabbatical as he travels through Spanish towns, the top of Africa and back to Portugal. The **fourth instalment** is now on our Parish website, short link: m.stmaryofthecross.com/andrew.



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.

JUSTICE ACTION GROUP NEXT MEETING

All are welcome to join our JAG Meeting on **Wednesday 13 September from 7.30-9pm at St Louis'**. Our JAG Mission is to become better informed and raise awareness of social injustices. We endeavour to respond as a parish and network with others working on these issues: Treatment of refugees & people seeking asylum; Domestic violence & homelessness; Protecting the environment; Understanding & respect for First Nations People; Human trafficking and Interfaith Initiatives. We are a passionate and active group and welcome ideas from all.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 10 SEPTEMBER

"On Sunday 10 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday.) Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, and it invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly." **Catholic Archdiocese of**

Melbourne. Members of our Parish Child Safeguarding Team will give a brief talk at all Masses this weekend, confirming our commitment to uphold the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults.

HEALING MASS THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM AT ST BRIGID'S

Fr Ignatius and Fr Peter will concelebrate this special mass of healing, including the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The mass will not just provide relief from physical ailments. It also heals us mentally, emotionally, and most of all spiritually. All are welcome to join in this special liturgy. Feel free to bring a friend who might appreciate this gift.

THANK YOU FROM PAM HANNAN

"I would like to say thank you to Fr Ignatius and parishioners for their prayers, love and support for my recent surgery." Pam Hannan (St Brigid's parishioner)

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. Our September dates for our time together are the **12th & 26th September at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale**. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.

BOBS KNITTING GROUP

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. Thank you to all the people who have donated beautiful, knitted items made at home and people who have donated wool.

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.



PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

Come & be filled with the Holy Spirit.

7.30pm FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT ST BRIGID'S



POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

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Room for Everyone in Our Church

The **Synod on Synodality** is a multiyear, worldwide process of listening and dialogue initiated by Pope Francis in October 2021. It aims to help the Catholic Church grow in its communion, participation and mission. The Synod will involve different levels of consultation, from local dioceses to continental assemblies, and will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican in October 2023 and October 2024. To

learn more about the Synod on Synodality, all are welcome to register for an online discussion hosted by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union, and Garratt Publishing entitled **ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH**, on **Thursday 14 September 2023 at 7.00pm**. Leading the discussion will be one of the Australian Catholic Bishop Commissions representatives at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst (Vic). Registration is free and can be accessed at [Room for Everyone in Our Church Convocation \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com). If you register and are unable to attend on the night, you will be sent a recording of the event.

SEASON OF CREATION 2023 - LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW

"**Let Justice and Peace Flow**" is the theme chosen for [Season of Creation 2023](https://www.seasonofcreation.org), the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from 1st September to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The prophet Amos cries out, "*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*" (Amos 5: 24), and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to embrace climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities that are most impacted by climate injustice and biodiversity loss. For more information and resources visit: [laudatosimovement.org](https://www.laudatosimovement.org). There is also information available on our parish website.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNION SERVICE ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER.

Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Stella Louise & Gemma Anne

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Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.





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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gaetano Furnari (Felice Cortese cousin in Italy)
Carmel Maria Funston

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Velten, Morris Joseph, Ken Raphael, Dirk Senn, Fr Michael Quigley, June Rosina Phippen, Ethel Cecilia Coghlan, Joseph D'Rozario, Don Byrnes, Denise McMahon, James Doran (snr), Freda Fernandez, Fr Peter Murray, Kurt Wessel, Filippina Gazzo, Gordon Teasdale, Julien Mendonça, Mary Coen, Sheila Popley, William Blackie, Gus Pottier, Anthony Purcell, Dea Thomson, Kevin Worfolk, Leonarda Costanzo, Bridget Gallagher, Janos Pastor, Maureen Payton, Ribomapil Concon, Andrew Atherton, Alex Baptist, Michael O'Leary, Hilary Rooney, Verlie, Gary & Glen Callaghan

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Serge Nayna, Peter Waltho, Sue Kelly, Rita Popley, Olive Rankin, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, 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

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: 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'

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

3rd Friday of the Month: 7.30 to 8.30pm alternating church each month

KIDZ ZONE 4th Weekend of the 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

16th & 17th September	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Debra Searle	Michael Barker	Gail McGillivray	Julius Lau	Marg De Vries	Ann Furlong	Berna Wake	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Graham Jones	Tony Aloysious	Carole Guthrie	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Barry Wheeler	Jane Standish	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Robert Bronts	Elizabeth Newington	Volunteer	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Niko Tovia	Norma Taylor	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Judy Lamb	Vikki Fitzgerald	Jaun Wilson	Donna Cardamone	Gail Bell	Les D'Cruze	Christine D'Cruze	Glenice Laughlin

Counters

Group 5 - Aileen Dynes, Mary & Serge Nayna

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.

