



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 August 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

PARISH CHURCHES

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This story from Matthew's Gospel reminds us that at the time of Jesus there were sharp divisions in society based on ethnicity. Matthew's Gospel was written for a community of Jews who were also Christians and trying to work out how to reconcile the two. This story may show a way to do so.

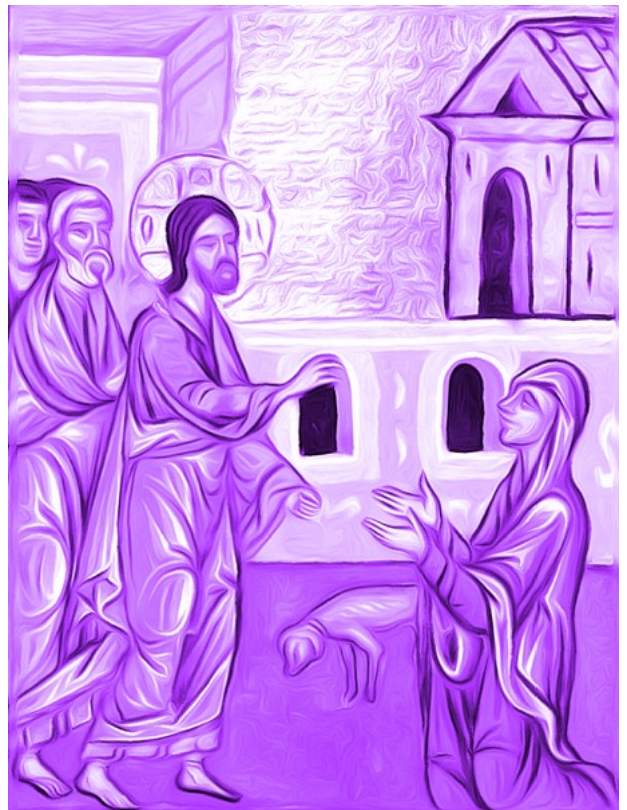
In response to this Canaanite woman who is one of Israel's enemies, it seems as though Jesus will 'go along' with societal divisions, stating that his ministry is for 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. This is despite the

woman referring to Jesus with the titles of 'Son of David' and 'Lord'. The response of Jesus to the woman 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs' sounds harsh.

But like in other gospel stories, Jesus responds to the sincerity and depth of her faith seen through her love. It is no surprise that such persistence is driven by a parent's love. We each may have stories of the awe-some nature of such love. In this story it is the mother's love that drives her to ignore society's divisions so that her daughter can be made whole.

What can we learn from this story? Like the Jewish Christians after the death of Jesus, may we realise that it is faith based in love that helps us to see past human-made divisions, including ones that wear religious clothes, so that we can be whole; looking on the world with love will guide us towards being one people in God.

By Patrick Jurd (Parishioner)



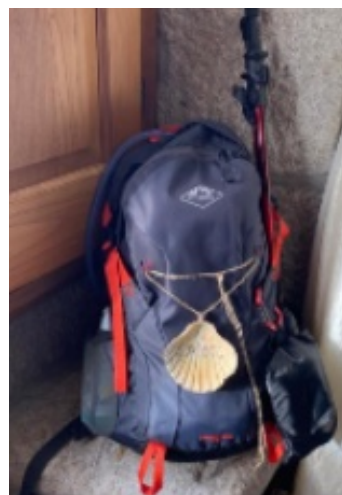
PARISH NEWS

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.

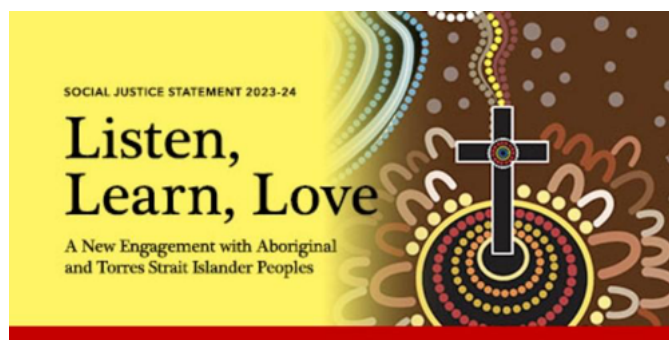
RAFFLE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MARY MACKILLOP TODAY

Thank you to all who supported our recent hand knitted rugs raffle raising funds for Mary MacKillop Today. **\$1000 was raised!** The winners were Gail H, Vo J, Irene L and Connie N. Thank you to Ann Brennan's friend for donating the rugs to the Parish. Through Mary MacKillop Today, the vision of Australia's first Saint and of the Sisters of Saint Joseph is being realised. The organisation works in the spirit of Mary MacKillop, in partnership to help create generational change through the teaching of practical life skills to women, men and children in Australia and beyond.



BISHOPS STATEMENT CALLS FOR NEW ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST PEOPLES

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 **launched 17 August 2023**. "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



PRAYER MINISTRY IS ON NEXT WEEKEND

The roster for the Prayer Ministry which will be held after all the weekend Masses next weekend is as follows - **6pm** Bernie Stuart & Ann Furlong, **8am** Connie Nicols & Sr Gayle, **9:30am** Mary Nayna & Jon Searle, and **11am** Ellen Young & Graham Harrison. Thank you.

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.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday 23rd August at 7.30pm at St Louis'**. Welcoming all men in a non-judgemental, friendly environment.



**WELCOMING ALL MEN TO
OUR NEXT ST MARY OF THE
CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
GROUP GATHERING**

KIDZ ZONE



ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Next Weekend 26/27 August

Children aged 4-10 to are welcome to join Kidz Zone to play, dance, sing, make friends and learn more about Jesus.

**St Louis' Saturday 6pm after Mass (for 20 minutes):
St Louis' Sunday 9.30am during Mass and St Brigid's 11am during Mass.
Every 4th weekend.**

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PARISH FEAST DAY AND FR IGNATIUS' BIRTHDAY

Our celebratory lunch for Fr Ignatius' 60th birthday and our Parish Feast Day on Sunday 13 August was a wonderful expression of the friendship and love of our Parish Community. Thanks to all who attended and made the day so special and to all who assisted in making it such a success.

We give thanks to God for the one year anniversary of Fr Ignatius serving in our Parish (17 August). God Bless you Fr Ignatius.



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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.



ENNEAGRAM DAY – SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 2023 9am – 4.30pm

This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/ or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch).



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

PALMS: OPPORTUNITIES IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

April 17th was the 10th anniversary of Palm's engagement with a community etched in the memory of Australians. Drawing on the support of Palms, Rofina Aifuan has led a local team to build the capacity of their Community Learning Centre in Balibo, Timor Leste. Be inspired by Rofina and current program participants Michele and Anjelica Rankin from Queensland as they reveal this story of life changing cooperation. Register online to find out how to start your story on assignment with Palms at our **September 14th Webinar**. palms.org.au/event/discover-global-mission-webinar/



ACN: THIS MONTH HELP SISTERS IN PARAGUAY

This month **Aid to the Church in Need** is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support the disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan Smith, Tony (Antonio) Del Prete, Joseph Asciak, Phil Cain, Patricia Sayers, Lorna Coyne, Margaret Scarrott, Antonia Bautista, Janet White, Robert O'Kane, Elvis Ricky Thurgood, Angelo Stoppa, Joseph Ellul, Margaret Fallon, Joseph Chan, Pat Crowe, Joaquim Rovira-Reixach, Maria Tesoriero, John (Jack) Wilkinson, Don Sutherland, Hector Bibby, Br Bill Lebler, Bronislaw Zukowski, Marie O'Dea, Mary Carlon, Clare Brennan, Kathrine Fernandes, Phylis Laughlin, Ernesto Leme, Maurice Dowd, Roger Parfait, John Michael Malone, Mary Baldock, Tom Drenen, Terry Duus, Aloysius Demonte, Frances D'Argent, May Demonte, Sr Mary Imeldine A.C., Sr Mary Silvaria A.C., Jack Wraight, Moira Waight, Ray Dickinson, Anacleto Gutierrez, Kerry Smith, Claire Wright, Margaret Hamilton, Drago Tkalcevic

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Denis Foley, Sue Kelly, Rita Popley, David Austin, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Maree Burns, Pam Ulbrick, Sam Finnochiaro, Sophia Bicos, Julie Griffith, 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 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



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

26th 27th August	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Jenny Ford	Marg De Vries	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marie Medlicott	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	Pauline Parker	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Joan Healy	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Basia Mitula	Niko Tovia	Ann Furlong	Ron Schneider-Loos	Elizabeth Newington	Volunteer	Rosemary Miller	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Glenice Laughlin	Peter Hannan	Vikki Fitzgerald	Michele Meachen	Volunteer	Lucy Cameron	MaryAnn Farren	Tung Phan

Counters

Group 2 - Anthony Barnhoorn, Kelvin & Helen Rocks

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.

