



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 September 2024

Readings for Year B: Numbers 11: 25-29 James 5: 1-6 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48



*Whoever is not against us
is for us*

Written with the backdrop of Christian persecution, it is little wonder that Mark's Gospel talks of 'taking sides' - 'for us' or 'against us'. At that time, living your faith in Jesus could mean death. Yet, as Christians, the point is that we are all daughters and sons of God - there are no 'sides'; no 'groups'.

So, not for the first time in this and other Gospels, the disciples miss the point. Again, Jesus includes those that others would exclude: 'Whoever is not against us is for us'. So, we too are called to look past any seeming 'sides' and, following Jesus, look to include everyone.

Part of the genius in this is that none of us have all of the wisdom or all of the skills or all of the talents. In the Body of Christ, when we each do our part with the Holy Spirit, our community is fully alive.

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.



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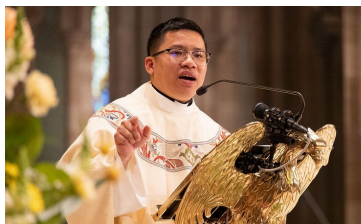


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Parish News



Welcome to Fr Huy Nguyen

We welcome our new Assistant Priest this weekend. Please give Fr Huy a wonderful St Mary of the Cross welcome. He will be saying the St Louis masses this weekend so we will be having an extra cuppa after those Masses to give you a chance to introduce yourselves and get to know him.



Fr Ignatius - message of thanks

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Thank you very much for all your care and accompaniment for the last two years of my priestly ministry. All of you have taught me how to be a priest with an active listening ear, and a compassionate heart. I am going to miss all of you. Thank you for all your prayers, presents and cash gifts, and your presence at the farewell afternoon tea last Sunday. God bless you all. Ignatius



Offertory Giving Campaign

Dear Parishioners, Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over the next three weeks.

Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.



Memorial Book

In the month of November, we commemorate All Souls Day remembering all of our loved ones who have passed away. Our Memorial book contains the names of all who have been remembered in our Parish Bulletin over many decades and is placed on the altar and remembered in Masses throughout the

month of November. If you would like to include your loved one who has passed away in the past 12 months, whom you have not registered previously, please fill in a form which is available on our Welcome Desks.

Please Note - The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 2 October

The office will be closed this Wednesday with no one in attendance due to a planned power outage. Any calls will still be answered.

CRISP (Community Refugee and Integration Settlement)

Members of our JAG team have joined with others from OLA Parish Cheltenham to support a refugee family to assimilate in Australia. To learn more : <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>
In early November we will begin a series of fundraising activities to support the team with their sponsorship.



To all our wonderful parishioners who donated blankets for our recent appeal. The blankets were gratefully received by the **City of Kingston's AccessCare** and have been distributed to the homeless in our community.

Which Serve Ministry is right for you?

Here are some of the many ways you can serve at St Mary of the Cross. Pick up a copy of our Serve Ministry booklet in the church foyers or on our [website](#) or speak to one of our Parish Leadership Team.

Welcomer

Do you enjoy greeting people & giving helpful information?

Music

Do you love to sing or play an instrument?

Altar Flowers

Do you love to see our altar beautifully decorated?

Mass

Would you like to participate in the Mass as a reader, commentator, special minister?

Children's Ministry (KidzZone)

Would you like to teach kids about Jesus' life and His love for them?

Church Grounds

Do you have a green-thumb and love doing the garden?

Prayer Minister

Do you have a heart for others and deeply feel the power of prayer?

Parish News

Blessing of the Pets - Saturday 5 October at 10am



Our annual Pet Blessing will be held next **Saturday 5 October from 10am** out the front of St Brigid's church. Bring along your pets of all shapes and sizes for a blessing by Fr Andrew. All pets will receive a certificate of blessing and a treat.



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(cf. Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is the annual month-long Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: where the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home.

This year's theme is **"To hope and act with Creation"**.

We have been celebrating the Season of Creation throughout September in songs, liturgy and our altar display.

Have a look at our Parish Facebook Page (link at the bottom of page 1) where we are celebrating the Mystery of Creation every day until the end of the Season of Creation.



Congratulations Carmel and Julie

Congrats to Carmel Barker and Julie Buick on their milestone birthdays.

***May their family celebrations be filled with love and joy
and the blessings of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts.***



Alpha

As we enter Week 5 of our latest Alpha series, we give thanks to the Holy Spirit in the many ways he is touching the hearts of all guests. Please pray for every guest on the Alpha journey. Week 5 continues on **Tuesday 1st of October from 6.30-8.30pm** at St Brigid's Primary School Hall (Barkly St. Mordialloc).

Thank You Emily

Many thanks to Emily Wisniewski for leading a bible study group for the last 8 weeks. The group finishes up this Tuesday night. Emily generously offered her time to be able to help a group of parishioners learn to have a better understanding of the Bible.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

JAG BASP Family Friendship Day - Sunday 27 October 12-3pm

Our Annual Refugee Friendship and Family Day Picnic will be held at **St Louis on 27 October** in the school garden at St Louis Primary School starting at 12pm. More details to follow.

New Parishioners Welcome - Saturday 16 November 10-11am

A special welcome event for those who are new to St Mary of the Cross or have been visiting for a while and would like to know more about our parish. This casual morning tea will be held at the Parish House. More details soon.

Annual Serve Ministers Thank You - Sunday 1st December 12-2pm

A chance to say thank you to our wonderful Serve Ministers who make our parish. A light luncheon to be held in the Parish House grounds. More details closer to the date.

Parish Groups

Holy Rosary and Adoration

All are welcome on **Saturday 5 October from 4.30-5.30pm at St. Louis' Church**. Reconciliation will be offered at 5.30pm & our Saturday Vigil Mass is at 6.00pm. Please note that we also offer Holy Rosary and Adoration every Friday at St Brigid's from 10.30am ahead of our Friday Mass at 11.30am.

Prayer Ministry this weekend 28/29 September

Everyone is invited to take part in this opportunity. It will only be for a few minutes and the prayer team will gently guide you. All you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God. Father will announce the Prayer Ministry teams at the end of Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5/6 OCTOBER 2024

6/5 Oct 2024	27th Sunday Ordinary Time Readings (Yr B)				Genesis 2: 18-24	Hebrews 2: 9-11	Mark 10: 2-16
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Barnhoorn	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Julius Lau	Sonia Williams	Anthony Barnhoorn	Berna Wake	Carmel Barker
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Frances North	Barry Wheeler	Chris McAleer	Stephen Pooley	Angela Meo	Jack Meyer
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Gerard Wagstaff	Felice Cortese	Ron Schneider-Loos	Mary Nayna	VOLUNTEER	Maureen Wraight
11.00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Jennifer Rodrigues	Peter Hannan	Judy Lamb	VOLUNTEER	Robyn Worsnop	Helen Rocks
Counters	Group 4	Bernadette and Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom			

Recently deceased: Br Calixtus Cusack FSC

Anniversaries of those who have died: Paul Mooney, Peggy Quinn, Giovanna Di Benedetto, Margaret Powell, Diego Fernandes, Bob Moorhouse, Audrey Quirk, Audrey May Morris, Mary Newington, Paula Sims, Giuseppe Costanzo, John O'Donnell, Wladyslawa Mitula, Giuseppe Iorianni, Tjakrawala Ahkiat, Annunziata Camilleri, James Tobin, Teresa Healy, John Surrin, Elizabeth Major, Jean May Stone, Frank Moor, Charles Patrick, Mathew Braganza, Keith Reiter (Snr), Laurie Rose, Bill Wilson, Nadine Shakemamade, Bernadette O'Connor, Sr Carmel of the Child Jesus Furlong, Vanessa Mary Davies, Maud Erbs, Gordon White, James Cooke, Max Braganza, Elisabetta Condo, Bette McLaughlin, Edmund Partleton, Joe Cerritelli.

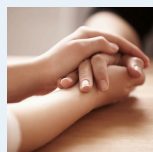
Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Brenda Cortese, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Nancy Selby, Sr Anita Le Clerq, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Gail Hamilton, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesol, Elaine Kent.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

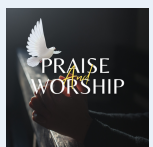
GROWING IN COMMUNITY AND BELONGING AT ST MARY OF THE CROSS



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 5 - 12-year-olds.
 4th weekend of the month.



PRAYER MINISTRY
 Intercessory prayer.
 Last weekend of the month - all masses.



PRAISE & WORSHIP
 3rd Friday of the month
 7.30 - 8.30pm.

FORMED

This Week on FORMED - St Vincent de Paul Catholic Saints

Join Dr Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share with us about the life of St Vincent de Paul who dedicated himself to helping the poor, and was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity.
 Go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
 St Brigid's Sunday 8am
 St Louis Sunday 9.30am
 St Brigid's Sunday 11am
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:

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WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service, St Louis Tuesday 9.15am, St Brigid's Wed 10am, St Louis Thurs 9.15am, St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
 St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm
RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
 St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

CONTACT US

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults in our community.

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