



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

PARISH VISION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God. We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 28 August 2022

Our readings are: Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31, Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24, Luke 14:1,7-14

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 LEADERSHIP TEAM:
Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss

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Ann Fitzgerald

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Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

[Saturday 6pm](#) and [Sunday 8am](#)

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors. We have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account disputes this. Although Jesus is depicted as dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited again! Why? Because after accepting their hospitality he would lecture them about how they should behave and remind them of who was not sitting at the table. These actions don't see too many follow-up invitations!

The message on this occasion is about not thinking you're more important than you really are. It is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.



Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is human nature to want to fit in, to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

Wendy Sullivan

Principal at St Brigid's Primary School Mordialloc

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

Parish News

Face Masks are Strongly Recommended

The use of face masks indoors and in crowded settings during this winter period is strongly recommended. **Disposable face masks are available in the church foyers.**

Father's Day Appeal Next Weekend

The Priests Retirement Foundation runs an annual appeal on the first Sunday of September, Father's Day. To donate, please pick up an appeal envelope in the church foyer or donate online: melbournecatholic.org/foundation.



Australian Catholics Magazine

The Spring 2022 Parish Edition is available for collection in the foyer.



KIDZ ZONE

Children aged 4-10 years are invited to join our new KIDZ ZONE. An opportunity to play, dance, sing and have fun hearing stories from the Bible and become familiar with their friend Jesus. Currently happening on the **4th weekend of the month at 6pm Saturday Mass at St Louis', 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Louis' and 11am Sunday Mass at St Brigid's**. We would love to have KIDZ ZONE more frequently, but to do so we need adult volunteers to assist. If this is something you would like to do please contact our Parish Office. *Please also pick up a copy of the Kids' Bulletin, available in the foyer each week. It's a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.*

Child Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Our Parish Safeguarding Team would like to inform all Parish volunteers that it is now a safeguarding requirement for them to complete an online Essential Safeguarding Training Program. This is to make sure everyone understands the importance of child safety and our responsibilities. To access this online training go to: safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org. To login, you will need your WWCC number and your email address.

All Parish volunteers are expected to complete this training as part of our compliance for child safeguarding and your participation will be recorded.



FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK August 28, 2022

LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST: HE SHOWED US THE WAY
BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

**LOVE
SACRIFICE
TRUST**
FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Baptism this weekend at St Louis'!

We welcome into our Parish family:
Mabel Noelle

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

St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

"All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Acts 1:14

4.30PM - 5.30PM, SAT 3 SEP 2022 AT ST LOUIS'

Come join us in Eucharistic Adoration while we recite the Holy Rosary.



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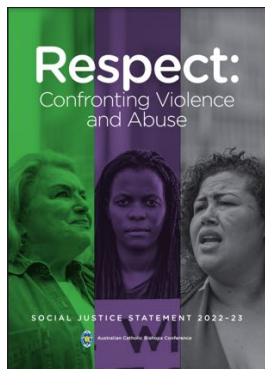
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Men's Group

Come along for a BBQ and social chat on **Thursday 1st September, 7 pm** in the foyer of St Louis church. Food provided, BYO drinks. Cost \$5, pay on arrival. *Please RSVP for catering purposes by 29th August* to Tony Allday 0411 075 631 or ajallday@optusnet.com.au. All men are welcome.



Social Justice Sunday August 28

The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time. The 2022-2023 Statement is **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**. It points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “*lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others*” and that “*this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us*”.

To watch a short video and read the full statement you can access it here:

socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/

Fr Robert McCulloch's talk about his work in Pakistan

Thank you to all those who were able to attend Mass at St Patricks and listen to Fr Rob's talk about his work in Pakistan. From the cash collection, some later donations and a grant from the Knights of the Southern Cross, a cheque of \$8,000 was presented to Fr Rob. He was extremely grateful, as that amount will go a long way with his health and education works in Pakistan. A big thank you from the KSC as well.

John Paul College Companion Van

As part of our JAG commitment to supporting marginalised people in our community, members of our JAG team have volunteered to help out with the John Paul College Companion Van twice a term in Frankston. The next date we are rostered on is **Thursday 8th September 4.30pm to 7.30pm**. If you would like to help out (you don't have to be a JAG member) or would like to know more information please contact Sandy Lindfield (JAG) on 041 205 7177



Save the date - Friday September 2 - 11.30am St Brigid's

All are invited to our **11.30am Mass at St Brigid's**, but we would particularly like to invite all who serve in our Care & Parish Support Ministries to a **Mass of thanksgiving and light lunch** where we will share ideas on these ministry areas. Our Care Ministries include Prayer Ministers; Funeral Care Ministers; Eucharistic Ministers to Aged Care; Pastoral Ministers and the Food for Friends Team. Our Parish Support Ministries are Office Enquiries & Admin; Church Gardens Maintenance; Opening the Churches (outside of Mass times) and Piety Stall. Please advise the Parish Office if you can join us.

Fr Andrew's Silver Jubilee of Ordination



It was a delightful day on Sunday 21 August with a beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a happy, joyful lunch to celebrate **Fr Andrew's 25th year of ordination**. The lovely occasion was capped off by us being able to donate the delicious leftover food to St Kilda Uniting Church 101 Engagement Hub, who provide a range of programmes and support including breakfast and lunch to the homeless and people suffering from mental health issues. Look out for more photos from the day in the September issue of Blessings. A heartfelt thank you to all the organisers' and attendees, it was clear Fr Andrew felt celebrated, appreciated and loved - *especially with all the surprises!*

Recently Deceased

Mrs Mary Carlon (St Louis')
Antonio Del Prete (St Brigid's)

Anniversaries

William Amor, Joseph Asciak, Ken Balm, Venera Barbagallo, Charles Barkley, Dr Janos Bognar, Bernard Bourke, Phil Cain, Bernard Cleary, Ronald James Coghlan, Gillian Dalton, Marcella Doran, Clara Dundon, Daniel P Farren, Linda Jamieson, Evan Jenkins, Margaret Jenkins, Antonietta La Sala, Jack Lanaway, Jose Mari Manahan, Henry Mellan, Maria Merlino, Sebastiana Musumeci, Charles Nichols, Eileen O'Brien, Sr Marita O'Connell, Dorothy O'Keeffe, Julien Pigeot, Margaret Roberts, Joseph Rochford, Patricia Sayers, Benita Schneider-Loos, Sr Susan Shannon, Jan Smith, Bruce Thurgood, Megan Tomasetti (Levvey), Eveleigh Vickers, Ricardo Vilca, John Wood, Les Woodhead, Rob Martin

Healing Prayers Asked For

Carly Gordon, Lindsey Edwards, Therese Brown, Danielle Spence, Giulie Waddell, John Nicholson, Josie Wood, George Caruana, Sophia Bicos, Evararad Augustine, Michael Moore, Peter Hopkins, Bridie Duggan, Peter Grove, Dermot Duggan, Minnie Joseph, Sharon Stevenson, Lisa Downing, Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, Ian Anderson, Serena Zienau, Michele Ives, Pat McDonald, Oonagh Duggan, Sam Finnochiaro, MaryJane Duffy, Margaret Beesley, Lynch family, O'Shannessy family

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and have read and signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Copies 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	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 04 September 2022				
Readings (Year C): Wisdom 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10,12-17, Luke 14:25-33				
03rd & 04th Sep	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Tanya Jhoomun	Frances North	Maureen Wraight	Mark Carrazzo
Commentator	Carmel Barker	Angela Meo	Lisa Tuke	Peter Hannan
Special Minister	Pauline Parker	Marlene Tangso	Felice Cortese	Glenice Laughlin
Welcomers	Julie Buick Danny Carey	Wence & Paula Rodrigues	Norma Taylor Rosemary Miller	Louise Breslin
Counters	Anthony Barnhoorn, Helen & Kelvin Rocks			
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.



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

PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS:

Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS:

Monday (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

PARISH SCHOOLS



St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St, Mordialloc

9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



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KIDZ ZONE
 **CALLING ALL 4-10 YR OLDS**
JOIN US EVERY 4TH SUNDAY

Our Parish Mission



**Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples**