



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.*

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 25 June 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Jeremiah 20:10-13, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,
Kristian Tangso, Berna Wake

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

PARISH HOUSE

03 9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri 9am - 4pm

PARISH SCHOOLS

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sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

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m.stmaryofthecross.com

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

ONLINE BULLETIN

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows"



'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. The end of chapter 10 provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. Pope Francis expands on this citing three situations that the disciples may find- the hostility of those who would like to stifle the Word of God, the physical threat against them and lastly the sensation, which some may feel, that God himself has abandoned them.

But then the teaching comes to today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'. The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness. As Pope Francis states, 'What matters is frankness, the courage of our witness, our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before men" and going forth doing good.'

By Jodie Marziano St Brigid's Primary school

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

PARISH NEWS



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 1 JUL 2023 AT ST LOUIS'

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING ONLINE TRAINING

All those who are involved in any Serve Ministry have to undergo some professional development in the area of child safeguarding. Some parishioners received an email this week asking them to do the [online seminar](#) as the parish records show that the training hasn't been completed. There is an opportunity to undertake this session as a parish group on **Sunday 25th June at 10.30am at St. Louis'**. You will need to bring along your valid Working with Children's Check card. Please notify the parish office if you are attending.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a collection for the annual collection for "Peter's Pence". This collection goes towards financial support to our Holy Father Pope Francis. The Modern "Peter's Pence" proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative costs of the Vatican state. Your generosity is appreciated.



DO YOU WANT TO HELP A REFUGEE FAMILY IN A PRACTICAL AND MEANINGFUL WAY?

Community-based sponsorship, where people form a group and work together to welcome and provide support for refugees coming to Australia is a growing global movement. JAG has invited a representative of CRISP (Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot) to explain what is involved. The information session will be held on **Wednesday 28 June at 7pm at St Louis**. All are invited to attend. Please text Judy Lamb with your name at 0419 311 255 to express your interest by *Friday 23 June*. Further information can be found at:

www.refugeesponsorship.org.au.



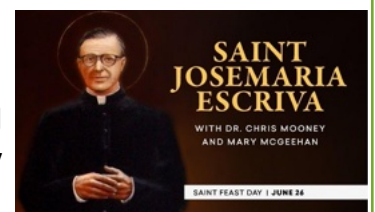
PARISH CATECHIST PROGRAM 2023

Our 2023 Parish Catechist Program for sacrament of reconciliation and confirmation begins **11th of July** this is for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving their Sacraments. Classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact: Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish 9580 7981.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

St. Josemaria Escriva | Catholic Saints - watch.formed.org

Called "the saint of ordinary life" by Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria Escriva centred his ministry around a simple truth: each person can experience the extraordinary grace of holiness even in the ordinary events of day-to-day life.



Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone and in a few easy steps you can subscribe to our parish bulletin.



PARISH NEWS

Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Isla Ray, Sunny James, Kiara Rose, Liam Keow, Olive Renae

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

TEMPORARY USE OF CAR - URGENT NEED

An heroic lady who is a recent widow with significant health issues requiring ongoing medical treatment, and who is caring for 2 adult children with disabilities, is in urgent need of a reliable vehicle in good order - if possible as a loan of 2 to 3 months. Her own car has "died" and is not worth repairing. And her story, if it was told, is an extraordinary mix of courage and heartbreak. Do you know someone who might help? Any additional insurance required will be covered. For further information, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au.

TRANSPORT FOR PASTORAL CARE - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

One of the major works of Aid to the Church in Need is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

HEART OF LIFE PRESENTS: ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

Peter Hay 14 x Mondays, 9am–10.45am, 17 July to 6 November

This seminar is for all with a passion for our earth, who are wondering how we, as Christians, are called to impact our world and support those around us in their struggles too. It invites us to contemplate God at the heart of the dynamic, evolutionary universe, and explores the ways we may understand ourselves and our relationships within this interrelated and interdependent community of life. Cost: \$475 Bookings via heartoflife.melbourne/events/ecological-spirituality/

KIDZ ZONE



ST MARY OF THE CROSS

**This Weekend 24/25 June
Calling all children aged 4 – 10**

An opportunity to play, dance, sing, make friends and have fun
hearing stories from the Bible and getting to know your friend Jesus.

**SAVE THE DATE: 27 JULY 7.30PM AT ST LOUIS
INFORMATION NIGHT ON THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT**



The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an invitation to the Australian people from First Nations Australians. It asks Australians to walk together to build a better future by establishing a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution, and the establishment of a Makarrata Commission for the purpose of treaty making and truth-telling.



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



RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore Barbagallo, Daphne Sims, Flavian Fernandez, Max Sims, Chris Kelly, Rosina Castleman, Rosina Chalmers, Joan Weston, Lesley Lambert, George Aquilina, Marie O'Connell, Pat Currigan, Jeremiah Currigan, Donald Pearle, Iva Coletti, Joan Watkins, Wendy Harris, Rudy Rebeiro, George Foster, Gladys Foster, Mark Lyovic, Harry Bibby, Peter Wraight, Joyce Tulk, Emily Riordan, Clifford Hawley, Dino Vidotto, Eugene Rozario, Jack Drinan, Rita Grotto, Mary Tobin, Glen Martin, Leah O'Hehir, Marie Claire "Gilberte" Lefevre, John McFall, Victor Dorian, Daniel Sexton, Hazel D'Souza, Margaret Birch, Gwen Winter, Mariamma Mathew, Kerryn Mulcahy, Shayne Neighbour, Jerry Masters, Dorothy McGinley, Stefania Ragalewicz, June O'Brien, Virgil D'Souza, Frances Taylor, Robert Beckham

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Sr Anita McClure, Susan Waltho, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Sophia Bicos, Julie Griffith, Maree Burns, Josephine Wood, Sue Kelly, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Carmel & Brian Grace, Graham Owen, Danielle Spencer, Pam Ulbrick, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Wendy Baderhosrst, Judy Callmac, Sam Finnochiaro

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'

KIDZ ZONE - CHILDREN AGED 4 - 10

4th Weekend of the Month: 6pm, 9:30am & 11am Masses

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16 Romans 6:3-4,8-11 Matthew 10:37-42

1st & 2nd July	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Jenny Ford	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Bernie Stuart	John Bainbridge	Adrienne Kennedy	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Barry Wheeler	Tony Aloysious	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Marlene Tangso	John Guthrie	Angela Meo	Jack Meyer	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Basia Mitula	Lisa Tuke	Elizabeth Newington	Volunteer	Mary Nayna	Berna Wake	Joe Corda	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Peter Hannan	Donna Cardamone	Gail Bell	Glenice Laughlin	Wence & Paula Rodrigues		Tung Phan
Counters	Group 4 - Susan Dornom, Bernadette and Geoff Terrell							

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.

