



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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 13 November 2022

Our readings are: Malachi 3:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19 Year: C

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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Mass Online

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Email

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m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

Why is temple so important to the Jewish people? The Jewish temple is the centre of worship and national identity in ancient Israel. The temple is where God dwells. It is where they keep the Torah, and the ark, where the commandments of God be, and the sacrifice offering made to God takes place in the temple.

Today Jesus foretold that the temple will be destroyed, "*Not a single stone will be left on another, everything will be destroyed.*" About forty years later in 70 C.E. the second Jewish temple built after the Babylonian exile, was destroyed by the Romans. It has never been rebuilt till today. There was only the western wall left in the current site which is called the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.



Does this apocalyptic prophecy feel like "the end of time" to us? It certainly had felt like "end-time" when Jerusalem and the Jewish temple were destroyed in 70 C.E. Many Jews and Christians had fled Jerusalem. How do we prepare ourselves for our own "end-time"? Are we ready to meet Jesus?

In the gospel according to John, Jesus is referring to his own body as the temple (John 2:21) that he foretold that he will be persecuted by the people who opposed him. We, Jesus' followers, will face the same persecution by the name of Jesus. Many Christians around the world today are still facing persecution for the sake of Jesus. We should not be ashamed of holding the name of Jesus. We should not be ashamed of fighting for what is right.

Jesus said: "*Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell*" (Matthew 10:28). Jesus is encouraging us to have courage and endurance for the challenges of lives in front of us. Sometimes, we may think that we are weak and that we cannot handle all the difficulties placed right in front of us. But we can never know how strong and how tough we can be if we place our trust in God.

As St Paul said: "*Glory in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*" (Romans 5:3-5)

by Fr. Ignatius Tan

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

Parish News

Advent Reflection Groups

This year we are offering several opportunities to prepare for Christmas with our Advent reflection groups. The gatherings will be 1 hour a week for the four weeks of Advent starting 21st November.

- **Mondays (21, 28 Nov, 5, 12 Dec) at 7.30pm St. Brigid's church** led by Tony Aloysius.
- **Mondays (21, 28 Nov, 5, 12 Dec) at 2pm St Louis' church** led by John Bainbridge.
- **Tuesdays (22, 29 Nov, 6, 13 Dec) at 2pm, 63 Nepean Highway Aspendale** led by Mary Nayna.
- **Wednesdays (23, 30 Nov, 7, 14 Dec) at 10.30am at St. Louis'** led by Trish Le Brocq.
- **Wednesdays (23, 30 Nov, 7, 14 Dec) at 7.30pm via Zoom** led by Kim Jeremiah.
- **Thursdays (24 Nov, 1, 8, 15 Dec) at 7.30pm via Zoom** led by Ann Furlong.

Thank you to our facilitators. Sign up lists are in the church foyers.

November - Month of Holy Souls

We remember our family and friends who have died. The special Memorial Book will be present at each Mass in November with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. If you would like to add any NEW names to this Memorial Book (all names submitted in previous years will automatically be included), please contact the Parish Office [via email](#) or fill out the slip in the church foyer. If you submit the deceased's date of death, then these names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin during the year on the anniversary.

Melbourne Catholic Professionals Networking Luncheon

The Catholic Archdiocese is holding its inaugural Melbourne Catholic Professionals networking luncheon on **22 November**. The lunch will include a brief address from Archbishop Comensoli followed by guest speaker Mr Allan Myers AC KC. For all enquiries please contact events@cam.org.au.

Longbeach Parishes Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be **12:00 pm Wednesday 2 November at Crackerjack Restaurant** Keast Park Nepean Highway, Seaford. Please ring Patsy 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733 for bookings.

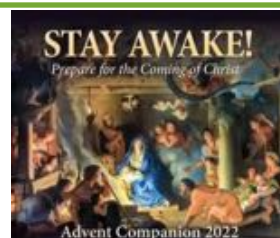
JAG's Final 2022 Fundraiser

The final JAG fundraiser for 2022 is a raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Tickets will be sold from this weekend before and after all weekend Masses and the raffle will be **drawn on 30 November**. Monies raised will be donated to the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP).

There are four prizes to be won - a \$150.00 Coles Myer gift Voucher, one of two orchid's and a homemade gluten free Christmas cake (serves 12). Thank you to those who have generously donated these prizes.

Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022

You are invited to a **Red Wednesday Prayer Vigil at St Patrick's Cathedral on 23 November, 7.30pm**. Joining many other cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's will be floodlit in red on this night. Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for the 200+ million Christians who are persecuted for their faith. You can also visit www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday to learn more.



Parish News

Child Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Have you completed the online Essential Safeguarding Training? Please access online at www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/, you will need your WWCC number and your email address. Parish volunteers are required to complete this training as part of our compliance for child safeguarding. For those who need help with the online training there will be two help Sessions held at St Louis', on Fri 25th Nov at 9.30am and Wed 30th Nov at 7pm. Please register at the Welcome Desk.



Congratulations to Deacon Vinh Do!

Deacon Vinh will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday the 19th November at 10am at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. His first masses as a priest will be on Sunday the 20th Nov at 10.30am at St. John's 52 Yarra St., Heidelberg as well at St. Joseph's Cnr Buckingham Ave & St. James Ave Springvale at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

Victorians affected by floods urgently need your help

If you are able to assist, please consider donating to the Vinnies VIC Flood Appeal 2022 by calling 13 18 12, or visit donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022.

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

The 2023 Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards can be purchased from the piety stalls after weekend Masses. The Calendars are \$10 & Christmas Cards are \$3.50 for a pack of 5 cards.

Upcoming Collection's for the month of November

Collection for the Catholic Deaf - Next weekend 19th and 20th November there will be an Annual Collection to support the Catholic Deaf.

Movember Collection - A collection will be taken up for Movember on the 26th and 27th November. Funds raised will go towards supporting Men's health.

Year 2 level mass (St. Louis') & Year 1/2 level mass (St. Brigid's) this weekend!

We welcome our school families who will be involved in our 6pm, 9.30am & 11am masses this weekend.

Parish Retreat Day



The PLT (Parish Leadership Team) have organised a special Retreat Day for all interested parishioners on **Saturday 26th November**. Ms Jacqui Guiliano from the Archdiocesan Proclaim Office will be leading our day which begins at 9am finishing at 3pm. It will be held at St. Brigid's church Mordialloc and there will be some opportunities throughout the day to go for walks nearby. *We have had a busy year of reflecting on Discipleship and this retreat day will be an important part of connecting even closer*

with Jesus. Please pray and discern whether you would like to attend? If you are interested then please sign up in the church foyer (for catering purposes). *There will not be an Advent Twilight Retreat this year.*



Recently Deceased

Trevor (Canute) Jansz - St Louis' (Funeral is at St Louis' 16/11/22 at 12 noon)
 Clare Wraight (St Louis')
 Peter Shield (father of Dani Brodie - St Louis')

Anniversaries

Ryan Robertson, Frank Arundell, Margaret Booth, Eucaristica Borg, ClareLang, Mary Brouder, Harry Bugden, Xavier Camilleri, Nella Costanzo, Patrick Ryan, Concetta De Marco, Ellen Dowling, Alfred Ellul, Marie Evans, Anna Fernando, Jack Greene, Arthur Griffith, Barbara M Hall, Lorraine Iwanow, Faava Kwan-Him, Leslie Laughlin, Alan Lee, Bill Whyte, Margaret Mellan, Pina Merlo, Maria Mota, Herbert Nam, Madaline O'Reilly, Kenneth Osborne, Paul O'Toole, Antonio Paola, Sarina Paola, Barry Rainer, Concetta Rizzo, Carmel Rocke, Douglas Saddler

Healing Prayers Asked For

Ann Brennan, Valentine Johans, Simon Dart, Pat Hyland, Michael Aylward, Josephine Wood, Ray Martin, Maureen Hepburn, Fred Hamilton, Brenda Cortese, Andy Flack, Giulie Waddell, John Nicholson, Carly Gordon, Lindsey Edwards, Minnie Joseph, Amnin Bukic, Helen Pedrazzini, Serena Zienau, Michele Ives, Ian Ryan, Sharon Stevenson, Sam Finnochiaro, Melvyn Porte, Graig dePalo, Margaret Beesley, Vielia McClean, Craig Martin

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	

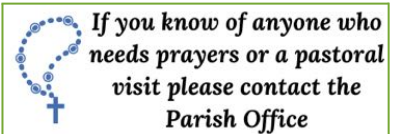
Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 20 November 2022				
Readings (Year C): 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43				
19th, 20th Nov	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Jenny Ferguson	Angela Meo	Brenda O'Leary	Michelle Campbell
Commentator	Debra Searle	Joan Healy	Maureen Wraight	Adam Whatmore
Special Minister	Sonia Williams	Marlene Tangso	Alison Krishnadas	Jaun Wilson
Welcomers	Bernie Stuart	Odette Budge	Norma Taylor	Judy Lamb
	Tanya Jhoomun Fam.	Barry Wheeler	Niko Tovia	MaryAnn Farren
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom			
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

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

Welcomers' please note this is a 'cuppa' weekend, we appreciate your help. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.

Face Masks Are Strongly Recommended!



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 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

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



Support
our Parish



Cuppa after all Masses
 All parishioners are welcome to join us for a cuppa after mass every 2nd and 4th weekend. If you wish to bring a plate to share, they are most welcome.

