



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

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Deacon: George Piech-Meat

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 November 2024

Readings for Year B: 1 Kings 17: 10-16 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44



Why am I doing this?

This Sunday's Gospel has two contrasting stories. As we each try to be a person of faith, we can bring our failings along - am I doing it right? Jesus tells us that people who do religious actions for show have an incorrect idea.

The second story contrasts amount of money given with the impact on the giver. The widow in Jewish society had no way of providing for herself. Her act of giving what little she had, demonstrated her complete faith in God.

Jesus was countercultural then - and the message is still so today. Looking good, having the latest, showing off our good deeds, all still occur. It might be time for us to rethink. As it says in the Hebrew Scriptures: "the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (! Sam 16:7).

So we should ask: 'Why am I doing this?'

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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Parish News

Welcome WE'RE SO GLAD
YOU'RE HERE

New Parishioners Morning Tea

If you are new to St Mary of the Cross Parish or have been visiting for a while, we would love to invite you to a casual morning tea, have a cuppa, meet the Parish Leadership Team, and learn more about our parish.

Details: **Saturday 16 November, 10-11am at the Parish House 520 Main Street, Mordialloc.**

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk, for catering purposes.

Calling for Altar Servers

We are forming a group of altar servers for our Parish. There will be a meeting at St Brigid's church for school-aged children on **Thursday 14 November at 7.00pm** for training and to set up a roster. Those children who have received their First Eucharist are welcome to join. Parents, you are invited to encourage your child/children to come along for this great opportunity to serve the Lord at the altar.

Please Note

The 9.15am Communion Service this Monday 11 November will be cancelled due to the funeral of Serge Nayna (R.I.P.) which is being held at **10.30am at St Louis Church, Aspendale.**

CRISP - Community Refugee & Integration Settlement Pilot & Nepean Wind



**WE NEED HELP TO ASSIST
US WELCOME A REFUGEE
FAMILY:**

- Organise temporary accommodation
- Provide essential items & household goods
- Assist with long-term accommodation, education & employment
- Provide ongoing settlement & integration support for 12 months

**WELCOME REFUGEES INTO
OUR COMMUNITY**

Nepean Wind is a group of community-based members, from Christ Our Light (Highett & Cheltenham) and our own parish. They are seeking support to assist in welcoming a refugee family under the **Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Pilot (CRISP)**, through independent charity **Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA)**.

Learn more about the programme, <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>

Members of the team (John Bainbridge and Jon Searle) will speak at our masses this weekend and provide details as to how we can support their efforts.

Faith Leaders Statements on Domestic & Family Violence

Leaders of faith communities have consistently called for people of faith to play a role in the elimination of Domestic and Family Violence.

Recently, the **Faith Communities Council of Victoria** issued a statement on the prevention of family violence and violence against women. It stated that the rate of women killed by an intimate partner in Australia increased by nearly 30% in 2022-23, compared to the previous year. In 2024, one woman is violently killed in Australia every four days. [\(Link\)](#)

The 2022-23 Bishops' Social Justice Statement Respect:

Confronting Violence and Abuse focused on Domestic and Family Violence. [\(Link\)](#)

The **Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay** produced a summary of **Catholic Teaching on Domestic Violence**, including Pope Francis who said, "I plead with ... urgency for an end to domestic violence and to the abuse of women and children." [\(Link\)](#)

In 2016, the Catholic Bishops of Victoria made a statement:

Committing to prevention and response on Domestic Violence [\(Link\)](#)

The Justice Action Group is planning a series of activities to respond to this call to action, including a Parish Forum on Domestic and Family Violence on 15 March 2025.

News and Announcements



On **Remembrance Day (11/11)**, let us bring before the God of peace our prayers for the world, the church and all His people.

*Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes,
In our nations and our world,
The peace which is your will,
The peace which we so badly need.*

Baptism Celebrations this weekend in our Parish



We welcome into our parish family:

Anna Maree, Noah and Harper Jennifer

God has you in his hands on this special day.

With every step you take, He guides you on your way.



Advent Small Groups

Our Advent small groups will begin starting the week commencing 25 November. An opportunity to discuss and reflect on the weekly Advent Readings. Please sign up for one of the four groups at the Welcome Desk.

KSC Melbourne Cup Sweep 2024 - Results

The winners in this year's Sweep are:

1st Prize Andrea Aboujaber (Ticket No: 2512)

2nd Prize Sheryl Muttek (Ticket No: 4231)

3rd Prize Eric Roche (Ticket No: 3801)

A huge thanks to all the parishioners, their families and friends for their support which raised vital funds to provide bursaries to Yr 6 students. We look forward to your support in 2025.



Happy Birthday to Barry Wheeler who turns 90 on Thursday 14 November. Congratulations Barry on reaching this milestone. May God continue to bless and watch over you.

Special screening of The Letter - Pope Francis' Message for our earth



The Parish Earthcare team invites you to watch a screening of "The Letter: A message for our earth" on **Tuesday 19 November at 7pm at St Louis**. All are welcome.

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote a letter (encyclical) addressing the environmental crisis and its impact on earth and humanity. The Letter tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss Laudato Si with Pope Francis. Watch the short trailer [here](#).

St Brigid's Garden Working Bee

Our next working bee will be **Monday 11 November**. All the usual jobs and there is a tree that has fallen over around the back. The garden also looks like it would appreciate a watering. Usual start 8.30-9.00am or when you can make it, finishing with morning tea. Helen and Graham.

Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to:

"Let's Do Christmas Lunch" is on **Tuesday 3rd December, 12pm-2pm**, in St Louis' Church Foyer.

Enjoy a Christmas themed Lunch. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. All welcome.

Parish Groups

Praise and Worship

Our next Praise and Worship night is this coming **Friday 15 November 7.30pm** at St Louis church. Come along and be filled with the Holy Spirit through scripture, song and prayer. This month we will be led by Carmel Barker. All are welcome

Scripture & Friendship

Our next get together is **Tuesday 12 November from 10am** at Ann's home 47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale. Ann 0425712741/ Carmel 0425773608.

Food for Friends

Do you know of anyone who could benefit from a meal from our freezer? Please let Ann in the office know and we can arrange for one of the team to deliver the meal.

Justice Action Group

Our November meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 November from 7.30-9pm** at St Louis'. All welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16/17NOVEMBER 2024

16/17 Nov 2024	33rd Sunday Ord Time Readings (Yr B)		Daniel 12: 1-3	Hebrews 10: 11-14	Mark 13: 24-32		
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julius Lau	Joanne Partleton	Ann Furlong	Carmel Barker	Marg De Vries	Ann Brennan	Annette Brilliant
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysius	Angela Meo	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Jane Standish	Stephen Pooley	Jack Meyer	Joan Healy
9.30am (A)	Martin Newington	Gerard Wagstaff	Felice Cortese	Ron Schneider-Loos	Alison Krishnadas	Rosemary Miller	Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Vikki Fitzgerald	Peter Hannan	Juan Wilson	Christine D'Cruze	Vanessa Fernandes	Ellen Young
Counters	Group 5	Aileen Dynes	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn				

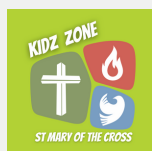
Recently deceased: Serge Nayna (St Louis).

Anniversaries: Mark Lavery, Lucy Lazaro, Anthony Borg, Dudley D'Sylva, James Doran (jnr), David Wood, Thomas Clarke, Peter Toner, Julie Williams, Elaine Barker, Leo Drill, Barbra Hunnan, Kate Crosbie, Sheila Maguire, Henry Decosta, Kevin Saker, Douglas Saddler, Carmel Roche, Patrick Ryan, Concetta De Marco, Mary Brouder, Anna Fernando, Madaline O'Reilly, Paul O'Toole, Leslie Laughlin, Harry Bugden, Barbara M Hall, Kenneth Osborne, Ellen Dowling, Clare Lang, Sue Kelly, Frank Arundell, Leslie Laughlin, Concetta Rizzo, Marie Evans, Margaret Mellan, Barry Rainer, Alfred Ellul, Alan Lee, Margaret Booth, Terry Sier, Xavier Camilleri, Jack Greene, Herbert Nam.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Nancy Selby, Sr Anita Le Clerq, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesols, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Janice Gillette, Joseph Michaleff, Peter Shoppe, Marie Ella Bednarski, Geraldine Bennett, Phillip Morris.

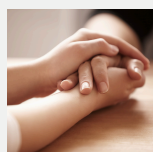
If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

GROWING IN COMMUNITY AND BELONGING AT ST MARY OF THE CROSS



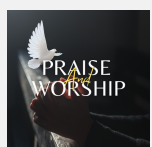
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 - Why does the Church Canonise People?

Dr Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kent discuss canonisation: it's definition, history and how it works. Why do we honour the communion of saints? What about miracles? Learn about these topics and much more

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 & adults at risk in our community.

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