



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.*

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 7 November 2021

Our readings are: **1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

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Ann Fitzgerald
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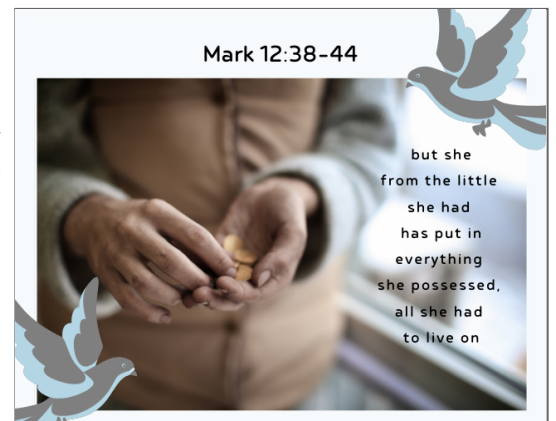
PARISH WEBSITE:

**www.melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection

The riches of poverty. Most of us, I suspect, have not seen or experienced very often. Instead we tend to view poverty as a problem to be fixed and not as a source of power and glory. Poverty is often a problem to be eliminated and solved but not in today's gospel - rather a virtue to be interiorized. The 'poor widow' becomes our teacher and we her students.

She embodies the virtue of spiritual poverty. She has no need for the money of the rich, the long robes of the scribes, or marketplace respect. She has no need for the best seat in the house or even the appearance of holiness. The absence of the widow's need to have becomes her need not to have. So she does what makes no sense. She gives her last two coins. *"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."* For what else does a poor widow have to give? She has no abundance, only the riches of poverty.



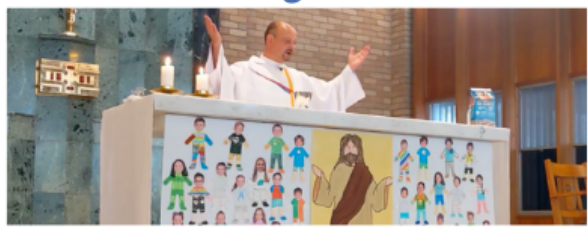
The riches of poverty come not from acquiring but from letting go. **All authentic spirituality is about letting go:** letting go of comparison, competition, expectation, judgment; letting go of status, reputation, and appearances; letting go of the need for power, to control, to succeed, to win, to be right; letting go of our need for approval and perfectionism; letting go of all the illusions we create or buy in order to make ourselves feel better. Ultimately it means letting go of ourselves and the ones we love most.

Spiritual poverty begins with letting go and it always reveals the fragility of life. It takes us to the border between life and death where there are no guarantees – only hope, where there are no answers – only faith, and where there is no security – only love. This is where the poor widow lives. This is where God lives. And they live in union as one. In the face of the poor widow – the face of spiritual poverty – the Christ sees and recognises himself.

By Sarah McDermott

Parish News

Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Restrictions have Eased! We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

◆ We have just received some good news regarding the easing of restrictions ahead of this weekend. We can have **150 fully vaccinated parishioners** attend Mass. No need to book.

- ◆ Proof of double vaccination upon entry is required.
- ◆ The celebration of Mass will still be live-streamed from [6pm on Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).



Parish Support



Care



Hospitality

Opening the Doors to Christ's Love Serve Ministry Meetings



Liturgical



Discipleship/
Evangelisation

We thank all who have attended our Serve Ministry Briefing Meetings online over the last few weeks. There have been many great ideas enthusiastically proposed, many of which you will see in action over the coming months.



Scripture & Friendship Group

Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is on the **9 November at 10am - 11.30am** via

Zoom: m.stmaryofthecross.com/scripturegroup



JAG Online Auction

The JAG online auction was a success, **raising \$4,722.00** on the day of the auction. It's not too late to donate to this fundraiser for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. The BASP team is working very hard to assist people struggling in these difficult times. Cash Donations can be left at the parish or paid online into the St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc / Aspendale Special Purpose Account: BSB 083 347, Account number 458723577.

Thank You to everyone who supported the auction.

JAG Meeting

There is a meeting for the JAG group on **Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm at the Parish Office**. All are welcome to join.



Memorial Book

We launched the Parish Memorial Book on Tuesday 2nd November on the Feast of All Souls. The book will be displayed near the altar and will be present for all masses in November, the month of remembering all those who have died.

Parish News

Baptisms

There are Baptisms taking place this weekend.

We welcome into our Parish Family:

Archer Harrison Cripps Ava Rose Morel Rosie and Theodore Lavery
Alice Lola Edkins Harry Francis Harper Isla Joan Keane

Mass on Wednesday 10am is cancelled.

Maureen Connolly's funeral mass will take place at **10.30am at St. Brigid's, Mordialloc.**

Deacon Hoang Dinh priesthood ordination

Deacon Hoang Dinh has finally been given a date for his upcoming priesthood ordination. 10am on **Saturday the 4th December at St. Patrick's Cathedral.** We await confirmation about how many can attend the ordination. Hopefully there won't be any restrictions on numbers other than the double vaccination requirement. We hold you in our prayers, Hoang.



Parish Pastoral Council

We are having our first meeting on **Saturday 13th November at St. Louis church foyer from 9am -1pm.** I invite you to keep all members in your prayers as we begin this new chapter of the parish's life. Details of who is in the PPC is displayed in the church foyers.

Special Prayers for the Stevenson family

Kate and Joel Stevenson lost their precious daughter Matilda Grace at birth. Matilda featured in the parish All Souls Day online liturgy and they have asked if parishioners would like to donate to their fundraiser for the Royal Children's hospital. Details can be found on www.tinyurl.com/matildagrace

Next Week's Mass Roster

The full roster schedule will be communicated to all involved next week.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - READERS - please see Father before Mass
Scripture Readings: Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14,18, Mark 13:24-32

<u>13th & 14th Nov 2021</u>	<u>St Louis' 6 pm Mass</u>	<u>St Brigid's 8 am Mass</u>	<u>St Louis' 9.30 am Mass</u>	<u>St Brigid's 11 am Mass</u>
Reader	Jenny Ferguson	Sr Deidre Malone	Gen Martin	Michelle Campbell
Commentator	Ann Brennan	Barry Wheeler	Brian Martin	Carmel Girolami
Special Minister	Carmel Jamieson	Jack Guthrie	Ron Shneider-Loos	Glenice Laughlin
Welcomers	Julie Barnhoorn Anthony Barnhoorn Annette Brilliant	Paula Rodrigues Carol Guthrie Odette Budge	Maureen Wraight Joe Corda Mary Nayna	Lucy Cameron Louise Breslin Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Gary and Joanne	Partleton	Debra Joseph	
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Pam Hannan

Recent Deaths:

John McFall (Marjorie's husband, St Louis)

Anniversaries:

Jo Buxton, Wilfred Hall, Rita Mansfield, Mary Philomena Parker, Elizabeth Pidoto, Fr Carmine Tricarico, Irene Drill, David John Ford, Brian Graham, Concetta Nasello, Kathleen Reidy, Jesse Villanueva, Ligaya Parker, Anthony Borg, Thomas Clarke, James Doran (jnr), Leo Drill, Dudley D'Sylva, Barbra Hunnan, Mark Lavery, Lucy Lazaro, Peter Toner, Julie Williams, David Wood, Kate Crosbie, Henry Decosta, Sheila Maguire, Frank Pierera, Mary Brouder, Concetta De Marco, Anna Fernando, CarmelRocke, Patrick Ryan, Douglas Saddler, William Donald Sinclair, William James Smith Sinclair, Leonora Rosia Salim and Quentin Santos Navario

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Liz O'Farrell, Bobby Bajram, Sue Kelly, David Marshall, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico, Jarrod Le Brocq, Sue and Peter Waltho, Antonio Delprete, Lindsey Edwards, Laura Bruder, Liam Campbell, Patricia Carrazzo, Peter Spencer, George Caruana, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Lilah Finocchiaro and Maureen Hepburn.



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 Mass)

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

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

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

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
- To have read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct

Available on our Parish website & at our Parish Office.

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot	9412 8432	Susan Dornom	0413 979 049
Trish Angliss	0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton	0413 133 184
Louise Breslin	0415 963 799	Deb Poynton	0403 471 931
Judy Dickinson	0407 865 522	Robyn Worsnop	0412 814 592

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country for thousands of years. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders, past, present and emerging.



Our Parish Mission

**Love God, Love Others
Make Disciples**