



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 November 2024

Readings for Year B: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 12: 28-34



Love the Lord your God

Jesus tells us that loving God completely, loving our neighbors, and loving ourselves are our highest commandments. Jesus unites the love of God with love of neighbour into a single commandment- the greatest commandment. At the time, Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. He was teaching us that this love of God and others “is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” that were widely practiced.

Jesus reminds us ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ and before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. What is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask! It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as ‘neighbours,’ those beyond our borders and to love them in the same way as we love ourselves.

Marylene Douglas
St Louis de Montfort School
Religious Education Leader & Lead Learner

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

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.

Welcome

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Change of Mass Time - Mass at St. Louis on Tuesday 5 - Cup Day - will be at 10am not 9.15am.

KSC Melbourne Cup Sweep 2024 - Last opportunity this weekend

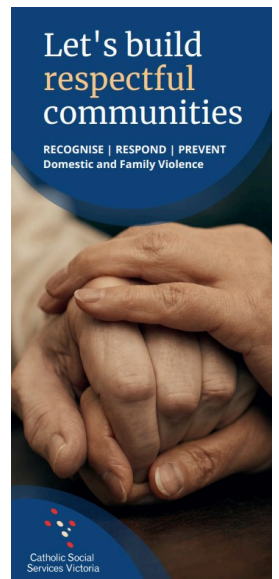
Tickets are \$2 on sale before/after Mass until **Sunday 4th November**. Drawn on Cup Eve, those who are lucky to draw a horse will be notified by telephone before the race. Funds raised go towards school bursaries. Last year bursaries were awarded to eighteen Year 6 students.

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV): What can we do?



"Research has shown that domestic and family violence within Christian faith communities can be as prevalent as that in the wider community - in some cases even more so. We all have a role to play in creating respectful relationships that prevent domestic and family violence." *Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV).*

CSSV have produced a brochure on Domestic and Family Violence which aims to help us recognise, respond to and prevent DFV and provides useful information and resources. Copies are in the foyers of both churches and is available here [link to brochure](#). The topic of domestic and family violence is one of the key areas of concern for our Justice Action Group. Over the coming months JAG will communicate a number of activities to raise awareness of DFV within the parish and the broader community, leading up to a major forum on the topic in March 2025.



CRISP - Community Refugee & Integration Settlement & Nepean Wind



WELCOME REFUGEES INTO OUR COMMUNITY

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

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 next weekend and provide details as to how we can support their efforts.



Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

News and Announcements

All Souls

The month of November is a time when the Church remembers in a special way the souls of all the faithful departed. The Memorial Book on our church altar gives parishioners the opportunity to remember and pray for their loved ones who have passed.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

St Louis Primary School Christmas Festival

Our primary school is holding their Christmas Festival in the school grounds on **Friday 6 December from 3.30-7.30pm**. As part of the festivities, there will be market stalls under cover in the hall. Do you have a business that you would like to promote by setting up a stall and selling your wares?

If so you can contact **Lisa Goodes on 0417 784 089** for more details.



Alpha National conference

Please hold in prayer seven members of our parish community who will attend the Alpha National Conference on the 8th and 9th of November in Melbourne.

Our group will join other leaders across the Catholic Church to explore Alpha as a catalyst for intergenerational renewal.

Would you like to serve in your parish?

One of our Parish Mission **core anchors** is to serve. At St Mary of the Cross we invite, encourage and support everyone to serve in a ministry that makes the best use of their gifts and time. When we step forward to serve, we experience the love of God. If it is something you have been thinking about please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministries booklet in the church foyers or online at our **parish website**. It outlines the many varied roles available. Training and support will be provided for you.

Serve Ministry Roster

For our current serve ministers the roster for January- April 2025 is currently being prepared. If you will be away during this period please let Ann in the office know.

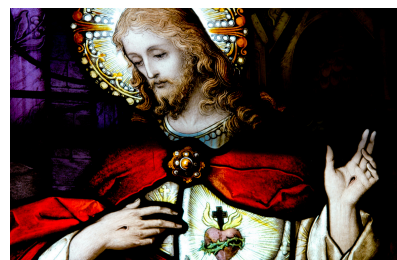
Pope Francis - Encyclicals (pastoral letters) by the Pope to the whole Church



Laudato Si - Care for our Common Home

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote a letter 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. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing personal insight into Pope Francis.

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. Watch the short trailer **here**.



Dilexit nos - He Loved Us

On October 24, Pope Francis released his fourth encyclical, calling for a renewed understanding of devotion to the Sacred Heart in the modern era. The encyclical is divided into five chapters.

Chapter 1 - The importance of the heart: This chapter reflects on what we mean when we speak of "the heart," with reference to Ancient Greek civilization and the Bible. The pope argues that in a time of social upheaval,

"we need to start speaking once more about the heart."

He writes: "In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot forget that poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity." To read the full document go to:

<https://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.pdf>

Parish Groups

Flower ministry

We are looking for some new people for the flower ministry, especially at St Brigid's. Please let Ann in the office know if you would like to join the team for next year.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9/10 NOVEMBER 2024

9/10 Nov 2024	32nd Sunday Ord Time Readings (Yr B) 1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Buick	Jennifer Ford	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Marg De Vries	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Monique Bruce
8.00am (M)	Joan Healy	Graham Jones	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Marlene Tangso	Tony Aloysius	Odette Budge
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furlong	Elizabeth Newington	Ron Schneider-Loos	Mary Nayna	Trish Le Brocq	Berna Wake
11.00am (M)	Vikki Fitzgerald	Dianne Wain	Christine D'Cruze	Peter Wain	Louise Breslin	Volunteer	Mary Ann Farren
Counters	Group 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom				

Recently deceased: Bill Mellan (husband of Norma) Edithvale.

Anniversaries: Rose Tueta, Daniel Abbot, Milena Fabris, Lindsay Lebler, Vincent Alfonso, Peter Quinn, Michelle Barclay, Roger Lodoiska, Albert Tueta, Luna Tueta, Sr Elizabeth Lyons, Teresa (Tess) Bell, Miriam Moloney, Ken Gibb, Chuck Spencer, Terence Gallagher, Lisette Silarsah, Barbra Hunam, Bill Halloran, Anthony Roberts, Joseph (Joe) Barnhoorn, Margot Davey, Florencio Marquez, John Cuskelly, John Miranda, Molly Carr, Antonio Favaloro, Cecila Smith, Trevor (Canute) Jansz, Jessie Summerton, Vanda Smout, Jack Reidy, Patrick O'Neill, Kevin Osborne, Mary Philomena Parker, Jo Buxton, Estelita Lacson-Hortaleza, Sebastian Vaz, Wilfred Hall, Fr Carmine Tricarico, Rita Mansfield, Elizabeth Pidoto, Susamma Oommen, Brian Graham, Kathleen Reidy, David John Ford, Concetta Nasello, Jesse Villanueva, Concetta Nasello, Estelita Hortaleza, Camilla Allen, Richard John Payne, Irene Drill, Richard John Payne, Rae Kresinger, Ligaya Parker.

Praying for the sick: Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Therese Brown, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Brenda Cortese, 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, Gail Hamilton, Joseph Michaleff, Peter Shoppe, Marie Ella Bednarski.

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

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:

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
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

GROWING IN COMMUNITY AND BELONGING AT ST MARY OF THE CROSS

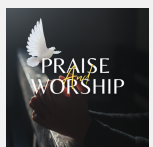
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 5 - 12-year-olds.
 4th weekend of the month.



PRAYER MINISTRY
 Intercessory prayer.
 Last weekend of the month - all masses.



PRAISE & WORSHIP
 3rd Friday of the month
 7.30 - 8.30pm.

This Week on FORMED - The Problem of Evil with Jimmy Akin

If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why is there evil?

How to win an argument without losing a soul by Matt Fradd

Get equipped with the skills to present your points well

Go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people & adults at risk in our community.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Fr Andrew Jekot 03 9412 8432
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 Louise Breslin 0415 963 799
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