



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.*

Corpus Christi - Sunday 11 June 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

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

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PARISH OFFICE

03 9580 7981

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION



In John's gospel, Jesus delivers an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

Jesus was with his disciples sharing a meal with them when this discourse occurred. We call that meal the Eucharist – this name means giving thanks. For us, meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays; weddings; dates; achievements; disappointments; reunions. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared. We need to make sure that we treat these occasions with gratitude – as blessed moments of grace – by living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him.

By Wendy Sullivan - Principal of 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

NEW: ST MARY OF THE CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP



Welcoming all men in a non-judgemental, friendly environment

Getting together monthly starting Thursday 22 June 7.30-9pm at St Louis'

Men, do you feel it's hard to find opportunities to talk about faith without being ridiculed or judged - whether it's by your friends, families or at work? Our new Men's Parish Fellowship Group will watch and discuss THE SEARCH, a 7-part series that uses an evidence-based approach for the existence of God and effectively disputes the idea that science and religion are incompatible. THE SEARCH is a journey to consider the deep questions of life and human existence. If you are interested to know more please speak to Father Andrew or Father Ignatius. If you are curious come along to our first gathering on Thursday 22 June at 7.30pm at St Louis'.

JUSTICE ACTION GROUP NEWS

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



JAG MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 7.30pm - 9pm ON ZOOM

Our next JAG meeting will be held online via zoom on Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm. The link to join the online meeting is m.stmaryofthecross.com/jag. All are welcome.

WARM WOOLLIES FOR DANDENONG HOMELESS

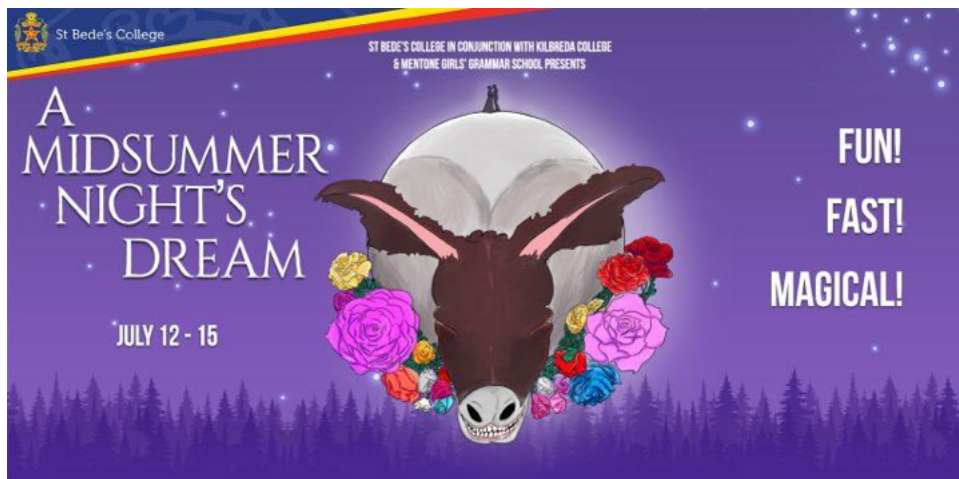
Thank you to all who have contributed. It's not too late, we will close donations off on 17/18 June.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

We would also like to thank those parishioners who have been making and contributing meals on a regular basis. Your generosity and caring are much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer for Food For Friends please contact the parish office.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Please note the following changes for this week only: Monday - No communion service; Tuesday - communion service; Wednesday - no mass or communion service; Thursday - communion service; Friday (Feast of the Sacred Heart) mass at 11.30pm (St. Brigid's school children attending also - weather dependent).



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PARISH NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST CATECHISM CHILDREN

Congratulations to **Carla Eloise, Gabriella Maria, Chloe Grace, Mia Lily and Jasmine** who have received Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. May God continue to bless them with the spiritual food for the journey. A big thank you to the catechist team who have committed to preparing these children for the sacrament.



**Congratulations on receiving the
Sacrament of the Eucharist!
May you hold Jesus Christ forever in your
heart!**

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.

FLOWERS

Do you have flowers and/or greenery growing in your garden? If you can spare some, the volunteer flower arrangers at St Louis' would be most appreciative of these for the church flower displays. Please contact the parish office to arrange for Flowers and greenery to be dropped. Thank you in advance.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the church foyers. If you donate via direct debit or credit card and require a receipt please contact the parish office to arrange one.

SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP - 13th JUNE

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month (excluding school holidays). An open invitation is extended to all who may enjoy discussing the weekend Gospel and gathering in friendship. Our next time together is Tuesday 13th of June at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.

NEXT PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT - 16th JUNE

All are welcome to join our next night of Praise & Worship with some beautiful music and scripture on Friday 16th June from 7.30-8.30pm in the Church at St Louis'. Come and be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. There will be a cuppa afterwards.

THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste. Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your Action will make a real lasting impact. To date \$665 has been donated, thank you to all the parishioners who donated.



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The Winter 2023 edition
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in the church foyers.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Kelly (Mordialloc)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken Atherton, Elizabeth Zerdoner, Pat Dundon, Natalie Cass, Vita (Maria) Rapisarda, Shirley Earp, James (Jim) O'Meara, Debbie Dawkins, Brian Sayers, Gary Wilde, Mario Facin, Dorothy McClure, Marciano Perseveranda (Jnr), Alfredo Marques, Vilanilathu Thankamma, John W Le Clercq, Francesco Taranto, Paul Williams, Ignatious Asciak, Mary Sparey, Mary Gowans, John Albert Coghlan, Catherine Brady, Helena Taylor, Margery Bridger, Diane Grayland, Ree Pierce, Rose Calleja, Ken Lyons, Anthony Murphy, Flora Mendonça, Joy Ambrens, Marion Mendonça, Mervyn Garing, Margaret McCormack

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Kathleen Cleary, Christine Wagstaff, Denis Foley, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Sophia Bicos, Sue Kelly, Nellie Julian, Carmel & Brian Grace, Graham Owen, Danielle Spencer, Julie Griffith, Pam Ulbrick, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Wendy Baderhosrst, Judy Callmac, Kathy & Ray Martin, Sam Finnochiaro, Josephine Wood, Maree Burns, Glenice Laughlin

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'

KIDS 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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Reading (Year A) Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8								
17th & 18th June	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Year 5 St Louis'	Year 5 St Louis	Marg De Vries	Carmel Baker	Bernie Stuart	Julie Barnhoorn	Margaret Deveson	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Graham Jones	Paula Rodrigues	Barry Wheeler	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Joan Healy	Jane Standish	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Year 5 St Louis'	Year 5 St Louis'	<i>Volunteer</i>	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furlong	Rosemary Miller	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Nola Petraitis	Jennifer Rodrigues	Louise Breslin	Peter Hannan	Vikki Fitzgerald	Les & Christine	D'Cruze	Tung Phan
Counters	Group 2 - Anthony Barnhoorn, Helen & Kelvin Rocks							

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.

