



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 16 July 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

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**

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sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The parable of the sower invites us to hear God's Word and respond to the Gospel. Jesus uses the analogy of different types of soil to illustrate how people receive God's Word in their hearts.

The first type of soil is like a path where the seed falls but is quickly devoured by birds. This represents those who hear the Word but don't truly listen or allow it to penetrate their hearts. The message doesn't have any impact on them, and they remain unmoved. It can be like music in the background. We hear it, we recognize the tune, but we don't have any idea what it is all about. Many people are hearing, but who is listening?

The second type of soil is rocky ground. The seed initially takes root, but because there is no depth, it quickly withers away. This symbolises those who hear the Word and may initially show enthusiasm, but they don't allow it to deeply transform their lives. They focus on superficial changes without allowing God to work in the core of their beings. Shallow soils make the external look good and healthy, but the inside remains unchanged. Trying to change the outward appearance of our lives without allowing God to transform the deep parts of our hearts will always lead to frustration and temporary change at best. The third type of soil is filled with thorns that choke the growth of the seed. These thorns represent distractions such as money, power, and earthly pleasures. People who are consumed by these distractions forget the message and abandon its teachings. To overcome this, individuals need to guard their hearts, stay focused on Jesus, and remove unhealthy habits and actions from their lives.

The fourth and final type of soil is good soil. Here, the seed takes root, grows, and bears fruit. This represents those who receive God's Word with a receptive and fertile heart. They allow the message to deeply impact their lives, nurturing their relationship with God and producing good fruit through discipleship and spiritual growth.

Overall, this parable emphasises the importance of truly listening to and allowing God's Word to take root in our hearts, avoiding superficiality and distractions, and actively nurturing our spiritual growth to bear good fruit in our lives. We should take time to prepare our hearts to be fertile soil to receive God's Word and cultivate it within our hearts and with those around us.



By Marylene Douglas St Louis' de Montfort Primary School

Congrats Fr Ignatius on your 1st year of Ordination.

We are truly blessed to have you



FLOODLIGHT AT ST LOUIS'

There will be a new Floodlight installed into the St Louis' carpark to make it easier to navigate the footpath and driveway. The work will commence on the 20th July and will be completed on the 25th of July.

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group social gathering is on **Friday 28th July, 7 pm** at St Louis church. All men are welcome. Suggested \$10 donation to help cover the cost of BBQ and salads. BYO drinks. Tea & coffee provided. We will have access to a TV to keep up with the footy score. To assist with catering please RSVP to ajallday@optusnet.com.au or text 0411 075 631 by Monday 24th July.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR NEW 'BOB'S KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP'

The first get together of Bob's Knitting Group will meet on **Friday 21st of July from 10-12.30pm** at St Louis' and thereafter on the 3rd Friday of the month. All are invited to join, no matter what skill level you are. We would love to have donations of wool from those who can't attend, or knitted items that you complete at home. Look out for the wool donation boxes in our Church foyers.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you ever thought about doing the sacraments and expanding your faith? What about joining with your children as they go through the sacramental program at school? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) begins with a 'come and see' information night on **Thursday 20 July at 7:30pm at St. Louis'**. RCIA is for: Adults who are not baptised; Adults baptised in another Christian Church or faith; non-practising Catholics wishing to renew their faith. Phone the Parish office for more information on 9580-7981. **"Come and see"**



ST MARY OF THE CROSS FAITH DEVELOPMENT TUES 18TH JULY ST BRIGID'S CHURCH 3.45 PM

We are very pleased to welcome [Roseanne Rofaeel, founder of COTS \(Christmas on the Streets\)](#) to share her inspiring story with us. All JAG members and parishioners are welcome to hear how we can be part of her ministry helping the poor.



PARISH NEWS

VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Please use the link to take you to a considered article by unbiased experts in their field. It may help in forming your thinking and decision when we are called to vote in the referendum later in the year.

[10 questions about the Voice to Parliament - answered by the experts \(theconversation.com\)](http://theconversation.com)

SAVE THE DATE: 27 JULY 7.30PM AT ST LOUIS INFORMATION NIGHT ON THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT



LONG BEACH LUNCHEON

The next luncheon will be held at Longbeach Hotel Nepean Highway on Wednesday **19 July**. Arrive at 12:30 for a 1pm lunch. For bookings ring Keith on 0417-350-733 or Patricia on 0448-866-020.

KIDZ ZONE
ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Calling all children aged 4 – 10

Come along and join our new St Mary of the Cross KIDZ ZONE. An opportunity to play, dance, sing, make friends and have fun hearing stories from the Bible and getting to know your friend Jesus.

Next KIDZ ZONE is on **Sunday July 23** after 9.30am Mass at St Louis'

Together we will plant mustard seeds in pots that you can take home, water and watch them grow just like how God can transform our little faith into great blessings.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

The choir is looking for further musically minded parishioners to join our music ministry. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please contact Trish Angliss on trish.angliss@cam.org.au or 0421 604 849.

Musicians wanted

St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish
EMBRACING CHRIST'S LOVE

Save The Date

Parish Feast Day Lunch and Fr Ignatius' Birthday

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 12.30PM AT
ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Praise & Worship Night

Friday 21 July 7.30pm at St Brigid's
All are welcome

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone and in a few easy steps you can subscribe to our parish bulletin.





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



RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco Rodolico, Albert O'Kane, Lorraine Curtain, Molly Raines, Joseph Norman, Biagia Zampataro, Jack Egan, Vittorio Iacobucci, Denis Bowdern, Maree Velten, Alfio Licciardino, Keith Sowden, Angelina Drummond, Rosina Hauser, Eileen Kavanagh, Eileen Maguire, Harriet Drinan, Ted McMahon, Joan Byrne, Greg Corda, Anne Rosario, Paddy Davey, Peg Hallam, Sr Digna A.C., Tessie Myles-Kellett, Jolyon Butler, Dorothy Carmel Agnew, Debbie Egan, Evelyn Bibby, Dorothy Cresswell, Anne Snelgrove

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

David Austin, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Susan Waltho, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Sophia Bicos, Julie Griffith, Maree Burns, Josephine Wood, Sue Kelly, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Pam Ulbrick, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Judy Callmac, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne, Claire, Matt, Ian Hughes

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'

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

3rd Friday of the Month: 7.30-8.30pm alternating church each month

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

16th Sunday in Ord Time - Readings (Year A) Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43								
22nd &23rd Jul	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6:00pm (A)	Julie Barnhoorn	Ann Brennan	Michael Barker	Pauline Parker	Sonia Williams	Berna Wake	Bernie Stuart	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Volunteer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Jane Standish	Odette Budge	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Robert Bronts	Lisa Tuke	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Rosemary Miller	Norma Taylor	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Judy Lamb	Philippa Pecora	Vikki Fitzgerald	Jaun Wilson	Robyn Worsnop	Tung Phan	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 2. Anthony Barnhoorn, Helen and 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.								



**Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the
Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respect to Elders,
past, present and emerging.**

