



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8 October 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

PARISH CHURCHES

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ASSISTANT PRIEST

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Ann Fitzgerald

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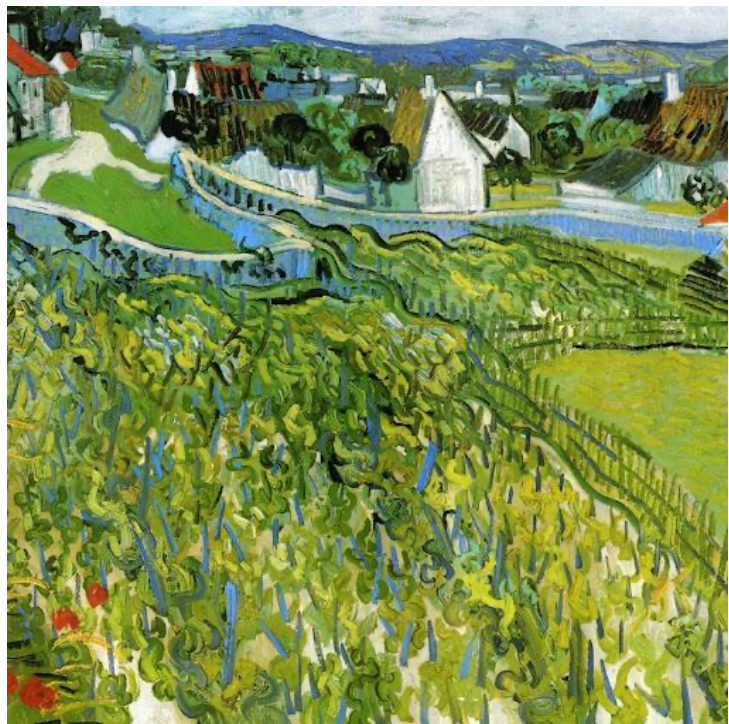
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel Jesus shares a story with those who have come to hear Him. He tells the story of a landowner who planted a vineyard, symbolising God's creation and His divine plan. He carefully prepared the vineyard, dug a winepress, and built a watchtower—representing the abundant blessings and protection God offers to His people. God has provided us with everything we need to thrive spiritually and live fulfilling lives.

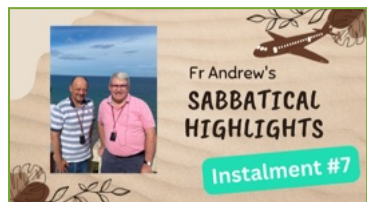


As we reflect upon the reading, we must examine our own lives. Are we bearing fruit in the vineyard that God has entrusted to us? Are we attentive to His messengers and, most importantly, to His beloved Son, Jesus Christ? This reading reminds us not to reject God's love and guidance. It calls us to be faithful stewards of the blessings and responsibilities entrusted to us by God. Let us strive to be fruitful in our relationship with God, to heed His messengers, and to embrace Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith. In doing so, we find ourselves firmly rooted in the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that God's Kingdom is not only a gift but also a responsibility, and we are called to be loving, caring, gracious, kind, just, and fair to honour the gift we have been given.

By Tanya Stefanec (Deputy Principal, St Louis de Montfort's)

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

SABBATICAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM FR ANDREW INSTALMENT #7 & #8



Fr Andrew has now completed his studies in Rome, embarking on a pilgrimage to Loreto, where he visited the sacred ground of the Holy House — the Nazareth house where Mary was born and raised, received the Annunciation, conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and nurtured the young Christ. In his closing blog Fr Andrew and Fr Paddy meet with the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See and

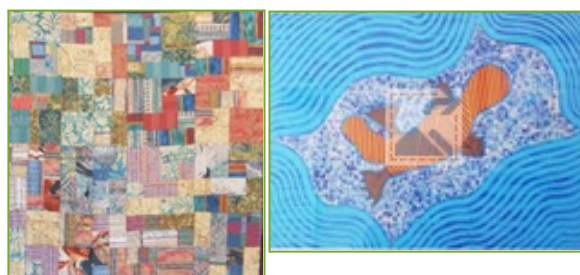
attend the Pope's General Audience! Dive into Fr Andrew's last two blogs brimming with photos, and all the previous tales of his Sabbatical journey on our Parish Website; m.stmaryofthecross.com/andrew. Fr Andrew will return to the parish on the 28th of October.



BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT RAFFLE (BASP)

Jag will be holding a raffle over the next four weeks to raise money for the Brigidines Asylum Seeker Support Project (BASP). Tickets are on sale after all Masses and please consider taking home a book of tickets to sell to your family and friends. This is **OUR ONE BIG FUNDRAISER for BASP** this year. We need your help to make it a success. There are four prizes on offer:

1. A limited edition print from Indigenous Artist Marksey.
2. A three course meal for four to six people delivered to your home.
3. A beautiful wall hanging.
4. A homemade gluten free Christmas cake and a bottle of wine.



SERVE MINISTRIES ROSTER DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024

The next Serve Ministries roster for December 2023 through to March 2024 is currently being set up. If you are going to be away during this time please let the parish office know. We are always ready to welcome new serve ministers to the parish. If you have been thinking about stepping up to serve God and our parish please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministries booklet on the Welcome Desk, or view it online at our parish website m.stmaryofthecross.com/serve.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to our parish we want to wish you a very warm welcome. Please say hello to one of our friendly welcomers or to Father, as we would like to meet you and give you one of our Welcome Packs that you can take home to learn more about our parish. Our Parish Priest Fr Andrew Jekot is on Sabbatical and will return to our parish late October. In the meantime you can see Fr Andrew's welcome message on our parish website or m.stmaryofthecross.com/welcome.

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL - HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

Thank you for choosing to support the work of the Catholic Mission and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries with your parishioners. This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic. The Catholic Mission Church appeal will be collected on the 22nd of October, envelopes are now in the foyer.



SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting for the Scripture & Friendship group is on **Tuesday 10th October at 10am** at 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. Please contact Ann 0425 712 741 or Carmel 0425 773 608 for further details.

MASS FOR Marriage Anniversaries

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023, 11AM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, EAST MELBOURNE

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October:
trybooking.com/CLKRB

For any queries please contact us
9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

We honour the memory of our departed loved ones. The special Memorial Book, a cherished tradition, will be available at every November Mass, bearing the names of parishioners who passed away this year, as well as those of family and friends we wish to remember. To include new names in this book (rest assured, previous years submissions are already included), kindly reach out to the Parish Office [via email](#) or complete the provided slip in the church foyer. If you provide the deceased's date of death, their names will also be featured in the Parish Bulletin on their anniversaries throughout the year.



SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS - SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER

All creatures great and small and their owners are invited to our annual Blessing of Pets on **Saturday 21st of October at 10am** on the steps of St Brigid's Church. All pets will receive an individual certificate and a blessing from Father. It's sure to be a fun morning. Invite your family and friends.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of Thanksgiving envelopes from Nov 2023 to Feb 2024 are now available for collection from the church foyers. If you donate via direct debit or credit card and would like a receipt please contact the parish office to arrange one.

DISABILITY WALKER

Rosemary Hall has a brand new disability walker to give away to someone who may need this. If you would like the walker please contact the [Parish Office](#).

JAG - BASP FRIENDSHIP FAMILY DAY - SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Friendship Family Day will be held on **Sunday 29th October from 12.00-3.00pm** at St Louis' Primary School grounds. We will greet refugees and people seeking asylum as our guests. It is always a wonderful day where we can extend hands of friendship and love. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration will begin next weekend (14/15 October).

BISHOPS SAY ISSUES AROUND VOICE ARE MORAL, AND ETHICAL NOT JUST POLITICAL

Australia's Catholic bishops have written a short statement encouraging all Australians to engage in self-education by reading both the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) and the [bishop's annual Social Justice Statement](#). They extend an invitation to actively listen to the hopes and fears of others. "May the Holy Spirit who opens locked doors give us light and strength to keep working for a better and more equitable Australia. Let us walk together." Please pick up a copy of the bishops statement in the church foyers or online via [Towards the Referendum: A statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops](#).

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

As the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops began on Wednesday, we encourage our parishes and communities to pray for Pope Francis' intention this month: *Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.* Follow coverage and reflections on the 'Synod of Synodality' on [Melbourne Catholic](#).





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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bill Amor (Colin Amor's brother)
Ferdinand Melder (dear friend of Nelson and Rita Popley)

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry O'Brien, Gerry Fitzgerald, James Exton, Brian Gleeson, Helen Milne, Harry Kennan, John C LeClercq, William Velten, Gwen Dundon, Vanessa Gapsride, Jean Hall, Eileen Mary Keane, Julian Francis Gurrieri, Josephine Lindfield, Kevin Davies, Maureen Connolly, Enid Curtain, Hazel Archer, Julia Reading, Amy Heffernan, Bill Heffernan, Hector Laws, Nancy Ryan, Sarah Collins, Hans Schultz, Isabella Pereira, Eva Kendrick, Allie Renwick, Augusto Buensalida, Sarala Mammen

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Sally McGloin, Serge Nayna, Eugene Roberts, Sue Kelly, Denis Foley, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Olive Rankin, Judy Callmac, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, Sam Finnochiaro, Sophia Bicos, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Maree Burns, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Ian Hughes, Darren Rankin, Graham Owen, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau, Minnie Joseph, Carmelo Praticco

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE 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'

KIDZ ZONE

4th Weekend of the month

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 to 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14								
14th & 15th October	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Ann Furlong	Ann Brennan	Julius Lau	Marg De Vries	Sonya Williams	Julie Buick	Margaret Deveson	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Joan Healy	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Alison Krishnadas	Rosemary Miller	Joe Corda	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Peter Hannan	Glenice Laughlin	Donna Cardamone	Peter Hannan	Michele Meachen	Judy Lamb	Robyn Worsnop	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Group 4 - Bernadette & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom							
Welcomers please note this is a cuppa weekend your help would be greatly appreciated.								
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.

