



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 November 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
St Louis de Montfort's,
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Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel today Jesus gave a parable of ten bridesmaids, written in the Jewish marriage custom in Jesus' time. The bridesmaids were waiting for the bridegroom to return for his wedding. The bridegroom's return was delayed more than expected.



Five wise bridesmaids were wise enough to prepare extra oils for their lamp, and five foolish ones were not.

The meaning of the Parable of the Ten Virgins is our reminder to be prepared for the unexpected second coming of Jesus, the bridegroom, when we will face eternal judgement. The wise are prepared and ready for Jesus's return.

The five wise or the prepared bridesmaids brought extra oil, which is the grace from their solid relationship with the Lord. When the groom's arrival was later than expected, the wise ladies were weary and sleepy. It symbolised the low point of our life, among suffering and hardship, that we need grace (the extra oil) to carry us through these difficult moments. We, like the wise bridesmaids, will be rewarded magnificently at the wedding feast, the heavenly kingdom, to be together with our Lord Jesus Christ.

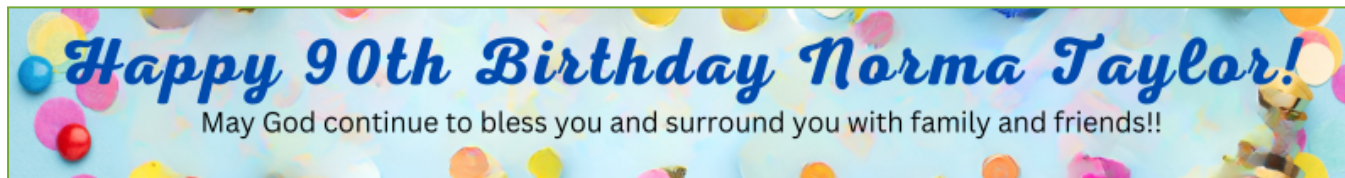
On the other hand, the foolish or the unprepared five found themselves struggling for more oil (symbolised more grace) and ran out of time before they could be fully prepared for Jesus's return. The doors to the wedding banquet had closed without them, shutting them out of heaven.

The lesson for us is: ***"Be alert, because we do not know the day or the hour."***

By Fr Ignatius



PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS



COMMUNION SERVICES

This week Fr Andrew and Fr Ignatius will be away. There will be Communion Services replacing Masses on **Tuesday 14th November, Wednesday 15th November and Thursday 16th November**. Thank you.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The special Memorial Book will be present on the altar at each Mass during November with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. The Church dedicates the month of November to intercession for souls in purgatory. Through these prayers, may God also grant us solace in the absence of our loved ones and greater hope of reunion one day in heaven. *Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a four-part video series on FORMED - watch.formed.org/eternal-rest.*



SCRIPTURE & FRIENDSHIP

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. The final meetings for the year will be held on the **14th and 28th November** at 10am @ 47 Gothic Rd Aspendale. For more details contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel on 0425 773 608.



ADVENT RETREAT

All are welcome to join in this special time of prayer, music and reflection as we prepare for the birth of Christ at our Advent Retreat. Facilitated once again by Jacqui Guiliani from the Archdiocese Proclaim Office. **On Saturday the 2nd December 9.00am - 12.30pm at St Brigid's Church.** Please register at the welcome desk

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

Our small Advent groups will start the week of the 28th November. There are 4 groups in-person and online, they go for one hour each week, for 4 weeks. Please register at the welcome desk. It is an opportunity to reflect on the Advent scriptures. All are welcome.

Group 1. Tuesdays 10am St. Louis' Trish Le- Brocq. **Starts 28th November**

Group 2. Wednesdays 10.30am St. Brigid's Frances North. **Starts 29th November**

Group 3. Wednesdays 7.30pm Tony & Josie's house. **Starts 29th November**

Group 4. Thursdays 7.30pm online Zoom Ann Furlong. **Starts 30th November**



SERVE MINISTERS THANK YOU LUNCHEON

In appreciation of all who serve in our various parish ministries we would like you to invite you to a light luncheon. We look forward to celebrating all that has been achieved by our parish ministry serve ministers this year. Please register at the welcome desk for catering purposes. **Sunday 3rd December, after the 11am mass in the Presbytery Grounds 12.00pm - 1.30pm.** We look forward to seeing you all there.

LET'S DO LUNCH

Enjoy a Christmas themed Lunch with Christmas Carols performed by St Louis' School Choir. **On Thursday 30th Nov 12pm-2pm**, at St Louis' church. Cost is a donation to SVDP Assist a Student Program. Please register your interest at the welcome desk. All parishioners are welcome.



Collections taking place in mass this weekend, 11th & 12th November, will go towards supporting the annual Catholic Deaf Collection. Donations can also be made online at www.jpc.org.au

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ACN: NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) warmly invites you to Night of the Witnesses on 22 November 2023 at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Night of the Witnesses

is an inspirational evening of prayer, song, Adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with more than 220 million Christians worldwide who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside over the evening. Please click on [this link to RSVP](#) to book.



TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



LONGBEACH LUNCH

The next Longbeach Parishioner Luncheon will be held on **14th November at 12:30pm** at The Cove Hotel Patterson Lakes. For bookings ring Patricia Adams on mobile 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733.

KSC MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

Thanks to all who supported this year's Sweep which raised crucial funds for our annual school bursaries. The winners are - **1st prize \$350 M Vardy, 2nd Prize \$100 Mary Norma, 3rd Prize \$50 Tony RIJS.**





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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ingrid Ensil (Lynette Florea and Matthew Ensil's mother, St Louis')

Yvonne Danker (St Brigid's)

Patrica King (Funeral at SJV Tuesday 12.30pm)

ANNIVERSARIES

Kate Crosbie, Sheila Maguire, Kevin Saker, Henry Decosta, Frank Pierera, Douglas Saddler, Carmel Rocke, Patrick Ryan, Concetta De Marco, Mary Brouder, Anna Fernando, Madaline O'Reilly, Paul O'Toole Leslie Laughlin, Harry Bugden, Barbara Hall, Kenneth Osborne, Ellen Dowling, Clare Lang, Frank Arundell, Concetta Rizzo, Marie Evans, Margaret Mellan, Barry Rainer, Alfred Ellul, Margaret Booth, Xavier Camilleri, Faava Kwan-Him, Jack Greene, Herbert Nam, Nella Costanzo, Arthur Griffith, Antonio Paola, Sarina Paola, Eucaristica Borg, Pina Merlo

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Kath Kidd, Thomas Jacobs, Julie Buick, Serge Nayna, Pam Ulbricks, Sally McGloin, Eugene Roberts, Sue Kelly, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Judy Callmac, Sophia Bicos, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, David Austin, Graham Owen, Sam Finocchiario, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Minnie Joseph, Ian Hughes, Olive Rankin, Darren Rankin, Danielle Spencer, Serena Zienau

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings (Year A) Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

18th & 19th November	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Year 2 & Year 1/2	Year 2 & Year 1/2	Pauline Parker	Sonia Williams	Gail McGillivray	Berna Wake	Bernie Stuart	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Joan Healy	Volunteer	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Barry Wheeler	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Year 2 & Year 1/2	Year 2 & Year 1/2	Ann Furlong	Maureen Wraight	Elizabeth Newington	Patricia Le Brocq	Norma Taylor	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Year 2 & Year 1/2	Year 2 & Year 1/2	Louise Breslin	Michele Meachen	Peter Hannan	Lucy Cameron	MaryAnn Farren	Glenice Laughlin

Counters

Group 4 - Bernadette & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom

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.

