



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

Christ the King - 26 November 2023

Our readings are from Year A: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
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PARISH PRIEST

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 core message of Matthew's gospel this week is that God's people will love others. Good works will result from our relationship to the Shepherd. Followers of Christ will treat others with kindness, serving them as if they were serving Christ Himself.

Greg Sunter's reflection claims that in many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.



Marylene Douglas - St Louis' Primary School

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER ADMINISTRATION

In recent months the Parish Leadership Team have streamlined the Parish Serve Ministries roster administration whereby all rosters are now prepared by the Parish Office. This provides a more efficient line of sight so as to ensure the smooth running of the ministries that allow our parish to thrive.

The PLT wish to communicate that this administrative change did not involve the PLT asking any serve ministers to step down from their serving roles. Any changes in this respect have been the decision of the individuals involved.

As we approach the Season of Advent we give thanks to all who step forward to selflessly serve God and our parish and hope to see many of you at our Thank You luncheon on 3 December. Refer details below.

Let us extend the hand of friendship, modelling the love, peace and joy of Jesus to the many visitors and guests who we will have the opportunity to welcome over the coming weeks. **The Parish Leadership Team**

(The latest Serve Ministries roster has been emailed out to all serve ministers. If you require a printed copy please collect one from the welcome desk.)

TUESDAY MORNING MASS ON THE 28TH NOVEMBER - CANCELLED

Next Tuesday's morning Mass at 9:15am at St Louis' will be cancelled, due to Sue Kelly's rosary & funeral Mass at 10:30am, all parishioners are welcome to attend. Thank you.

SERVE MINISTERS THANK YOU LUNCH

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

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR OUR CATECHIST CLASS AND LEADERS

We give thanks at our 9.30am Sunday Mass this weekend to our Catechist Class of 2023 and our leaders - Elizabeth, Gayle, Jenny and Carmel. Wishing God's blessing on the children, their families and our dedicated and selfless leaders.

AGED CARE VOLUNTEERS END OF YEAR MEETING AND LUNCH

All Aged Care volunteers are invited to the annual meeting and lunch on **29th of November at 12:00pm** at St Louis' meeting room. For catering purposes please register your attendance with the parish office. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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 Advent small groups start next week, and all are welcome. Each group lasts one hour and they will run for the 4 weeks of Advent. **Group 1.** Tuesdays 10am St. Louis' Trish Le- Brocq. **Starts**

28th November Note: This group will gather at 2.30pm on 28th November only

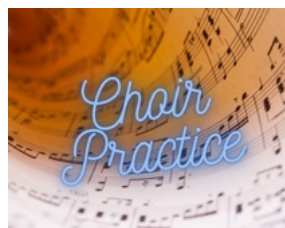
Group 2. Wednesdays 10.30am St. Brigid's Frances North. **Starts 29th November**

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

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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS & SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2024 Columban Calendars & SVDP Christmas Cards are now available from the piety stalls after the weekend Masses. Calendars are \$10 & Christmas Cards are \$3.50 per pack.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas Choir Practice is on **every Tuesday evening from 7:30pm at St Louis' Church.**

This is for the Christmas Eve 8:30pm Mass at St Louis' and the Midnight Mass at St Brigid's. Please contact Trish Angliss on 0421 604 849 for further details.

DO YOU LIKE SINGING? JOIN THE CHOIR AT THE INTER-CHURCH CAROLS

Practices for this event will be on Mondays 27 November and 4 December at the Chelsea Town Hall in Station Street. The practice will start at 7.30 pm and conclude at 8.30 pm. If you would like to be part of this choir, please contact Rev Sue Bluett on 0433 024 626 or suzannebluett@gmail.com so that the music and the singing parts you need can be forwarded to you.

PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

Baptisms this weekend!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Jai Pietro, Xavier, Matteo Antonino, Sadie Peta

God has you in His hands on this special day. With every little step you take, He guides you on your way.



MOVEMBER

**A collection will be held
25 - 26 November 2023, during all
Masses to support Men's health
through Movember.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - LET'S DO LUNCH

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

With the start of Advent, if you are able to assist, parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable items, such as sweet/savoury snacks, beverages, groceries, gift vouchers or cash donations, which will be used for distribution and Christmas hampers to those in need in our area. Please place under the Christmas trees in our churches by the 2nd week of Advent as the Hampers will be delivered early. Online donations can be made at www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 1812.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

The alarming escalation of violence in Gaza is leaving people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Your support is needed now. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ST KILDA EAST - CAROLS

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga warmly invites you to a beautiful Advent Carols event, at St Mary's Catholic Church St Kilda East on **Saturday 9th December starting at 2pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3pm. This is a free event. For catering purposes please email cwlvicww@gmail.com or go to www.trybooking.com/CMCSZ.



St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group

**SAT 2 DEC 2023 4.30PM – 5.30PM
AT ST LOUIS' CHURCH**

Join us in Eucharistic Adoration while we recite the Holy Rosary.



KIDZ ZONE

Calling all children
aged 4-10

**Kidz Zone
This
Weekend**

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death.

Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home.

Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair. You are our peace and light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East. Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your love. Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen

Please pick up a prayer card for peace in the middle east from the church foyers.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Clemy Alphonso (Joe Alphonso's mother - India)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan Robertson, Rosa Levidis, Frank Vojnic, Nell Conway, Rita Kerlin, Patrick O'Dowd, Judith Gray, Angela Davis, Anton Deckker, Maggie Madtha, Pius Mendonça, Arthur Mortimer, Denis Flanagan, Janice Drew, Judith Murphy, Judith Trowbridge, Edith Newington, Walter Newington, Isabel Bramich, Salvador Britto, Flo Holbery, Seamus Doherty, Valerie Troup, Doug Saunders, Edwin Wood, Kevin Murphy, Tom Evans, Patricia Rochford, Sebastiano Barbarino, Ryan Kerlin, Brian James Davie, Nerina Brown, Alma Brennan, Gillian Griffiths, Lawrence Pickett, Mariann McDonnell, John Campbell, Yolanda Arce, Willie Reilly, Anne Hoyne, Jack Colwell, Sudarmo Haryanto

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Fernanda Barbarino, Peter Hopkins, Naldi Junaldi, Kath Kidd, Thomas Jacobs, Julie Buick, Serge Nayna, Olive Rankin Pam Ulbricks, Sally McGloin, Eugene Roberts, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Judy Callmac, Sophia Bicos, Ian Hughes, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Philip Maynes, Graham Owen, Sam Finocchiaro, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Serena Zienau, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Minnie Joseph, Darren Rankin, Danielle Spencer, Paul Morillion

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

1st Sunday of Advent - Readings (Year A) Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13: 33 - 37

2nd & 3rd December 2023	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Julie Barnhoorn	Ann Brennan	Anthony Barnhoorn	Michael Barker	Carmel Baker	Sonia Williams	Annette Brilliant	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Joan Healy	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Chris McAleer	Barry Wheeler	Jack Meyer	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Lesley Bailey	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	N/A	Niko Tovia	Norma Taylor	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Gail Bell	Donna Cardamone	Helen Rocks	Volunteer	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Glenice Laughlan

Counters

Group 5 - Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares

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.

