



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.*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 31 October 2021

Our readings are: **Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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Tuesday-Friday

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@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

**www.melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and

adds another commandment – 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' The scribe agrees with Jesus' teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be 'not far from the kingdom of God.'

As Pope Francis states, "God, who is love, created us to love and so that we can love others while remaining united with him. It would be misleading to claim to love our neighbour without loving God; and it would also be deceptive to claim to love God without loving our neighbour. The two dimensions of love, for God and for neighbour, in their unity characterize the disciple of Christ."

By Jodie Marziano



Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Restrictions have Eased! We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

- ◆ We have just received some good news regarding the easing of restrictions ahead of this weekend. We can have **150 fully vaccinated parishioners** attend Mass. No need to book.
- ◆ Proof of double vaccination upon entry is required.
- ◆ The celebration of Mass will still be **live-streamed from 6pm on Saturday and 8am Sunday**. Go to **YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'** or the [parish website](#).

Please note the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 2nd November (Cup Day)

Helpers needed for assistance with Live streaming of mass!

I am indebted to **Phil Hills** for the enhancements to the Live streaming experience. I'm sure that you will agree with me that we need to continue this quality of recording but the implementation is now more involved. **Are you OK with a computer and willing to learn a new skill?** There will be an opportunity very soon to learn how we live stream our masses. Please contact [Fr. Andrew](#) for more details.



Parish
Support



Care



Hospitality

Opening the Doors to Christ's Love

Serve Ministry Meetings



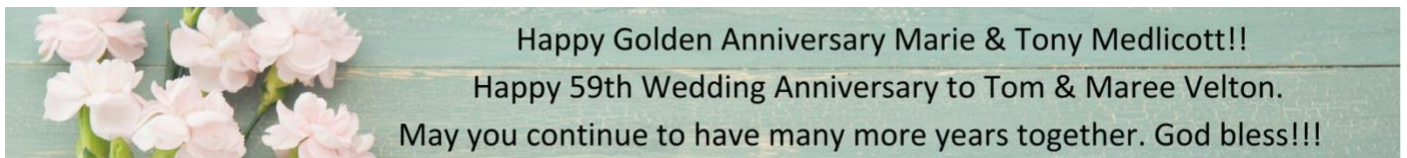
Liturgical



Discipleship/
Evangelisation

We thank all who have attended our Serve Ministry Briefing Meetings online over the last few weeks. There have been many great ideas enthusiastically proposed, many of which you will see in action over the coming months. Just one more session to go, see details below.

Thursday 4 November at 2pm [Eucharistic Ministers for Aged Care and Housebound Parishioners, and Pastoral Care Ministers](#)



Happy Golden Anniversary Marie & Tony Medlicott!!

Happy 59th Wedding Anniversary to Tom & Maree Velton.

May you continue to have many more years together. God bless!!!



Scripture & Friendship Group

Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is on the **9th November at 10am - 11.30am** via

Zoom: m.stmaryofthecross.com/scripturegroup

Catholic Theological College

Free online Open Day Information Sessions **4, 17, 22 and 23 November**
"Getting Started in Theology" & "Pastoral & Spiritual Practice" These sessions will outline how to get started. [Book via our website](#)





Online Auction is ON THIS WEEKEND

Over 50 fabulous items

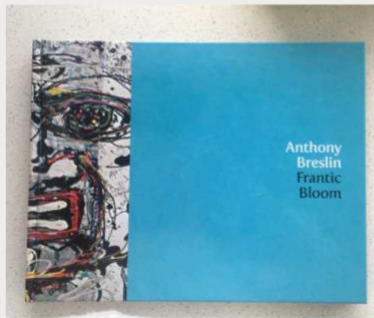
All proceeds to



<https://airauctioneer.com/jag-basp-online-auction>

Bidding Starts 5pm Friday 29 October, closes 5pm Sunday 31 October 2021

Any issues phone Maree on 0407 376 505



A FEW AUCTION ITEMS UP FOR GRABS

[Click here to go directly to the Online Auction](https://airauctioneer.com/jag-basp-online-auction)

Memorial Book

We launch the Parish Memorial Book on Tuesday 2nd November on the Feast of All Souls. The book will be displayed near the altar and will be present for all masses in November, the month of remembering all those who have died. **MASS ON TUESDAY (CUP DAY) WILL BE AT 10AM AT ST. LOUIS'.**

ALL SOULS DAY ONLINE LITURGY. The parish will remember all those who have died and we remember in particular those whose farewells were celebrated in the parish. [Feast of All Souls Online Liturgy](#) available from 9am Tuesday 2nd November.



Knight's of The Southern Cross (KSC)

I wish to advise that due to the current restrictions we have not been able to have the Cup Sweep again this year. We still provided the 10 bursaries last year from KSC Members donations. So for 2021 we have decided to do much the same again, but we are also happy to receive any donations from parishioners. Please place any donations in a marked envelope into the collection plate or contact the parish office for any electronic transfers. Best regards and thank you. Longbeach KSC Chairman, Bro. Keith Reiter.



Recent Deaths:

Denise Wilson (Dear friend of Marie Medlicott)

Anniversaries:

Kathleen Cleary, Jack Eddington, Damien Jackson, Andy McManus, Joyce Newcombe, Marie Elda Silarsah, Maria Zagami, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Errol Porter, Tess Rankin, Marie Temple, John Cincotta, Louise Cotegah, Mary Foster, Juan Mauel Gomez Folz, Christian John Kalis, Didier Lubin, Elizabeth Pigeot, John Wallace, Frank Chatelier, Michael James Healy (snr), Mary Popley, Michael Popley, Daniel Abbot, Vincent Alfonso, Milena Fabris, Lindsay Lebler, Roger Lodoiska, Peter Quinn, Albert Tueta, Luna Tueta, Rose Tueta, Teresa (Tess) Bell, Terence Gallagher, Barbra Hunam, Sr Elizabeth Lyons, Miriam Moloney, Lisette Silarsah, Chuck Spencer, Joseph (Joe) Barnhoorn, Molly Carr, John Cuskelly, Margot Davey, Antonio Favaloro, Ken Gibb, Bill Halloran, Florencio Marquez, Anthony Roberts, Estelita Lacson-Hortaleza, Patrick O'Neill, Kevin Osborne, Jack Reidy, Vanda Smout, Jessie Summerton and Sebastian Vaz

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Liz O'Farrell, Bobby Bajram, Sue Kelly, David Marshall, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico, Jarrod Le Brocq, Sue and Peter Waltho, Antonio Delprete, Lindsey Edwards, Laura Bruder, Liam Campbell, Patricia Carrazzo, Peter Spencer, George Caruana, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Lilah Finocchiaro and Maureen Hepburn.

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

All Parish volunteers require:

- A current Working with Children Check
 - To have read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Available on our Parish website & at our Parish Office.

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot	9412 8432	Susan Dornom	0413 979 049
Trish Angliss	0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton	0413 133 184
Louise Breslin	0415 963 799	Deb Poynton	0403 471 931
Judy Dickinson	0407 865 522	Robyn Worsnop	0412 814 592



PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS:

Saturday:

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: Monday

(Communion Mass) 9.15am - St Louis',

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St,

Mordialloc

9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

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

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country for thousands of years. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders, past, present and emerging.



Our Parish Mission

**Love God, Love Others
Make Disciples**