



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.*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 February 2022

Our readings are: Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20, Luke 6:17,20-26

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 Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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

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@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

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

Gospel Reflection

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus trying to explain in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a dreamer – he was living in a world where there was the hungry and the poor. 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' That was not his intention when praying the Beatitudes.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society. A society in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are blessed in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated and companions to be found in their distress. He was creating the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Divine imperative that Jesus was sharing is that he wanted His followers to break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives and see how they can help them.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world,

and then with confidence turn to that other world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

This Gospel is a warning to examine the things that make us happy and sad.

What kinds of things make you the most happy?

If you have plenty of money, high social status, fine foods and expensive material possessions, you might be drifting away from God. Why might this be true? What kinds of things make you sad?

If you are filled with jealousy, greed and lust, you might be drifting away from God. Why might this be true?

If you yourself are living fairly well, yet things like poverty, oppression and injustice still make you angry because they bring suffering to others, maybe you are coming closer to God. Why might this be true?

If you feel joy and contentment when other people succeed, earn compliments and experience good luck, then maybe you are coming closer to God. Why might this be true?

These questions will hopefully evoke in you, what can I do to get closer to God? How welcoming are we in our place?

And beyond that it's asking us to live according to the values God would like us to live by.

**How happy are you who
are poor: yours is the
kingdom of God.**

**Happy you who are
hungry now: you shall be
satisfied.**

**Happy you who weep
now: you shall laugh.**

by Wendy Sullivan

Parish News

All are welcome for Mass in St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube and search for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).



Mandatory Masks and Check In

A reminder to all who attend mass, **mask wearing is a mandatory requirement** for everyone. By doing so we are caring for ourselves and for others that gather at mass. Masks are available in the foyer of the church if you happen to forget. Please record your attendance at mass either via the QR code process or manually with the Welcomers.

Thank you for your prayers and concern during my time with Covid

I have completed my 7 day quarantine as mandated by the government health guidelines. The fever, chills and headaches for the first few days were not pleasant but once they subsided I was able to feel a bit more "normal". Thank you to everyone who was able to assist in making sure that the week's liturgies and activities went according to plan. Thank you to Fr. Hoang and the Parish Leadership Team.

What a beautiful mass and BBQ for the Brigidine Sisters!

I am grateful to all involved with making the mass and bbq a wonderful success and a fitting tribute to the sisters. Thanks to Fr. Hoang, Berna Wake, Kristian Tangso (beautiful artwork!), Trish Angliss along with the whole crew who assisted with the catering (thanks to the Men's group with the BBQ and Michael Jaspers for the salads!!).



Parish census conducted this weekend

All are invited to fill in a census card so that the parish can have the most up to date information. This will assist with future digital communications (eg. upcoming 10 Values Analysis, parish e-newsletter etc) plus correct phone numbers for other future follow up.

Works on St. Brigid's church Tower

I have been informed that the works will be completed at the COB on Saturday 19th February. This will mean that mass on Friday will be held at St. Louis' this coming week. Mass on Wednesday is cancelled.

Lent begins soon!!

Ash Wednesday (2nd March) signals the beginning of Lent, a beautiful time and journey leading us towards Easter. **Masses will be at 10am (St. Brigid's) and 7pm (St. Louis')** on that day.

We will offer some **Lenten Scripture Groups (beginning 1st March)** for you to join. We will be using the resource from Fr. Michael Elligate. Feel free to sign up for **10am Tuesday morning group (St. Louis')**, **11am Wednesday morning group (St. Brigid's)** or an **online group 7pm Thursday evening**. More details to come.

Thanksgiving envelopes

These are available in the church foyers for the period 6th March 2022 to the 26th June 2022.

Opening our Churches for personal prayer

"One great happiness I enjoy, is, I have charge of the Altar and the Lamp, and being able to go into the chapel at any time, where the Blessed Sacrament always is, is a precious favour indeed." —Mary MacKillop, 1864

As a missional parish our goal is to be open to everyone, and that means having our churches open more often. Can you and a buddy serve God in this way? Perhaps 1-2 hours on a weekday/Saturday? If you can help, please contact Berna Wake from our Parish Leadership Team via berna.wake@cam.org.au.



The St Mary of The Cross prayer group meets regularly to pray the Rosary.

If you would like to join us in prayer, we meet twice a month
on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Tuesday of every month.



Our next meeting will be

**15th February from
7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Parish News

Parish Outdoor Prep level Welcome Mass & Picnic

Mass at 10.30am at Braeside Park on Sunday 27th February. All are welcome to support our new prep children and their families at this mass by attending this mass. All parish weekend masses are still being offered.



Food For Friends

"Food for Friends" parishioners create delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community who at times might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. New members are welcome. The team has already prepared some meals which have been frozen and are available now. Do you know someone, a family, couple or single who might appreciate this? If so please contact Ann Brennan at 0425 712 741.

We are excited to announce that we have registered as a Catholic Earthcare Parish

In 2015, Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' was published, imploring us to care for our common home. To escalate the implementation of Laudato Si', Pope Francis has now established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with 7 Goals for us to work towards. The Catholic Earthcare Parish Program provides a process to assist us on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. You will find information in the church foyers and on our parish website. If you would like to assist, please contact Julie Buick jmbuick@bigpond.com



Catechist Program

Our 2022 Parish Catechist Program begins on **Tuesday 15th February** and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on **Tuesday afternoons 4pm -**

5pm. Families with children interested in are asked to please contact: Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish Office 9580 7981.

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Cuppa After Mass

We are re-introducing "Cuppa after Mass" at all Masses next weekend -19/20 February. Welcomer's if you could please assist. Let's all try to meet someone new, and make any guests very welcome.

Next Week's Roster

7th Sunday Ord Time	Readings (Year C):1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38			
19 th 20 th Feb 2022	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Helen Healy	Graham Jones	Felice Cortese	Mark Carrazzo
Commentator	Patrick Jurd	Barry Wheeler	Lisa Tuke	Gail Selwyn
Special Minister	Ann Furlong	Volunteer	Volunteer	Donna Cardamone
Welcomers	Sonia Williams Carmel Barker	Carole Guthrie Jack Guthrie Wence Rodrigues	Maureen Wraight Niko Tovia Rosemary Miller	Lucy Cameron Louise Breslin Helen Rocks
Counters	Joe Corda	Nelson Popley	Aileen Dynes	
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Volunteer	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

Recent Deaths

Caterina Vinci (Mordialloc)

Anka Mihaljevic (Vicki Alesci's mother)

Jenny Harston (Alicia Hugon Mother)

Anniversaries

Patricia Atkins, Bob Barker, Marie Berg, Edna Bryant, Phyllis Cain, Nicola Corda, Eric Dart, Stan Davies, Elizabeth Durham, Margaret Fitzgerald, Kevin Franklin, Mary Irene Graham, Jean France Hennequin, Ron Jackson, Jack Kennedy, Josef Laude, Lily Lebler, Carmen Maré, William Monaghan, Cyril Nunn, Jean O'Toole, Betty Pike, Nan Plant, Greg Riordan, Arlene Roberts, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nicole Strickland, Antonio Tenace, Brian Tobin, Josephine Tranter, Catherine Varney, Tom Walker, Robert Whitehouse, William Wilson, Ronald Wintle

Healing Prayers Asked For

Srijana Shakya, Margaret McGowan, Helen Pedrizzini, Jason Turner

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

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
- 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	03 9412 8432	Judy Dickinson	0407 865 522
Susan Dornom	0413 979 049	Joanne Partleton	0413 133 184
Trish Angliss	0421 604 849	Deb Poynton	0403 471 931
Louise Breslin	0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop	0412 814 592

Baptisms this weekend!

We welcome into our Parish family:

Daniel Thomas, Matthew, Emma, Luca Tomas and Sophie Donna

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



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 Service)

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

9580 5169

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



Support
our Parish



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**