



# 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.*

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 10 October 2021

Our readings are: **Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30**

### 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

### BAPTISM CO-ORDINATOR:

**Deb Poynton**  
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**Parish Office Hours:**  
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Tuesday-Friday

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@cam.org.au**

### PARISH WEBSITE:

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

### Gospel Reflection

May I dare to reflect on this Sunday's Gospel of the "Rich Young Man" in light of various current events and activities across the Church in Australia namely the Plenary Council, our Melbourne Archdiocese and our local parishes shifting towards a missionary model. What is common amongst these events and movements is a need to find a new way forward of doing things: how we interact with others and how we organise ourselves to bring the Gospel message to people so they can follow Christ wholeheartedly.

1) The Rich Young Man represents in many ways the people whom the Gospel message is for. Young people's presence in our parishes overall are a rare sight let alone their involvement in parish life. In saying this there are parishes with thriving communities of young people. World Youth Day is a great example of young people coming together from many places because there is an outlet to make this possible.

2) Australia in general is an affluent society which gives plenty of freedom and choices that money can afford. How do we offer a society (unlike the mission of the past to care for the disadvantaged) other than material things which they can already afford?

3) How Jesus responded to the young man offers us an approach to draw people into the Church. We can no longer wait for young men and young women to come. Now we need to be "out there" as opposed to waiting. Jesus was always "on the go" and moving about, he didn't have an office or permanent base. Jesus tells the young men to follow the Commandments before upping the challenge by giving away his possessions. In the middle of the exchange, Jesus looked at him and loved him. In going out to people our motivation needs to be one of love and openness. Following Jesus in any age is a radical, counter-cultural way of living. Becoming "radical" straightaway is astonishing. Like a child they learn how to crawl before taking those brave first steps.

Perhaps we can start off like Jesus by living and learning what it means to "to love God and to love neighbour", naturally this will lead to detachment required of every disciple which the Gospel today is all about. Love is the opposite of being selfish and there are many ways to express it. Be prepared though as the young man demonstrated that some people will walk away. Given his young age, who knows he may return later in life. He has at least something to think about. We face challenges in every age particularly when it comes to change. The world around us is always in flux. However it offers an exciting time in the church's history to bring the "Good News" of Christ in innovative and bold ways. We pray to the Holy Spirit to put fire in our hearts and wisdom in our minds to make disciples of people in our time and place.

**By Dcn Hoang Dinh**



## Parish News



### PARISH MASSES: MASSES CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK!!

Due to the state wide extended lockdown, there will be no Masses this week. Mass will be **livestreamed from St Louis' at 6pm on Saturday** and will be available online from any time after this. Go to [YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'](#) or the [parish website](#).



Parish Support



Care



Hospitality

### Opening the Doors to Christ's Love Serve Ministry Meetings



Liturgical



Discipleship/  
Evangelisation

Over the next few weeks we will be holding online Serve Ministry briefings for anyone who is interested to find out more about the role. The sessions will last for one hour. Everyone is welcome. Dates, times & zoom links below.

Saturday 9 October at 10.30am [Children & Adolescents' Ministry Zoom Link](#)

Tuesday 12 October at 2pm [Prayer Ministers Zoom link](#)

Thursday 14 October at 10.30am [Funeral Ministry Zoom link](#)

### Lockdown Light - Week 6

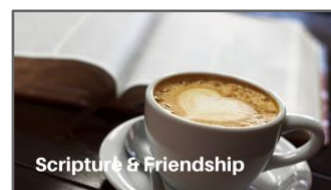


*A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...*

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at [bit.ly/LockdownLight](https://bit.ly/LockdownLight)

### Scripture & Friendship Group

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is next week on the **12<sup>th</sup> of October at 10am - 11.30am** and because of the current restrictions it will be via Zoom: [bit.ly/smotc-scripturegroup](https://bit.ly/smotc-scripturegroup)



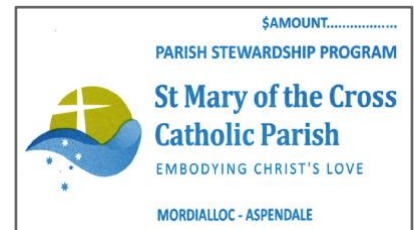
### Memorial Book

Next month in **November**, is the **Month of Holy Souls** when we remember our family and friends who have died. The special Memorial Book will be present at each Mass in November with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. If you would like to add any **NEW** names to this Memorial Book (all names submitted in previous years will automatically be included), please contact the Parish Office [via email](#). If you submit the deceased's date of death, then these names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin during the year on the anniversary.

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### Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of Thanksgiving envelopes that **commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 will be posted out next week.** If you do not receive your envelopes in the mail and would like to receive them, please contact the parish office as some have been held back for collection once Masses recommence.



### JAG Meeting

There is a meeting for the JAG group via Zoom on **Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm.** Click on the link to join, everyone is welcome:  
<https://bit.ly/smotc-jag>



### March for the Babies

March for the Babies this year is online. Please support the cause for the unborn and spread the word! You can [watch it live on 9th October from 12h45.](#)

The logo for Catholic Theological College, featuring a shield with a cross and the text "CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE".The logo for the University of Divinity, featuring a stylized star and the text "UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY".

**The Catholic Theological College is offering a free online Open Day Information Session:**  
**"Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research"**  
**on Wednesday 13 October at 7pm.**

**This session will outline how to get started.**

**Book via their website:**  
<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

### 'Keeping a Journal - A Key Part of Discernment' via Zoom, Tuesday 12 October 2021, 9.15am-11am.

Keeping a journal is deeply transformational. This session provides the opportunity to allow the subtle movement of our hearts and souls to overflow onto the pages of our journal, whose sections accord with the natural contours of human experience. It is just like coming home. 'At the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time (T S Eliot, 'Little Gidding'). The morning is led by Paul Beirne, lecturer in Discernment, spiritual director, and director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$30.



Heart of Life Spirituality Centre

### 'Mindfulness & Meditation' via Zoom, Saturday 23 October 2021, 10am-2pm.

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. This event is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$40.

Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

## Recent Deaths

Bernadette O'Connor (Therese Carey's sister)

Fr. Noel Oliver

## Anniversaries:

Kevin Davies, Hazel Archer, Enid Curtain, Amy Heffernan, Bill Heffernan, Hector Laws, Sarah Collins, Gwen Dundon, Nancy Ryan, Isabella Pereira, Hans Schultz, Nancy Platt, Augusto Buensalida, Eva Kendrick, Allie Renwick, Len Carlon, Mary Sherlock, Rosa Favalaro, Felix Fernandes, Ronald Hale, Thomas O'Farrell, Joan Sullivan and Blanche Vella

## Healing Prayers Asked For:

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

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

**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
- 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:

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



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### 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

**WE** (Communion) 9.15am - St

Louis', Aspendale

**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](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)

##### **St Louis de Montfort's School,**

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

**9580 5169**

[www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)



**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**