



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.*

5th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 15 May 2022

Our readings are: Acts 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-33,34-35

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:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

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Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm

Gospel Reflection

The farewell teaching of Jesus to his friends on the night before he died focuses on love – not simply love of God and love of neighbour, as in the other gospels, but love which imitates the love Jesus himself

has shown. Hence the statement *"Love one another as I have loved you."* We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! Jesus did not use the word so casually, he spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our generosity, kindness, forgiveness and patience with each other.

Pope Francis teaches us: *"The first criterion: to love with deeds, not words. Words are taken away by the wind! The second criterion: in love it is more important to give than to receive. The one who loves, gives to God and to others"* (Jan 9, 2014).

This is Jesus' definition of love – a giving of self even when that will not be reciprocated, even when that love will be rejected and betrayed. It's the love seen in families where parents give themselves to the care of their children even when it seems their care is not appreciated. It's the love seen when adult children give themselves to the care of an aged parent who can no longer remember them. It's love that reaches out in compassion, care, listening, service. Love that influences how we treat the people we meet: the homeless, prisoners, asylum-seekers, the marginalized and ostracized, and any other groups of people whose differences may cause prejudice. Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of the Lord.

God's love is unconditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

by Marylene Douglas



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

[melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale](http://melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale)

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.

Parish News

Mass Count in May

During May we will be counting the number of parishioners attending all the weekend Masses. This information is sent to the Archdiocese each year.

Opening our churches outside of Mass times

Do you have a spare hour or two to buddy up with another to open our churches outside of Mass times? Many of us know how happy we are to come across an open church where we can drop in and pay a visit, spending some time in quiet prayer in the presence of our Lord. If you can serve in this way, please contact berna.wake@cam.org.au



Scripture and Friendship Group

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 24th May**. We will meet at Ann's home in **Aspendale at 10am**. A time for a cuppa, a chat and discussion / reflection on the Sunday's gospel in friendship and faith. This group is open to all — come and see. For more info contact Ann - 0425712741 or Carmel - 0425773608.

Mass To Commemorate Those Who Have Died During The Covid Pandemic

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass on this form: surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF.



Weekend Masses at St Mary of the Cross 21/22 May

In addition, we will be offering our weekend masses (21/22 May) as memorial Masses for parishioners who have lost a loved one during the Covid pandemic. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the weekend Mass using this form: m.stmaryofthecross.com/form or on the sheet at the Welcome Desk in both churches.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A two year hiatus from this process due to Covid means it is now time to resume this process. Anyone who would like to be part of this very rewarding journey of walking with adults who are seeking to become Catholics and members of our parish, please contact me: Fr. Andrew andrew.jekot@cam.org.au *No qualifications required other than a desire to share your faith journey with others.*



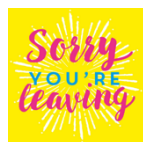
Food For Friends

Our St Mary of the Cross Food for Friends Team creates **delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community** who at times of need might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. Members of the team create meals at home or together in our St Louis' parish kitchen. Dishes are frozen and made available as soon as the need arises. A great way to meet others in the parish and make a difference in the lives of others. If you would like to nominate someone/family to receive meals or if you are interested in creating meals either at home or at the kitchen at St Louis', please contact the Parish Office.

Save the Date - Wednesday 25 May, 7 - 8.30pm - Special online Guest Speaker presented by JAG

Sherry Balcombe - Manager of Australian Catholic Ministry, Victoria

Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world. Where are we? Where are we going? What kind of future Australia do we want to leave our children and descendants? A time to reflect and space to think about actions in the future. **Register in advance for this online presentation and discussion:** caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF



Farewell to David and Joan Strachan

After living for many years in the local area, David and Joan are moving further down the Peninsula to be closer to family. We wish them all the very best for this next chapter in their lives and thank them for their friendship and support of our parish.

Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday 17th May is Cancelled

Please note due to Covid, next Tuesday 17th May, Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration is **cancelled**.

Parish News

Vocations | Seminary Enquiry Day

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 28 May**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner. If you would like to attend or nominate someone you know please contact the Parish office. vocationsmelbourne.org

Fertility Awareness - a Holistic Medical Approach live webinar

Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™

Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at **7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022**. The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility. Places are limited for this free webinar, so please [register](#) early to secure your spot.

Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week, 16-24 May, is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

AMEN

(Pope Francis Laudato Si')



CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together ... for we know things can change

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Recent Deaths

Mary Shoppee (St. Brigid's), Philip John Murphy (St Louis'),
Brahim Sassi (friend of Michael Aylward),
Kathleen Wheeler (Barry Wheeler's sister)

Anniversaries

Daniel Bennett, Justin Bidgood-Kerlin, Eileen (Gay) Cahir, Annette Corda,
Joe Curtain, Tony Drinan, Peter Fergus, Maria Godeassi, David Graham,
John Greenwell, Chris Harper, Rose Harper, Evelyn Laragy, Maria Luxton,
Zoe McDonald, Meleisea Leugamata Meleisea Si'u, Kathleen Noonan,
Patricia O'Sullivan, Monica Pickles, Bill Poynton, Bruno Prochilo, Mary Wilde,
Maisie Slattery, Colin Spencer, Grace Summerton

Healing Prayers Asked For

Peter Hopkins, Geraldine Brunner, Bridie Duggan, Dermot Duggan,
Peter Grove, Sharon Stevenson, Rachel Stone Lynch, Maureen Hepburn,
Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, John Nicholson, Jason Turner,
Serena Zienau, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives, Minnie Joseph, Odette Ward,
Pat McDonald, Sam Finnochiaro, Lisa Downing, Sophia Bicos,
Mary Jane Duffy, Ian Anderson, Danielle Spencer

**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
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

6th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 22nd May 2022				
Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Rev 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29				
	6p.m. (A)	8a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Julie Barnhoorn	Tony Aloysious	Martin Newington	Beverley Plant
Commentator	Tanya Jhoomun	Joan Healy	Elizabeth Newington	Tim Plant
Special Minister	Anthony Barnhoorn	Carole Guthrie	Maureen Wraight	Gail Bell
Welcomers	Bernie Stuart, Alison Krishnadas	Jane Standish, Jack Meyer	Mary Nayna, Joe Corda	Helen Rocks, Mary Ann Farren
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares			

*I will praise your name for
ever, my king and my God.*



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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

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

Our Parish Mission



**Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples**