



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.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 9: 26-31; 1 JOHN 3: 18-24; JOHN 15: 1-8

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom
Monday, Thursday & Friday
Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9am-4.30pm

PARISH EMAIL:

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PARISH WEBSITE:

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



Gospel Reflection:

"I am the vine, you are the branches.

*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing."*

Today's Gospel indicates that life's experiences teach us that, as members of the Earth community, we cannot make it on our own. We need one another, family, friends, the sun, the soil, the water and everything else that formed from exploding stars in the distant past.

Imagine a great big tree, with all kinds of branches. Picture yourself as one of the branches on the tree. Sap is running through the tree into you. The branch doesn't need to worry about food to make it grow, the big tree provides it with everything it needs. Now imagine that someone comes along and cuts the branch off. What would happen to the leaves and the flowers? Can the branch get nourishment on its own? It can't and eventually it will wither and die. Jesus is the vine. Being close to Jesus gives us life. Without Jesus in our lives we are like the branch that is cut off from the tree.

How can we stay close to Jesus?

Jesus says that if his words are living within us, whatever we ask for in prayer shall be granted. If his words are truly living within us, then what would our prayer be like? Ask Jesus for what you really need at this time – not just the fun things, but the important things that help you to stay close.

Michelle Barron



Parish Events:

Opening the Doors – Christ's Love at the Centre of our Parish

I invite you to be a part of an exciting new plan to create a dynamic missionary parish ensuring our future. Over a series of 4 weeks commencing 11th May, we will be holding presentations and discussions where we will engage in a compelling, convicting and convincing path to achieve healthy church growth.

We will critically review where we are as a parish; discuss the need to move from a maintenance to a mission focus, with a vision that includes those outside of the Church and provide real life and proven models used in parishes both locally and overseas that allow us to chart an inspiring, wide-ranging and thought-provoking way forward. If you care about our parish, you care about its health and future, I want you to be involved, so please mark your diaries now

Tuesday 11th May 7.30-9pm St Brigid's;

Wednesday 19th May 7.30-9pm St Brigid's;

Tuesday 25th May 7.30-9pm St Louis';

Wednesday 2nd June 7.30-9pm St Louis'.

Fr Andrew



Mass Count in May: During the month of May we will be counting the number of parishioners attending weekend Masses. This information is sent to the Archdiocese each year. This year they have asked for some additional information so on the 3rd week we will also be noting the gender of attendees and on the 4th weekend we will be noting the numbers in each age group.

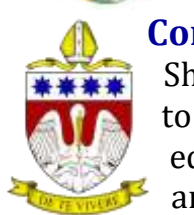


Kilbreda College – 2021 Past Pupils of Distinction:

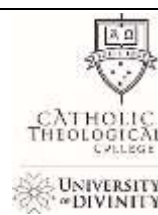
Nominations are now open and close on **14th May**. They can be submitted to www.kilbreda.edu.au For more info see noticeboard or contact **Denise Leonard** at pastpupils@kilbreda.vic.edu.au



Kingston Interfaith Bus Tour is a free tour of some local places of worship and is on **Thursday 20th May 9am-4pm** Booking is essential. Contact elisabetta.robocchi@kingston.vic.gov.au or **9581 4783**.



Corpus Christi & Catholic Theological College Appeal. On Good Shepherd Sunday you are invited to support our seminarians by donating to their annual appeal this supports the living arrangements and education for Corpus Christi Seminarians. Donations are tax deductible and can be made via their website: www.ctc.edu.au



Marriage Encounter Weekend: Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on **21st - 23rd May** in Wantirna South (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Prep Enrolments for 2022: Applications for enrolment for Prep in 2022 at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's Schools are now open and close on **Friday 25th June**. Contact the School Office for more info, application forms, details of school tours etc

St Louis' School: 9580 5169 St Brigid's School: 9580 4518



Parish News:

Scripture & Friendship Group: meets on: **2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month** from **10am – 11.30am** at **47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale**. Their next gathering is on **Tuesday 11th May**. All are welcome to join to discuss and share the relevance of the Sunday Gospel to our daily lives. For any further information contact:



Ann Brennan 0425 712 741 or Carmel Barker 0425 773 608



St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group will resume meeting and praying the rosary together at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 15th June** (after all the 'Open the Doors' meetings have finished). May is the month of Our Lady and you are invited to pray the Rosary in your own home. The Rosary is recited prior to each of our weekday Masses.

First Friday Prayer Vigil on **Friday 7th May** at **St Anne's Church, Austin Rd, Seaford**



It begins with **Mass at 7pm** followed by prayer and adoration until 10pm. Come for all or part of the evening. All welcome.



Rosary Procession on **Saturday 15th May** at **St Patrick's Church, Mentone**

It begins at **5pm** on the School grounds in front of the O'Hanlon Centre and is followed by **Mass at 6pm**. All welcome.

Cards Afternoon: The Men's Group is looking to establish a regular cards afternoon with games such as 500, Bridge & Euchre. The afternoons are open to men & women. The day and location to be decided. Contact **Lou van Beveren 0412 333 280**.



Longbeach Parishes Social Group invite you to attend their lunch gatherings that are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The May luncheon is on **Wednesday 12th May** at **12.30pm** at the **Chelsea Heights Hotel**. *Good meals provided at reasonable prices for seniors.*

For bookings contact: **Pat Adams 0448 866 020** or **Keith Reiter 0417 350 733**



Special Collection: Next Sunday is Mothers' Day and we will have a special collection at all Masses to raise funds for the **Mothers' Day Breast Cancer Appeal**. Donations can also be made online via www.nbcf.org.au



New Parish Website address is: www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale

Thank you to **Berna Wake** for her work in looking after this vital digital platform.



Next Week's Roster:

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER: 8th & 9th May 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass

Our readings are: **ACTS 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 JOHN 4: 7-10; JOHN 15: 9-17**

6PM MASS **Reader** Carmel Grace
Commentator Marg De Vries
Special Minister Marie Medicott
Welcomers: Sonia Williams, Ann Brennan

8AM MASS **Reader** Sr Deidre Malone
Commentator Barry Wheeler
Special Minister Fred Burns
Welcomers: Odette Budge, Jane Standish

9.30AM MASS **Reader** Lisa Tuke
Commentator Gerard Wagstaff
Special Minister Elizabeth Newington
Welcomers: Maree & Phillip Morris

11AM MASS **Reader** Mark Carrazzo
Commentator Sr Reba Woodwiss
Special Minister Donna Cardamone
Welcomers: Christine & Les D'Cruze

Counters: Aspendale: Ron Soares, Anthony Barnhoorn **Mordialloc:** Mike Love, Tony Medicott



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and should also have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct. Copies are available at the Church or on our website.

If you have any concerns please contact our **Child Safeguarding Team:**



Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432

Susan Dornom 0413 979 049

Trish Angliss 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin 0415 963 799

Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522

Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184

Deb Poynton 0403 471 931

Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592

5th Sunday of Easter:

Anniversaries: Kevin Campion, Mark Payton, Charles Cromer, George Hannan, Pierre Kennan, Anna Cortese, Maud Smith, Peter Taylor, Lilian White, Catherine Williams, Mary Crowe, Brian Juliff, Thomas Maher, Norm & Norma North, Mollie Buxton, Nancy Daglish, Joan Freeman, Jessie Quek, Ron Smith, Marjorie Currigan, George Dawson, Pam Dusink, Nora Monaghan, Byron Myles-Johnson, Jim Rix, Barry Stanton, Eileen Owen-Tucker, Noel Williams, Patrick Dundon Snr, Angelo Licciardo, Maree Carson, Helmut Hartig, Robert Mattea, John O'Toole, Rita Sarmento-Cardoso

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Peter Spencer, John Meneses, Bernadette Munro, Maureen Hepburn, George Caruana *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

Happy Birthday: to **Rita Newton** who celebrated her 90th Birthday on Thursday. Congratulations and many happy returns.



Baptisms: There is a Baptism Service on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Brigid's. We welcome in to our Parish family: **Beau Thomas Carroll**
Harper Rose Desira
Raphael Anthony Goodchild-Waters
James George Konstantinidis

Parish Masses:

More people are welcome at Church but QR coding is now mandatory.

The numbers attending Church at the moment is below our permitted level so you can attend without booking but Government regulations now require that everyone uses our **QR code** when they attend Mass. This gives the Government immediate access to attendance records for tracing purposes if necessary. Parishioners with smart phones can QR code themselves in and welcomers will QR code in those who are unable to do this.



WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

At this stage we are well under the maximum number of people permitted at Masses so booking is less important but the requirement to QR code is necessary at all Masses.

STREAMING

ONLINE

LIVE

Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses
To view this week's Masses go to:

https://youtu.be/e_0Qe_arF1U for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or
<https://youtu.be/XFifa1l4exk> for 8am Mass at St Brigid's
or go to our website www.melb catholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale
or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(QR Coding essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: *(QR Coding essential)*

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 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

**BAPTISM BOOKINGS
through Parish Office
9580 7981**

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



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



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

