



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.*

Pentecost Sunday – 23rd May 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 2: 1-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3-7, 12-13; JOHN 15: 26-27, 12-15

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

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9580 7981

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

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@cam.org.au**

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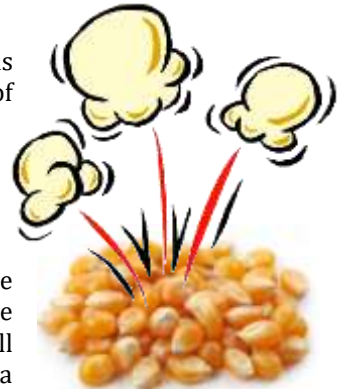
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mordialloc-aspendale](http://www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale)**



Gospel Reflection:

Sometimes the best way to think about something as complex as the action of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, is to use a really simple analogy like popcorn. A few small corn kernels, closed tightly and hard in your hand. You can fit them in a small space. They remind me of the first disciples: although they had witnessed the resurrection, encountered the risen Christ and seen firsthand the power of God, they remained small, frightened, unsure and (literally) dis-spirited. We place them in a small place, a small upper room (put them in the popper) a room where they might re-enact a meal, a ritual of when Jesus was there. To these small items, we add something powerful: the word of the Holy Spirit: a mighty wind (turn on the popper), a flame to heat them and we begin to see a transformation: we cannot see the Holy Spirit herself, but we can see the action she has on the disciples. (The corn begins to pop) An explosion of energy! A rapid expansion! Beyond the confines of the upper room and into the world, the disciples are no longer tight, hard, withdrawn, but open, fluffy, delightful! Some are spread far and wide into the world (making a mess on the floor). It transforms the ritual of bread and wine from a simple memorial to a living re-enactment – as the Holy Spirit brings Christ present in our midst and the body and blood of Christ feeds the dynamic, living world of faith. The Holy Spirit is here with us today, and can transform you in equally dynamic ways; the Holy Spirit can take that inner hardness, reticence, fear and doubt and help you to be open, fulfilled, released into the world to make a difference. The Psalmist wrote "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8) For it is through experience, not deduction or logic that we know this to be true. Taste and see my dear friends, and you will know that by the work of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed, we are like those first disciples, we are bursting with the energy and the love of God. (Eat popcorn) We have tasted, and we know. **Come Holy Spirit. Come.**

Marylene Douglas



Parish Events:

JAG Guest Speaker Night: Our Justice Action Group (JAG) invites you to come along to their upcoming special Guest Speaker Night.



Do not miss the opportunity to hear **Senator Lidia Thorpe** speak to our community on:

Wednesday 9th June 7-8.30pm
at **St Louis' Church**.

Lidia Thorpe is a Senator for Victoria, a proud Gunnai Gunditjmara and Djab Wurrung woman. Lifelong activist and fighter for human rights, social justice and the environment.

Lidia is Victoria's first Aboriginal Senator in the federal parliament.

Lidia Thorpe grew up in the Collingwood Housing Commission flats, the granddaughter of one of the founders of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, and is a life-long activist. She has raised three children, is a survivor of domestic violence, and completed her university education as an adult. Her professional background includes work in public policy, advocacy, small business, government and NGOs, always with a focus on activism and social justice.

Senator Thorpe's presentation is certain to be thought provoking and inspiring. All are welcome, please come along.



JAG Letter Writing Group: is starting up again. This group meets with Sr Reba to write letters to Govt MPs advocating compassionate policies for refugees and victims of human trafficking. They are now going to meet at **St Brigid's Church at 10.30am (after Mass)** on the last Wednesday of each month. Their next get together is on this **Wednesday 26th May 10.30am - 11.30am**.

All welcome (materials provided). For more info contact **Sr Reba 9580 0151**



Scripture & Friendship Group: will meet at **31 Inlet St, Aspendale** (*not the usual address*) on this **Tuesday 25th May 10am - 11.30am** All welcome to join to discuss and share the relevance of the Sunday Gospel to our daily lives. For more info 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.

Pentecost Sunday: This week we will have special readers at all Masses reading in different languages (*a translation will be available so that we know what is read*). Thank you to all the special readers: **Sara Ferguson** (German), **Lidia Rovira-Duch** (Spanish), **Mary Tai Kie** (French), **Angela Meo** (Italian), **Niko Tovia** (Samoan), **Renné Kuppé** (Spanish), **Dianne Wain** (Macedonian), **Sr Lia Commadeur** (Dutch), **Deacon Hoang Dinh** (Vietnamese) & **Fr Peter** (Italian).

It is great to hear the Word of the Lord proclaimed in different languages.



Pentecost Sunday: Chelsea's Inter-Church Council warmly invites you to take part in their **Ecumenical Pentecost Service** hosted by:

the **Baptist Church, 67 Bondi Road, Bonbeach,**

at **3pm** on **Sunday 23rd May**. Refreshments will follow service.

This service celebrates the unity of Christian Churches working together to bring the Word of the Lord to the community. All welcome.



Parish News:

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

We are now half way through our 4-week series of presentations on our parish renewal.

In **Week 1** we reviewed where the Catholic Church is at in Australia and what has been happening in our own parish.

In **Week 2** we shared where our Church and Parish is being called, a return to the Great Commission that Jesus gave to his disciples over 2000 years ago:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded of you."
(Matthew 28:19-20)

We are called to love God, love others and make disciples, this is our parish mission.

In **Week 3**, next **Tuesday 25th May at 7.30pm at St Louis'** we will outline the 5 Foundations for healthy, fruitful parish growth, and explain the process going forward.

In the **final week** which will be held at **St Louis' on Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm** we will bring everything together, with a clear plan of action that invites your participation.

Even if you haven't been able to attend the first two weeks, I encourage you to attend the remaining two weeks. Please do join me

Fr Andrew



Archbishop's Pentecost Letter: 'Take the Way of the Gospel – Re-imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities'. Copies of Archbishop Comensoli's pastoral letter are available in the Church Foyer and also on our website.



Mass Count in May: Every May we count the number of parishioners at 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 also be noted the gender of attendees and on this weekend we will be noting the numbers in each age group.

Chaplaincy Appeal: This week we encourage you to donate to **CatholicCare's Chaplaincy Appeal** which supports Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth justice centres and those living with HIV/AIDS. Donations can be made using the envelopes in the Church foyer or online at www.ccam.org.au



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Next Week's Roster:

FEAST of THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: 29th & 30th May 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass

Our readings are: **DEUTERONOMY 4: 32-34, 39-40; ROMANS 8: 14-17; MATTHEW 28: 16-20**

6PM MASS **Reader** Jenny Ford
Commentator Patrick Jurd
Special Minister Deb Poynton
Welcomers: Julie Buick, Joanne Partleton

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

9.30AM MASS **Reader** Maureen Wraight
Commentator Phillip Morris
Special Minister Mary Nayna
Welcomers: Trish & Barry LeBrocq

11AM MASS **Reader** Gail Selwyn
Commentator Peter Hannan
Special Minister peter Wain
Welcomers: Denise Leonard, Lucy Cameron

Counters: Aspendale: Mary & Serge Nayna **Mordialloc:** Glenice Laughlin, Debra Joseph



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be omitted from this roster. Volunteers 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 about any Child Safety issues 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

Pentecost Sunday:

Recently Deceased:

Rhys Gillard (son of Anna & David Gillard)

Anniversaries: Brian Cuffley, Mireille Martin, Ted Munro, Frank Rankin, Dianna Atherton, Eileen Dart, Michele Inguanti, James Noonan, Barry Skehan, Faust Alphonso, Rosario Costanzo, Scarlett Forde, Dulcie Kulman, Dorothy Partleton, Margarette Chung Yew, Vincent Fernandes, Hilda Sequiera, Lucia Soupe, Gaetano Di Benedetto, John Wain, Laurence Hudson, Branka Kuzmar, Jane Mannix, Robert (Bob) Orchard, Eric Dickinson, Neal Frawley, James Silarsah, Anne Thorne.

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

Special Thanks to our team of **volunteer welcomers** who are helping to ensure we are complying with all the current health regulations and keeping our Parish Covid Safe.

Would you like to help out with this important role?

Please contact the Parish Office.

New Roster: A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers for the next few months. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

Parish Masses:

Government regulations now require that everyone uses our **QR code** when they attend Mass. We are now using the Victorian Government QR code. 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/ukati6So2ek> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or
<https://youtu.be/6X9QDhM8Htg> for 8am Mass at St Brigid's
or go to our website www.melbcatholic.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



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St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St,
Aspendale
9580 5169



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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.

