



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.*

Feast of the Ascension – 16th May 2021

Our readings are: **ACTS 1: 1-11; EPHESIANS 4: 1-13; MARK 16: 15-20**

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

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



Gospel Reflection:

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us.

This passage, shows that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000 year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ. Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide.

The feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone.

Carmel Stutterd



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.

In September 2020, Lidia took her seat as 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.



Scripture & Friendship Group: will next meet on **Tuesday 25th May**. 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.

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**.



Pentecost Sunday: Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered to read the readings at Mass in a language other than English next week for the feast of Pentecost (22nd & 23rd May). We still need a couple more volunteers so if you can help please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

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.



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.



Parish News:

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

Our first Parish Renewal Presentations was on last Tuesday

& the next is on this Wednesday 19th May 7.30-9pm at St Brigid's

The crisis in parish life – falling numbers, loss of relevance and trust is a very real and urgent problem for the Catholic Church in Australia.

Strategies and structures which served the church well in the past are no longer working. We have spent considerable time reviewing where we are as a parish and understanding the ways in which we can reverse the decline based on proven models of successful parish growth. Whilst honouring and celebrating the rich faith and good works that are already present and active in our parish, we must also challenge ourselves to hear the Gospels and act on Christ's teachings in a way that is relevant to today's world, deepening our own faith and inviting those outside in. I am sure you are curious and I want you to be involved. Please join me each week:

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



Special Collection: Thank you to everyone for their support of the special collection at all Masses last week for the Mothers' Day Breast Cancer Appeal.

A total of \$1,110 was collected and will be forwarded to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Donations can still be made online via www.nbcf.org.au

Communion Service: 9.15am Mass on this Tuesday 18th May will be replaced by a Communion Service. Thank you to the parishioners who lead these services.

Next Week's Roster:

FEAST of PENTECOST: 22nd & 23rd May 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass

Our readings are: **ACTS 2: 1-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3-7, 12-13; JOHN 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15**

6PM MASS
1st Reading Sara Ferguson
2nd Reading Another reader needed
Commentator Julie Buick
Special Minister Sonia Williams
Welcomers: Deb Poynton, Carmel Barker

8AM MASS
1st Reading Mary Tai Kie
2nd Reading Another reader needed
Commentator Stephanie Carino
Special Minister Stephen Pooley
Welcomers: Peter & Lindy Wilson

9.30AM MASS
1st Reading Niko Tovia
2nd Reading Renne Kuppe
Commentator Felice Cortese
Special Minister Brenda Cortese
Welcomers: Mary Nayna, Niko Tovia

11AM MASS
1st Reading Dianne Wain
2nd Reading Sr Lia Commadeur
Commentator Denise Leonard
Special Minister Louise Breslin
Welcomers: Robyn Worsnop, Helen Rocks

Counters: Aspendale: Joe Corda, Nelson Popley

Mordialloc: Helen & Graham Jones

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**

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 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

Ascension Sunday:

Recently Deceased:

Dylan Walker (son of Nicola & Jim Walker)
Anthony Rosario (father of George Rosario)
Rhys Gillard (son of Anna & David Gillard)

Anniversaries: Joe Curtain, Maria Godeassi, Maisie Slattery, Daniel Bennett, Kathleen Noonan, Tony Drinan, Peter Fergus, David Graham, Evelyn Laragy, Patricia O'Sullivan, Zoe McDonald, Meleisea Leugamata Meleisea Si'u, Annette Corda, Eileen (Gay) Cahir, Maria Luxton, Bill Poynton, Bruno Prochilo, Colin Spencer, Justin Bidgood-Kerlin, Chris & Rose Harper, John Greenwell, Monica Pickles, Grace Summerton, Olive Maguire, Don Newcombe, Bill, Carl, Emily, Les & Winston Perry, John Pompei.

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.)*



Baptisms: There is a Baptism on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Louis'. We welcome in to our Parish family: **Margot Earley Isaac Graeme Lynch Seraphina Peg O'Leary Hudson William Tiller** During 11am Mass we will also welcome into our Church: **Nika Horn & Lana Horn**



Parish Masses:

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

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/5BiOf7lm8D4> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or
<https://youtu.be/wl-slS07Alo> 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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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

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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.

