



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.*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd August 2021

Our readings are: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Friday

PARISH HOUSE:

9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:

9am-4.30pm

Tuesday-Friday

Please note the change!

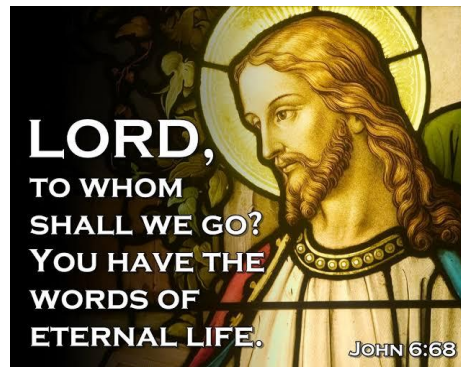
The office is no longer open
on a Monday.

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@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

PARISH WEBSITE:

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



*"Lord, who shall we go to?
You have the message of
eternal life, and we believe;
we know that you are the
Holy One of God."*

Simon Peter gives the right answer to Jesus' question. Simon Peter makes the right choice. This wasn't an academic exercise where you

know the theory and give the correct answer, this was a question that required an answer from the heart.

I'm sure that many of you feel the heaviness of the week gone by. Beginning with the announcement of the lockdown extension, our numbers are increasing, NSW numbers skyrocketing, functions like weddings being postponed, funerals with only 10 people present, etc only to then see images of what is happening in Afghanistan that has all been so confronting and confusing. This is all so draining. I know many of you are switching off from the news deliberately but as much as I want to, I am drawn to hearing the latest, hoping that some good news eventually breaks through.

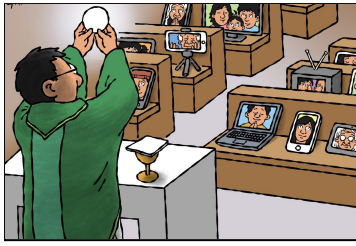
The sad news contained in the gospel is that some followers of Jesus have had struggles with believing in Jesus. They have found his message too challenging. Maybe they weren't willing to make such a drastic change in their lives? We too are asked to be firm in faith yet all around us it may appear to be doom and gloom. One thing that is consistent is that our God is always with us. We need to sit and pray that this Good News is always at the forefront of our being.

Our current day reality requires us to be the bearers of the Good News. We need to be the bearers of hope. Can we do that by calling one another? By checking in with each other? Is there a person who you only know by seeing them at mass that may appreciate a phone call? Let me know if there is a parishioner struggling and I can try to arrange some support?

Take care, stay safe and God bless,

Fr Andrew

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 to be viewed online from any time after this. Go to <https://youtu.be/yT5XyqFOazU> or go to our website www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale or search YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.



Natural Fertility Awareness Week - August 23-29 –

Tracking Fertility, Tracking Health Would you like to discover a way of tracking your cycles and understand a method of family planning in which both members of the couple share this awesome responsibility? This knowledge is something every woman should have and every man can learn! The Billings Ovulation Method® is based on sound science and has been proven an effective Method to achieve or postpone a pregnancy

and to monitor reproductive health. More info can be found on our website: <https://billings.life/en/>



Social Justice Sunday – We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on

the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our

efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845. The Statement is available on our parish website.



Scripture & Friendship Group – Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is this week on **Tuesday 24th August at 10am - 11.30am** and because of the current restrictions it will be **via Zoom**. All are welcome. Contact: Ann Brennan on 0425 712 741 or Carmel Barker on 0425 773 608.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89171235059?pwd=aGplOHQ5ejNlFUwSUhmOXVDWXBxUT09>



Catholic Theological College – Series of short sessions: online via Zoom Engaging Your Faith, Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running **21st August to 16th September 2021**. For booking, payment and further information: www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/.



Do you feel like being called to serve? – The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!** Due to Covid restrictions the information session date has been moved into September. The Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison at Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. For more information: Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY> Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>. You can also contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

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PARISH NEWS:



Pondering Grief – On **Saturday 4 September** at **10am-3.30pm** the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation is hosting a reflection event via zoom. Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experience and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$60. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQNX>. For more information, contact via email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.



Congratulations – to **Fr Peter Matheson** who celebrates his **51st Anniversary** of Ordination on 22nd August and to **Fr Andrew Jekot** who celebrates his **24th Anniversary** of Ordination on 23rd August. We are so blessed to have two wonderful priests in our parish.



Thank you for your care, love and ministry. May God continue to bless you both.

Baptisms – Due to the current covid restrictions baptism's that were scheduled for **Sunday the 22nd** of August at St Brigid's Mordialloc have been postponed to a later date.

Opening the Doors to Christ's love – I would like to announce the members of the Inaugural Senior Leadership Team (SLT). I am grateful to **Berna Wake, Trish Angliss and Kristian Tangso** who have indicated their interest in this role. The role is a 12 month appointment working for one day a week with the hours spread over a number of days. This team will be the driving force who will support me in seeing the ongoing progress of moving from a maintenance to a missionary based parish. A description of what the SLT roles involve have been mentioned during the Opening the Doors presentations. Information about the SLT work and progress will be communicated to the parish constantly. The Parish Pastoral Council's role will be revisited and announcements about their role will be shared in weeks to come. – **Fr. Andrew**



Blessing of St. Mary of the Cross artwork has gone "viral"!

The video of the online blessing has been picked up by a number of Catholic agencies including the [Archdiocese Melbourne Catholic website](#), the [Archdiocesan Facebook page](#), [Cath News](#), as well as [Sr Rita's \(RSJ\) Youtube](#).

"Lockdown suggestions and the Gratitude Challenge are listed on the parish website"

Next Week's Roster:

22 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 28 th and 29 th August 2021: Our readings are: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, James 1:17-18,21-22,27, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23			
6PM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister Welcomers:	8AM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister
9.30AM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister Welcomers:	Masses and Communion Services are CANCELLED this week	
Counters:			

CONAVIRUS ADVICE: In order to help prevent the spread of CoronaVirus ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED for seven days. Recorded Masses will be available to view online via our Parish website www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale

21st ORDINARY SUNDAY:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Hector Bibby, Joseph Chan, Pat Crowe, Margaret Fallon, Joaquim Rovira-Reixach, Don Sutherland, Maria Tesoriero, John (Jack) Wilkinson, Clare Brennan, Br Bill Lebler, Sr Mary Imeldine A.C., Sr Mary Silvaria A.C., Mary Baldock, Frances D'Argent, Aloysius Demonte, May Demonte, Maurice Dowd, Tom Drenen, Kathrine Fernandes, Phylis Laughlin, Ernesto Leme, John Michael Malone, Roger Parfait, Moira Waight, Jack Wraight, Terry Duus, Anaclea Gutierrez, Margaret Hamilton, Kerry Smith, Drago Tkalcevic, Claire Wright, Dennis Bell, Helen Cleary, Giordano Godeassi, Kathleen Healy, Francis O'Reilly, Ronald James Coghlan, Sr Marita O'Connell, Bruce Thurgood and John Wood

Healing Prayers Asked For: Sue Kelly, Josie Tobin, Olivia Wright, Jarrod Le Brocq, 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, Bernadette Munro, Maureen Hepburn. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*



Please note that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and should have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct. Copies are available at the Church or on our website. For any concerns about Child Safety issues please contact our Child Safeguarding Team listed below:

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



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(QR Coding essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

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