



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.*

Trinity Sunday – 30th May 2021

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

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:

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PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish Office Hours:
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9am-4.30pm

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



Gospel Reflection:

90% of people who identify themselves as Catholics in the Mordialloc and Aspendale suburbs are not active in parish life. Wow! Yet we have a great message and we need to get it out there. This is where the "Opening the Doors" presentation is inviting us to see what the possibilities are.

This weekend's feast of the Most Holy Trinity is really at the core of who we are. The readings are spot on with our "Opening the Doors" journey and story so far. In the first reading, Moses chooses to stop and speak to the Israelites who no doubt are beginning to fade, to lose hope, and understandably so as they have been wandering for 40 years. Moses, as leader, was the example of faith and knew that it is time to give them a pep talk. He reminds them that they are unique and special for they have a God who isn't silent like other gods, but calls the Israelites into relationship.

Could this be our story for many who identify as Catholics but feel that they are wandering? Popular culture and religion are now in the boxing ring but they don't need to be. We just need to be flexible in how we present this God of ours to others. We need to hear from these people and be open to how we can communicate this message in a way that others can hear it. Our "Opening the Doors" presentations is "our stopping" on the journey to the Promised Land and taking stock of where we are at. If we do nothing, our numbers will continue to reduce which is dire but more importantly, we are not doing what Jesus is asking us to do and that brings me to the gospel today.

The premise of moving from a maintenance model of church to a more missional model of church is based on the Great Commission given by Jesus. We are all called to go out and baptise people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are all commissioned to reach out to others and invite people into a relationship with God. This feast of the Most Holy Trinity is all about our God defined as the relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we are invited into this loving, nurturing, compassionate and caring divine realm of our spiritual lives. Our journey on this earth needn't be an isolated one, for God journeys with us and calls us into community.

This is where I have hope that together as followers, in relationship with Jesus with the Holy Spirit is stirring within us and prompting us to see how we can all step up and bring this message to the world we live in. **Fr Andrew**



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: In order to help prevent the spread of Corona Virus **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED** for the next week. Recorded Masses will be available to view online via our Parish website www.melbocatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale

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 Gannai Gunditjmarra 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.



Scripture & Friendship Group: meet on **2nd & 4th Tuesday** of each month and their next gathering is on **Tuesday 8th June 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 after all the 'Open the Doors' meetings have finished which will now be later than the June date previously advertised.

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.

Archbishop's Pentecost Letter: 'Take the Way of the Gospel
- Re-imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities'

This is an invitation to come together and discern our common mission for the future. Copies of Archbishop Comensoli's Pastoral Letter are available in the Church Foyer or go to:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishop-comensoli-releases-pastoral-letter-at-pentecost>



Chaplaincy Appeal: 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



Parish News:



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

Due to the restrictions that the Victorian government imposed from 6pm on Tuesday 25th May as a result of the latest Covid outbreak in Melbourne, I decided to postpone and re-schedule our last 2 "Opening the Doors" Parish Renewal presentations. The new dates will hopefully be:

Tuesday 8th June at 7.30pm at St. Louis' and Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm at St. Louis'

I do hope that you will join me for these important presentations.

Even if you haven't been able to make it to the first two weeks, please do come along as we will provide a recap when we next meet, God willing, on Tuesday 8th June.

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**, on **Tuesday 8th June 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 Tuesday 15th 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

Next Week's Roster:

FEAST of CORPUS CHRISTI: 5th & 6th June 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings are: EXODUS 24: 3-8; HEBREWS 9: 11-15; MARK 14: 16, 22-26			
6PM MASS	Reader Chester Ryan Commentator Helen Healy Special Minister Marie Medicott 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: Louise Breslin, Lucy Cameron
Counters: Aspendale: Mary & Serge Nayna		Mordialloc: Glenice Laughlin, Debra Joseph	

New Roster: for Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers for the next few months will be available next week.

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.



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

Trinity Sunday:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Eddy Dalton, Eric de Monte Maureen Gray, Katrina Leason, Alfred Sladen, Tom Bibby, Eileen Headland, Val Simpson, Janet Angus, Ray Buxton, Eugene Julien, Moya Wain, Terri Page, Edward Peril, James Pobjoy, Maria Atherton, Margaret Aylward, Lucy Adams, Georgie Burrows, Bernence Gallagher, Tom O'Donnell, Peter Treacy, Gloria Brereton, Joseph Conlon, Peter Freese, James Harrison, Peter Kellett, Patricia Sloan, Margaret Walsh, Bill Chick, Kath Rosen, Irene, Kathleen & Matthew Woods.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Lindsey Edwards, Laura Bruder, Liam Campbell, David Marshall, 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.)*

First Eucharist Masses: There were two special First Eucharist Masses scheduled for this Sunday for some of the Year 4 students at St Louis' School. These Masses have been postponed due to the current lockdown. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they wait patiently to receive this sacrament for the first time.



Online Schooling: All our schools have returned to online classes due to the current restrictions. We thank our teachers and parents for all the hard work in enabling online learning and also for looking after our vulnerable students and the children of essential workers.

Parish Masses:

MASSES CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK.



Due to the state wide 7 day 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/nGU7wYHR6w8> or 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 (Compline)

9.15am

Tuesday - St Louis',

Wednesday - 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.

