



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.*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 19 September 2021

Our readings are: **Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

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mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection

"But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest." -Mark 9:34

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus has a discussion with his disciples about humility. When Jesus confronted them about their argument, they were ashamed. Sitting down, Jesus tells them this: *"Anyone who wants to be first must be the last, and the servant of all."* - Mark 9:35.

Jesus stands conventional wisdom on its head—reversing first and last—emphasizing servanthood. He doesn't tell us that ambition is bad, but rather that one's ambitions are best directed to serving others rather than self. The truly great person is a diakonos—a deacon—a servant—a person who spends his/her days taking care of other people. The cross, of course, is the ultimate reversal. Who could imagine that Jesus could save the world by dying a particularly heinous death? The Bible is very clear—to be truly great, you and I must be humble. The world says we need to be self-sufficient, self-assured, and feel good about ourselves. But the Bible says we need to be humble.

Athletes seek to set records, businessmen seek a higher position, laborers lust after higher pay, students seek better grades, more influence, and cooler friends. But there is a danger in that pursuit. The higher up we find ourselves in terms of power, influence, and wealth—the more vulnerable we are to pride and ego, and the more prone we are to be blind to our spiritual needs and deficiencies. The subtle encroachment of pride will render us useless to God and others. The proud heart is critical and fault finding. The humble heart is compassionate and forgiving.

The proud heart wants to prove they're right. The humble heart is willing to yield the right to be right.

The proud heart desires to be a success. The humble heart is motivated to be faithful and make others a success.

The proud heart desires to be served and to receive. The humble heart thinks how incredible God is to use me at all. The easiest way to be a true follower of Christ is simply to follow this message: Be the servant-of all. We must not be preoccupied with who is the best. Rather, we should think about ways to serve, and about how Christ is working within.

STAY HUMBLE
WORK HARD
BE KIND.



by Marylene Douglas

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 online from any time after this. Go to youtu.be/vMmqNXBSG-g or the parish website melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale or search [YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew](#)

Opening the Doors to Christ's Love Serve Ministry Meetings

Over the next few weeks we will be holding online Serve Ministry briefings for all those who have registered for a Serve Ministry and anyone who is interested to find out more about the role. The sessions will last for one hour. Everyone is welcome.

Office Enquiries & Admin Tuesday 28 September 2pm

Meal Makers Wednesday 29 September 7.30pm

Baptism Team Saturday 2 October 10.30am



Parish
Support



Care



Hospitality

Zoom Links Below



Liturgical



Discipleship/
Evangelisation

Office Enquiries & Admin us02web.zoom.us/j/84233633039?pwd=NytQT0dqdjVyQ0VJdVJxRHl0VnBwdz09

Meal Makers us02web.zoom.us/j/86805723682?pwd=NIhGWWNYSWhxNE9BU1FUyTV6K3IlZz09

Baptism Team us02web.zoom.us/j/82660469154?pwd=aGgyajdETnJmbzJwZlJpcmRiZjQxUT09



Lockdown Light

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations for **Week 3** at

www.bit.ly/LockdownLight

Coffee with Fr. Andrew

Please join me for a cuppa on **Sunday 10.30am 26th Sept (day after the GF)**. Who will be the victors? The Demons or the Dogs? Wearing supporting team colours optional!

us02web.zoom.us/j/85775755133?pwd=QVFvbDhGVGZYOE1Ub1BaZXZweUJkUT09



Liturgy Meeting

Would you like to join in the sharing based on the gospel readings of November? All are welcome to join the liturgy meeting this Wednesday the **22nd September at 7.30pm**. No theology degrees required, just a mustard seed size of faith will suffice!

us02web.zoom.us/j/85117846931?pwd=MUG1T2pkbVV3ZFJlR0dicng1U0xkUT09



Meet our Baptism Coordinator

Debbie Poynton

"I have been in our wonderful parish for 43 years. I have always enjoyed being involved in various roles of parish life and I am excited to take on the Baptism Coordinator role and play a part in welcoming and organising the baptisms of our newest young parishioners."

Digital Newsletter

I thank Lesley-Anne and Liam Bailey for offering to be our Newsletter coordinators. The pandemic has challenged the parish to embrace the digital platform in a big way. For many people, we are able to stay connected via the internet and digital communication is here to stay. The parish would like to further embrace this dimension of parish life as well as supporting all who find this platform difficult or who choose not to engage at all. I invite you to subscribe to our new weekly digital parish newsletter. It will come to you every Friday evening as an email in a device friendly format. It will highlight the key notices from the newsletter that week and allow you to access the normal newsletter via the website.

You can use this link to subscribe: <http://ems.gs/3LcF0ljdtLc> I would appreciate any feedback about the new digital newsletter also. This newsletter in its current format will continue and be accessible from the church doors (printed copy) and the parish website (digital copy). When we are back in church, it is hoped that we will reduce our number of printed copies and again reduce our carbon footprint. - **Fr. Andrew**



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News from our Parish this week

Meet the Senior Leadership Team

**Fr Andrew
Jekot**



**Trish
Angliss**

**Kristian
Joy Tangso**



**Berna
Wake**



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Meet the Senior Leadership Team

"I have been in the parish for over 30 years, although not living in it for a while, I came back for the great community spirit that has always existed. I have been involved in mothers groups, music ministry, tennis club committee as well as being the St Louis tennis coach. I look forward to serving our parish on the SLT and seeing our community become more vibrant and outreaching."

Trish Angliss

"I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, arts and crafts, singing, dancing, music, nature, walks along the beach, reflective writing, spiritual reading, creating photobooks, exploring new cultures and places, playing with children, learning, teaching, and connecting with people. I hope to share the love and joy of Christ with everyone I meet and accompany along our journey to union with God."

Kristian Joy Tangso

"My background in marketing and a passion for change and renewal has landed me (via the Holy Spirit) right where I want to be on this most exciting journey for our wonderful parish. I am the proud Mum of a 24 year old son James & a rescue cat Poppy. I love spending time with friends, cooking, having a good laugh & a glass of wine and watching the mighty Hawks."

Berna Wake

Denise McMahon (St Brigid's)
Dina Costanzo (St Brigid's)

Anniversaries:

Zsolt Bogнар, Peter Crawford, Felecia Cresswell, Aniello Pollio,
Charlie Attard, Wayne Blair, Rose Farren, Marie Celine Gregory,
Anthony Lamperd, Matthew Lazaroo, Francis Mannix,
Ita Mary Munro, Brigid Murphy, Owen O'Leary, Richard Potter,
Mattia Aparo, Carl Beer, Marie Cooper, Sebastiano Costanzo,
Betty Cutts, Pat Edward, Joyce (Dolly) Hendricks, Dorren Keating,
Margherita Trettel, Luciana Miglietti, Lucy Rogen, Ruby Stoppa,
Alexandra Grace Walsh, Mary Augello, Clare Dunn, Godwin Cassano,
Ruth Hickey, Ken Lawrence, Stefan Mitula, Gwen Murfett,
Eileen Raphael, Rodelio Torres, Cyrill Touhy, Annie McFall,
Bert Vickers, Ron Argent, Greg Kellett, and Denzil Popley

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Bobby Bajram, Sue Kelly, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico,
Jarrod Le Brocq, Sue and 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 and
Maureen Hepburn.

(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)



CHILD SAFETY

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

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.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS:

Saturday:

6pm (Vigil) St Louis',Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mord...

9.30am - St Louis

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9.15am - St

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis,

Wednesday 10am – St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am –St Louis'

Friday 11.30am – St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12pm – St Brigid's,
Saturday 5.30pm – St Louis'

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 traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country for thousands of years. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Our Parish Mission

Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples