



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.*

Third Sunday of Easter – 18th April 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 JOHN 2: 1-5; LUKE 24: 35-48

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

PARISH EMAIL:

**mordiallocaspendale
@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

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



Gospel Reflection:

"He couldn't see the forest because of the trees?" the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus because they were caught up with all the stories about his resurrection and dealing with a very traumatic experience. In the seven stages of grief, after the first two of shock and denial followed pain and guilt. The third one is all about anger and bargaining. Could this be where the disciples are coming from? They believed that the Messiah would set Israel free and establish God's kingdom. But to them this was proved wrong when Jesus was crucified. Was it the disciples' inability to cope with the trauma of the Jesus' death that, rather than abandon belief in Jesus and his bringing about the kingdom, they came up with the idea of resurrection as a coping or bargaining mechanism to help deal with their psychological stress at his death?

The gospel is like a rebuttal to any idea that the first disciples "invented" the resurrection as a coping strategy. Jesus reminds them the words that he uttered before his death, that his death and resurrection will be the fulfilment of the scriptures and that he is the Christ who was to suffer and die. And that they are witnesses to this. The resurrection isn't just a wish or dream, it is true and here is Jesus who shows them his wounded hands and side and even eats some fish to prove that he isn't a ghost or a spirit.

When we come to mass with our eyes of faith, we come to see Jesus hanging on the cross right in front of us but we believe that this was not the end. We are called to be witnesses to the resurrected Jesus simply by the way we live our lives. How can we do that so that it brings real witness to those who are searching and wanting to have an encounter with the Lord?

In our three-fold mission of Jesus that we were anointed with at our baptism, one is to share in the priestly mission. We are to go out into the community and assist others develop and grow their connection with God. How do we do this? An opportunity to reflect on this will be with the "Opening the Doors" presentations that I invite you to attend.

Fr Andrew



Parish Events

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

I invite you to be a part of an exciting new plan to create a dynamic missionary parish ensuring our future. Over a series of 4 weeks commencing 11th May, we will be holding presentations and discussions where we will engage in a compelling, convicting and convincing path to achieve healthy church growth.

We will critically review where we are as a parish; discuss the need to move from a maintenance to a mission focus, with a vision that includes those outside of the Church and provide real life and proven models used in parishes both locally and overseas that allow us to

chart an inspiring, wide-ranging and thought-provoking way forward. If you care about our parish, you care about its health and future, I want you to be involved, so please mark your diaries now

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



JAG: Our JAG (Justice Action Group) met last Wednesday and their next meeting is on **Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.**

All welcome. For more information contact **Sandy 0412 057 177**

Palm Sunday Walk: Five members of JAG took part in the recent Palm Sunday Walk in the city where they walked to Park Hotel to support the refugees still in detention there. The refugees were able to see through their hotel windows the thousands gathered in support.

Recent JAG Donations: JAG recently made donations of:

\$100 to support **Blaze Aid** & **\$250** to support the work of



the **Presentation Sisters** in training nurses in Papua New Guinea and also with their new project aimed at assisting women in Papua New Guinea suffering from violence in their homes.



**Sisters of the Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

In Joyful Service

JAG Charter: Copies of JAG's Charter are available from the Church Foyer or it can be viewed on our new Parish website. It outlines the aims and work done by JAG.



Scripture & Friendship Group: is gathering again on **Tuesday 27th April.**



All are welcome to join them as they discuss and share the relevance of the Sunday Gospel to our daily lives.

This small group will continue to gather on:

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am – 11.30am

at 47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale. For any further information contact:

Ann Brennan 0425 712 741 or Carmel Barker 0425 773 608



St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to recite the Rosary in your own homes, on Tuesday evenings each week at 7:30pm. If this time is not convenient you are invited to recite the rosary at any time. Please join our Prayer Group in this devotion.



Cards Afternoon: The Men's Group is looking to establish a regular cards afternoon with games such as 500, Bridge & Euchre. The afternoons will be open to men & women. The day and location will be decided by those participating. Contact **Lou van Beveren 0412 333 280.**

Parish News:

Project Compassion Thank you to everyone who has returned their Project Compassion Boxes and thanks also to those who have made donations online. The total banked so far from Project Compassion Boxes returned is: **\$2,108**. The theme this year is: **'Be More – aspire not to have more but to be more'** Project Compassion Boxes can be still be returned to the Church at weekend Masses or to Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the work of Caritas.



Prep Enrolments For 2022: Applications for enrolment for Prep in 2022 at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's Schools are now open and close on **Friday 25th June**. Contact the School Office for more info, application forms, details of school tours etc

St Louis' School: 9580 5169 St Brigid's School: 9580 4518



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

Palms Australia: Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities

seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. [Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. **Join our online InfoZoom on 2nd May, visit palms.org.au , click on this QR code or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333**



Blessings Magazine A new edition of our quarterly Parish Magazine 'Blessings' is out now. Copies are available from the Church Foyer or can be viewed on our Parish website.

New Parish Website We have now upgraded our Parish Website;

Our new website address is: www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale



Wedding Congratulations: to **Michael Barbarino & Stephanie Bignoux** who were married at St Brigid's Church on this **Saturday 17th April**.



Next Week's Roster:

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER: 24th & 25th April 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings are: ACTS 4: 8-12; 1 JOHN 3: 1-2; JOHN 10: 11-18			
6PM MASS	Reader Rekha Taylor Commentator Debra Searle Special Minister Sonia Williams Welcomers: Julie Buick, Joanne Partleton	8AM MASS	Reader Joan Healy Commentator Graham Jones Special Minister Stephen Pooley Welcomers: Stefanie Carino, Anthony Antoniou
9.30AM MASS	Reader Brenda O'Leary Commentator Niko Tovia Special Minister Ron Schneider-Loos Welcomers: Trish & Barry Le Brocq	11AM MASS	Reader Vikki Fitzgerald Commentator Nola Petraitis Special Minister Glenice Laughlin Welcomers: Louise Breslin, Vanessa Fernandes
Counters: Aspendale: Mary & Serge Nayna		Mordialloc: Tony Allday, Susan Dornom	



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and 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.

Child Safeguarding Team:

If you have any concerns 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

3rd Sunday of Easter:

Anniversaries: Sebastiano Accaputo, Arthur Lamb, George Saddler, Michael Anderson, Thomas Brennan, Fr Gerard Briglia, Pat O'Connor, Fr Maurice (Lou) Heriot, Rita Barnhoorn, Brian Boland, Gaetano Iacono, Edgar Rogen, Frank Venezia, May de Monte, Juseppe Merlino, Janos (John) Marton, Marie Murphy, Veronica O'Donnell, Ada Roberts, Mark Aspery, Jeff Elsbury, Val Jones, Fred McDonald, Eustace Owen-Tucker, Ted Graham, Sophie Jekot, Mick Reed, Fran Tobin, Mauricia Villamor, Donald Booth, Pam MacDonald, Edward (Ted) Maguire, Pauline Watts.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Brian Smith, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, John Meneses, Rosemary Hall, Liam & Patrick Perry, 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 Service on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Louis'.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Hallie Mae Dias

Leon Derek Higham

Caleb Russell Martyn

Micah William Trutsch



Communion Services: Masses on this **Tuesday 20th April** and **Friday 23rd April** will be replaced by Communion Services. Thank you to the parishioners who help with leading our Communion Services.

Parish Masses:

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

We are now allowing 150 parishioners at our Masses but you still need to book as we must keep records of attendances for tracing purposes if needed. You can still come along and add your name to the list but you may find the Mass is booked out so it is better to book first. If you are a regular at Mass you can make a permanent booking. We hope to see you soon.

WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

There is no need to book for any of the weekday Masses as it is unlikely we will exceed our limit

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/eqSUVauTas4> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or

<https://youtu.be/XD0clUi1yuo> for 8am Mass at St Brigid's

or go to our website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale

or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(bookings essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: *(No bookings needed)*

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

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.

