



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.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9th May 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 JOHN 4: 7-10; JOHN 15: 9-17

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
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PARISH HOUSE:

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Parish Office Hours:
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9am-4.30pm

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



Gospel Reflection:

Knowing we are loved is one of the greatest feelings because it brings with it confidence and a security that no matter what happens, good or bad, we will not be alone. Jesus' prayer for us is that we know and remain in the love that he has for us. From this love, Jesus commands us to love others. Sounds simple, but it is hard to put into practice.

You might remember the famous charge from Alexandre Dumas' *The Three Musketeers*: "All for one and one for all". This phrase exemplifies a relationship where individual members are so closely connected that they represent a single, cohesive whole. As in the case of the three musketeers from that story, a common mission forms identity and unites the group. This shared identity is not unlike what Jesus describes in this week's Gospel. When Jesus says, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love" (John 15: 9), he invites us into the intimate relationship he shares with the Father. As we enter into this relationship, we commit ourselves to the mission of Christ. With this, our relationship with God cannot be passive. We must be willing to say that we are one with God. Likewise, people should be able to encounter God in us.

It was a long time before I realised that you don't have to like every person. I've met a lot of people with whom I never want to be friends. Our personalities clash. And I'm sure I've driven some of them crazy. But eventually I realised that "liking" and "loving" are totally different. We like our friends. We like people with personalities that mesh with ours. Liking is easy. It kind of comes naturally.

But Jesus, in this week's Gospel, pleads with his disciples to love one another as he loves them. Jesus wants members of his community to sacrifice for each other and the world – even if they aren't friends and have trouble getting along. That means listening to others' opinions, putting their needs ahead of yours, putting disagreements or personality clashes aside, and focusing on your common tie – the Christian mission to make the world a better place, especially for poor people.

That can be tough. You might have to work with someone with whom you've had several conflicts. You might have to do a service project with people who share none of your other interests. That's why Jesus tells us to ask God for whatever we need. God's power can help us love other people whom we have trouble liking or with whom we have conflicts. The Holy Spirit can show us where we are connected, despite our differences, and how we can work together for God's Kingdom.

Remember, we are Jesus' friends when we follow his commandments, not our own likes and dislikes. And this fractured world desperately needs to see people sacrifice for one another – regardless of their differences or conflicts – in a common mission to change the world.

On a related note, Mothers often exemplify this unconditional love Jesus asks of us. Making sacrifices for their children and usually putting the needs of their family ahead of their own. So on this Mother's Day, may we shower our mothers with gratitude, love and affection or think of our Mothers with love, who may have joined the angels with God in heaven.

Marylene Douglas

A Mother's Day Prayer!



God,
Please bless all mothers with
the wisdom, courage, patience,
and—above all—love
that they need to perform
the holy work of
raising children,
and being a source
of love and support for them
in adulthood as well.

Please welcome into
Your Heavenly Kingdom
those mothers who have passed,
and grant them everlasting
joy, rest and serenity.

Amen.

*A Prayer
For all Mothers*

Parish Events:

JAG: The next meeting for our JAG (Justice Action Group) is on this **Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'**. All welcome. For more information contact **Sandy 0412 057 177**

Save the date: JAG's June meeting (9th June) will be a special guest speaker night with **Senator Lidia Thorpe** – more info next week.



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.

Scripture & Friendship Group: meets on: **2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am – 11.30am at 47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale.** Their next gathering is on **Tuesday 11th May.** All are welcome to join to discuss and share the relevance of the Sunday Gospel to our daily lives. For any further information 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.

Rosary Procession on **Saturday 15th May at St Patrick's Church, Mentone** It begins at **5pm** on the School grounds in front of the O'Hanlon Centre and is followed by **Mass at 6pm.** All welcome.

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: We are looking for multi-lingual parishioners who are willing and able to read the readings at Mass in a language other than English on the feast of Pentecost (22nd & 23rd May). If you can help please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

Longbeach Parishes Social Group invite you to attend their lunch gatherings that are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The May luncheon is on **Wednesday 12th May at 12.30pm** at the **Chelsea Heights Hotel.** *Good meals provided at reasonable prices for seniors.* For bookings contact: **Pat Adams 0448 866 020 or Keith Reiter 0417 350 733**



Kilbreda College – 2021 Past Pupils of Distinction:

Nominations are now open and close on **14th May.** They can be submitted to www.kilbreda.edu.au For more info see noticeboard or contact **Denise Leonard** at pastpupils@kilbreda.vic.edu.au



Marriage Encounter Weekend: *Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!* The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on **21st - 23rd May** in Wantirna South (*Book early to avoid disappointment*) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Parish News:

Opening the Doors – Christ's Love at the Centre of our Parish Parish Renewal Presentations begin this week – Tuesday 11th 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;

Tuesday 25th May 7.30-9pm St Louis';

Wednesday 19th May 7.30-9pm St Brigid's;

Wednesday 2nd June 7.30-9pm St Louis'.

Fr Andrew



Mothers' Day Prayer

Dear Lord, On this special day, we show our gratitude for all Mothers. We thank them for their all-encompassing love, for their commitment, care and kindness.

We thank them for their wisdom, for helping us grow and flourish. We thank them for their strength, for their sacrifices, and for being there in times of need.

And we thank them for their encouragement, for being our cheer leaders and celebrating our achievements. Lord, help Mothers know how much they are loved and appreciated. We ask that you bless all Mothers, including those who are no longer with us today. Amen.

Special Collection: This Sunday is Mothers' Day and we will have a special collection at all Masses to raise funds for the Mothers' Day Breast Cancer Appeal.

Donations can also be made online via www.nbcf.org.au

Next Week's Roster:

FEAST of THE ASCENSION: 15th & 16th May 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass

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

6PM MASS **Reader** Bernadette Stuart
Commentator Julius Lau
Special Minister Anthony Barnhoorn
Welcomers: Annette Brilliant, Deb Poynton

8AM MASS **Reader** Graham Jones
Commentator Joan Healy
Special Minister Carole Guthrie
Welcomers: Stephanie Carino, Anthony Antoniou

9.30AM MASS **Reader** Martin Newington
Commentator Elizabeth Newington
Special Minister Ron Schneider-Loos
Welcomers: Joe Corda, Elva Judd

11AM MASS **Reader** Gail Bell
Commentator Helen Rocks
Special Minister Carolyn Ellul
Welcomers: Mary Tai Kie, Lucy Cameron

Counters: Aspendale: Bernadette & Geoff Terrell

Mordialloc: Margaret Forster, Aileen Dynes



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.

If you have any concerns please contact our **Child Safeguarding Team:**

Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432

Trish Angliss 0421 604 849

Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184

Susan Dornom 0413 979 049

Louise Breslin 0415 963 799

Deb Poynton 0403 471 931

Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522

Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592



6th Sunday of Easter:

Recently Deceased:

Joan Slyth (Mordialloc)
Michael Spence (brother of Maureen Kent)
Dylan Walker (son of Nicola Walker)
Andrew Casey (husband of Hanna Casey)
Vincent Licciardo (uncle of Teresa Basile)
Geraldine Clifford (cousin of Ann Brennan)

Anniversaries: Muriel Reed, Frank Jones, William O'Brien, Patricia O'Leary, Tom Wain, John & Virginia Popley, Eugen Vitulic, Jan Clark, Wayne Williams, Steve Coultas, Ruth D'Cruz, Patricia Ellis. Joan & Len Hopkins, Ted Newton, Marlene Stockdale, Inez Garlick, Vito Giarratana, Barry Hirning, Beryl Lomas, Samuel Dornom, Terry Feely, Margaret Maley, Norm & Terry McCloud, Rodney Aldridge, Michael Cleary, William Doherty, Guiseppa Favola.

Healing Prayers Asked For: 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.)*

Happy Birthday: to **Pam Hannan** who celebrates her 80th Birthday this week. Congratulations and many happy returns.



Baptisms: There is a Baptism on this Sunday during 9.30am Mass at St Louis'. We welcome in to our Parish family: **Patrick Michael Thompson**

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. This gives the Government immediate access to attendance records for tracing purposes if necessary. Parishioners with smart phones can QR code themselves in and newcomers 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/yR6p4ILUq84> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or
<https://youtu.be/8KhkHaPSdig> 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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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 (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

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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.

