



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.*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 3 October 2021

Our readings are: **Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16**

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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Ann Fitzgerald
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Gospel Reflection

Jesus refers the listeners to the original plan that God had for humanity. That relationships are to be wholesome, respectful, equal and a strong commitment between two people. Jesus also goes on to explain that justice and love relates to all human beings, men, women and children. To treat all people with fairness and consideration. Jesus knows that people have their troubles and that people fail in their relationships. He knows the suffering that people go through. Jesus takes on that suffering as part of his personal journey.

When Jesus began his public work of preaching and healing, he quoted Isaiah's words about the Messiah, who *"bind up hearts that are broken"*. I suppose what could be more broken-hearted than a broken relationship and a broken home? The compassion of Jesus for those who are broken-hearted is beyond question. Jesus points us to the issues of justice, kindness and love, in all relationships and in all circumstances.

Marriage and divorce are testing issues for every society and for every generation. In earlier times, a no-divorce society saw many people trapped in cruel relationships. In the present day, an easy-divorce society can see many people treated as disposable items, easily set aside. The faithfulness that God has to his people is what is asked of the commitment between a loving couple.

So where is the problem as Jesus sees it? That we are so *"unteachable"*. Jesus urges us to become like little children, eager to learn, eager to love God and to love one another.

What did God say after creating Adam? "I must be able to do better than that!"

*What did God say after creating Eve? "Practice makes perfect."
Adam to Eve: "I'll wear the plants in this family!"*



By Fr Andrew

PARISH NEWS



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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 [YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'](#) or the [parish website](#).

Anyone with a Camcorder or Handy Cam (both need to have a HDMI out) that isn't needed anymore? Please contact Fr. Andrew as this may be useful as we continue to enhance the parish's live streaming.



Parish
Support



Care



Hospitality

Opening the Doors to Christ's Love Serve Ministry Meetings



Liturgical



Discipleship/
Evangelisation

Over the next few weeks we will be holding online Serve Ministry briefings for anyone who is interested to find out more about the role. The sessions will last for one hour. Everyone is welcome. Dates, times & zoom links below.

Saturday 2 October at 10.30am [Baptism Team Zoom Link](#)

Tuesday 5 October at 2pm [Church Grounds & Maintenance Zoom Link](#)

Wednesday 6 October at 7.30pm [Music Ministry Zoom Link](#)

Saturday 9 October at 10.30am [Children & Adolescents' Ministry Zoom Link](#)



Lockdown Light - Week 5

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 at bit.ly/LockdownLight

Scripture & Friendship Group

Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is next week on the **12th of October at 10am - 11.30am** and because of the current restrictions it will be via Zoom: bit.ly/smotc-scripturegroup



Wine, Coffee or Bonox with Fr. Andrew

Join me for a drink on **Tuesday 5th October 7.30pm** and together let's solve all the problems of the world!!! Zoom link: bit.ly/smotc-frandrew

PARISH NEWS



Our Parish Coordinator

Ann Fitzgerald

"I have been working at St Mary of the Cross since October 2017 as the parish secretary (job share) and I have recently taken on the role of Parish Coordinator. In my new role I am looking forward to working with the senior leadership team and the parish volunteers, it is an exciting time in the parish. Like everyone I am especially looking forward to getting back to the office and Masses re-commencing."

BASP Trivia Fundraiser

St Mary's Hampton presents our online Trivia Night in support of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. We would welcome your support. To take part, sign up as a team host and get your team together for a light-hearted night of trivia and conviviality!

WHEN? Friday 8th October 7.30 TO 9.30 pm

WHERE? Invite a group of friends to join you on Zoom, up to 12 people, small groups are welcome. We suggest a minimum donation of \$30.00 per team member.

HOW? You will need a tablet (iPad or Android) or a computer with sound. Join the Zoom and use your web browser to answer the trivia questions. For further details or to register, go to cohdig.co/trivia, [email us](#) or call COLETTE FOXWORTHY on 9598 7329.



Memorial Book



Next month in **November**, is the **month of Holy Souls** when we remember our family and friends who have died. The special Memorial Book will be present at each Mass in November with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. If you would like to add any **NEW** names to this Memorial Book (all names submitted in previous years will automatically be included), please contact the Parish Office [via email](#). If you submit the deceased's date of death, then these names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin during the year on the anniversary.

Plenary Council

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the [Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021](#). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. [The Plenary Council website](#) will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses including the **Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October**. Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are [available here](#).



Recent Deaths

Presana Peries (Sriyani Katugampola's brother)

Anniversaries:

Mathew Braganza, Keith Reiter (Snr), Laurie Rose, Nadine Shakemamade, Bill Wilson, Max Braganza, Vanessa Mary Davies, Maud Erbs, Bette McLaughlin, Edmund Partleton, Gordon White, Joe Cerritelli, Carmel Kennan, Fr Luke Newington, Megan O'Keeffe, Kathleen Richards, Stanley Amos Wagstaff, Mary Ellen Doherty, Mary Nicholson, Nancy Stott, Violet Waltho/Larter, James Exton, Harry Kennan, Terry O'Brien, William Velten, Vanessa Gapiside, Julian Francis Gurrieri, Jean Hall and Eileen Mary Keane

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Liz O'Farrell, Maureen Connolly, 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, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS:

Monday 10am - St Louis', Aspendale

Tuesday 10am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis', Aspendale

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis', Aspendale

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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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**