



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.*

4th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 8 May 2022

Our readings are: Acts 13:14,43-52; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

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9am - 4pm



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

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

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
Saturday 6pm and **Sunday 8am**

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is the Gospel of the Good Shepherd and includes these words of Jesus:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand."

This is the whole of Jesus' message; he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father, and this is eternal life.

Jesus wants to establish a relationship with us which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging in full trust, in intimate communion. To do this Jesus uses the image of the shepherd with his sheep. The flock in Jesus' time was quite small and the shepherd called each sheep by name and led from the front – they followed his voice to the pastures which would nourish them.



We follow him because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock. The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. It is not always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

by Jodie Marziano

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

Parish News

Mass Count in May

Beginning this weekend (8th May) for a total of four weekends we will be counting the number of parishioners attending weekend Masses. This information is sent to the Archdiocese each year.

Mothers' Day Breast Cancer collection

The third collection this Mothers' day weekend will go towards the Breast Cancer appeal. May this be an opportunity for us to support all women this weekend.

Year 4 Journey Masses

The Year 4 classes will be attending **Tuesday morning masses on 10 May** as part of their preparation for First Eucharist. Please keep the First Eucharist students in your prayers.



Good Shepherd Sunday

This weekend is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him."*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends.

May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Pray for young people in Australia · Pray for faith in Australia · Pray for vocations · pledgetoprayer.com.au

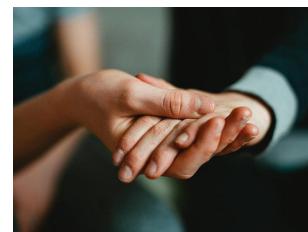
Scripture and Friendship Group

Please join us on **Tuesday 10th May**. We will meet at Ann's home, **47 Gothic Rd Aspendale at 10am**. A time for a cuppa, a chat and discussion / reflection on the Sunday's gospel in friendship and faith. This group is open to all — come and see. For more info contact Ann - 0425712741 or Carmel - 0425773608. We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the same time at Ann's home.

Mass To Commemorate Those Who Have Died During The Covid Pandemic

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass on this form: surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF.



Weekend Masses at St Mary of the Cross 21/22 May

In addition, we will be offering our weekend masses (21/22 May) as memorial Masses for parishioners who have lost a loved one during the Covid pandemic. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the weekend Mass using this form: m.stmaryofthecross.com/form or on the sheet at the Welcome Desk in both churches.

Justice Action Group Meeting Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm at St Louis' Meeting Room

All are welcome to attend our next JAG meeting where we will discuss action and activities that further our awareness and understanding of social justice issues, including the treatment of People Seeking Asylum & Refugees; First Nations People; Human Trafficking; Inter-Faith Initiatives; Care for the Environment and Domestic Violence & Homelessness.



Are you
interested in
social justice
issues?
If so please
join us.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A two year hiatus from this process due to Covid means it is now time to resume this process. Anyone who would like to be part of this very rewarding journey of walking with adults who are seeking to become Catholics and members of our parish, please contact me: Fr. Andrew andrew.jekot@cam.org.au *No qualifications required other than a desire to share your faith journey with others.*

Teaching Meditation and Prayer

The Catholic Theological College is offering an online unit *Teaching Meditation and Prayer* beginning in June 2022. Four Saturdays: **18, 25 June; 8, 15 October**. To enrol or for further information — Undergraduates: dean@ctc.edu.au Postgraduate: postgrad@ctc.edu.au

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Project Compassion

Receipts for Project Compassion contributions can be found in the church foyers.

St. Louis' Church Memorial Garden renewal

Dan O'Connor (Landscaper and St. Brigid's school parent) renewed the memorial garden at St. Brigid's church a number of years ago. I have asked him to do the same at St. Louis'. Dan and his team hope to have it finished by the end of this coming week and a blessing for the garden will follow once everything is settled. The workers have been mindful of ashes that are already buried and have taken steps in making sure to honour this sacred space. I am grateful to the Men's Group who have provided \$5000 towards this garden renewal from the funds that they have raised over the years. Many thanks. Fr. Andrew



Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you give life and care for your Church.

Bless our mothers, as we celebrate this day in their honour.

May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour
and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus,
inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers
and call their children to faith.

Guide and protect them in challenging times
and help them to continue to trust in you
all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Food For Friends



Our St Mary of the Cross Food for Friends Team creates **delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community** who at times of need might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. Members of the team create meals at home or together in our St Louis' parish kitchen. Dishes are frozen and made available as soon as the need arises. A great way to meet others in the parish and make a difference in the lives of others.

If you would like to nominate someone/family to receive meals or if you are interested in creating meals either at home or at the kitchen at St Louis', please contact the Parish Office, or see one of our team on the Welcome Desks this weekend.

Save the Date - Wednesday 25 May, 7 - 8.30pm - Special online Guest Speaker presented by JAG

Sherry Balcombe - Manager of Australian Catholic Ministry, Victoria

Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world. Where are we? Where are we going? What kind of future Australia do we want to leave our children and descendants? A time to reflect and space to think about actions in the future. Register in advance for this online presentation and discussion:

caritas.zoom.us/join/9tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF



Recent Deaths

Nesan Murugayan (Vanessa Fernandes' brother)

Anniversaries

Rodney Aldridge, Maree Carson, Jan Clark, Michael Cleary, Steve Coultas, Ruth D'Cruz, William Doherty, Samuel Dornom, Patricia Joy Ellis, Guiseppe Favola, Terry Feely, Inez Garlick, Vito Giarratana, Rhys Gillard, Helmut Hartig, Barry Hirning, Joan Hopkins, Len Hopkins, Frank Jones, Beryl Lomas, Margaret Maley, Robert Mattea, Norm McCloud, Terry McCloud, Ted Newton, William O'Brien, Patricia O'Leary, John O'Toole, John Popley, Virginia Popley, Muriel Reed, Rita Sarmento-Cardoso, Marlene Stockdale, Eugen Vitulic, Tom Wain, Wayne Williams, Lucy Molony

Healing Prayers Asked For

Geraldine Brunner, Bridie Duggan, Dermot Duggan, Peter Grove, Sharon Stevenson, Rachel Stone Lynch, Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, John Nicholson, Jason Turner, Serena Zienau, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives, Minnie Joseph, Odette Ward, Pat McDonald, Sam Finnochiaro, Lisa Downing, Sophia Bicos, Mary Jane Duffy, Ian Anderson

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

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
 - Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.
- Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

5th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 15 May 2022				
Readings: Acts 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-33,34-35				
	6p.m. (A)	8a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Debra Searle	Jane Standish	Felice Cortese	Carmel Girolami
Commentator	Chester Ryan	Barry Wheeler	Phillip Morris	Helen Rocks
Special Minister	Michael Barker	Marlene Tangso	Elizabeth Newington	Jack Meyer
Welcomers	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn	Jack & Carole Guthrie	Berna Wake & Niko Tovia	Vanessa Fernandes & Volunteer
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Fred Burns	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin
Counters	Serge & Mary Nayna and Aileen Dynes			



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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 (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 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



Support
our Parish



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

Our Parish Mission



**Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples**