



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.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 25th April 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 4: 8-12; 1 JOHN 3: 1-2; JOHN 10: 11-18

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:

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9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:
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9am-4.30pm

PARISH EMAIL:

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@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

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



Gospel Reflection:

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday arm in arm with ANZAC Day. It is when we hear John, the gospel writer talking about Jesus being our Good Shepherd, the one who watches us at all times and who ultimately would lay down his life for us knowing that he does this freely: "I do it of my own free will". Jesus desires to look after us, to shepherd us and to protect us. But who were the shepherds to the men who arrived in the dawn light at ANZAC Cove on Sunday 25 April 1915?

You might be interested to know that two Catholic priests were among the first wave of soldiers to land on the beach at ANZAC Cove. Along with ministers of other religions, they were on the front line to support the men spiritually and we can read their accounts of what the experience was like. In unimaginable circumstances, they provided religious services and helped to buoy the morale of the troops. They were being shepherds to the soldiers in need.

But they were not the only shepherds. We know from the Victoria Crosses that were awarded as a result of this conflict that many of the soldiers showed outstanding care for their mates in time of extreme danger to themselves. This was true shepherding. There are many more examples of shepherding of soldiers known and unknown that were never recorded or recognised with gallantry awards.

Those wounded soldiers lucky enough to be evacuated from the battlefield were cared for by nurses at places like Harefield Hospital in England. These women showed extraordinary love and compassion for the wounded soldiers. They too were shepherding the soldiers in their time of need.

As a people familiar with the bible, we should not be surprised that God uses us to do his shepherding work. In the Acts of the Apostles, the first Christians are zealous in their desire to look after those in need: the poor, widows and orphans. The early fishermen had become shepherds. The letter of St John reminds us that we are all God's children and that we are all entitled to be shepherded as the gospel describes for us today.

As followers of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we are all called to be shepherds to one another especially to those who are lost and need our love.

Fr Andrew



Lest We Forget

Parish Events:

World Day of Vocations. Is celebrated each year on 4th Sunday of Easter. 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.'*



Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations.

Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation

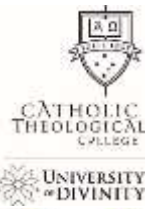
'God looks on the heart (1 Sam 16:7), and in St Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.'

'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of 'the saints next door'. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'

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.



Corpus Christi & Catholic Theological College Appeal. On Good Shepherd Sunday you are invited to support our seminarians by donating to their annual appeal this supports the living arrangements and education for Corpus Christi Seminarians. Donations are tax deductible and can be made via their website: www.ctc.edu.au



Welcome: to **Deacon Hoang** and **Br Lewis FSC** who will be sharing some of their vocation story this Vocations & Good Shepherd Sunday.



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



New Parish Website address is: www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale

Thank you to **Berna Wake** for her amazing input, along with the Archdiocese IT Department in enhancing this vital digital platform.

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: **\$2,779.**



Parish News:

Anzac Day: "How do we remember them? They died so young. They missed so much. They gave up so much: their hopes; their dreams; their loved ones. They laid down their lives that their friend might live. Greater love hath no more than this." - **Ralph Honner C/O 39th Battalion.**



The stained glass windows at St Brigid's Church are dedicated to the 58 & 59th Battalions.



Feast of St Louis de Montfort: is this **Wednesday 28th April.**

St Louis' School will celebrate with a special whole School Mass on **Tuesday 27th April at 9.15am** in **St Louis' School Hall.**



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



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 will resume meeting and praying the rosary together at **7.30pm** on **Tuesdays** from **15th June** (after all the 'Open the Doors' meetings)

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.**



Kingston Interfaith Bus Tour is a free tour of some local places of worship and is on **Thursday 20th May 9am-4pm** Booking is essential. Contact elisabetta.robocchi@kingston.vic.gov.au or **9581 4783.**

Next Week's Roster:

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER: 1st & 2nd May 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass

Our readings are: **ACTS 9: 26-31; 1 JOHN 3: 18-24; JOHN 15: 1-8**

6PM MASS **Reader** Carmel Barker
Commentator Michael Barker
Special Minister Deb Poynton
Welcomers: Julie & Anthony Barnhoorn

8AM MASS **Reader** Stefanie Carino
Commentator Liz O'Farrell
Special Minister Marlene Tangso
Welcomers: Odette Budge, Jane Standish

9.30AM MASS **Reader** Gen Martin
Commentator Brian Martin
Special Minister Mary Nayna
Welcomers: Rosemary Miller, Maureen Wraight

11AM MASS **Reader** Lucy Cameron
Commentator Michelle Campbell
Special Minister Jaun Wilson
Welcomers: Denise Leonard, Robyn Worsnop

Counters: Aspendale: Joanne & Gary Partleton **Mordialloc:** Glenice Laughlin, Debra Joseph



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

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

4th Sunday of Easter:

Recently Deceased:

Lynne Nievelstein (sister of Natasha Simone)

Matilda Grace Stevenson (daughter of Kate & Joel Stevenson)



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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.



Parish Masses:

**More people are welcome at Church
but QR coding is now mandatory.**

The numbers attending Church at the moment is below our permitted level so you can attend without booking but 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/YX7nY6RhKaw> for **6pm Mass at St Louis'** or

<https://youtu.be/TogX6rc-dzE> 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'.

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

