



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 in Ordinary Time – 30th January 2022

Our readings are: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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PARISH WEBSITE:

**www.melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection

God says to the prophet Jeremiah; *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah knew that he was special in the eyes of God and that God is relying on him to bring about God's kingdom through his prophesying.

As we launch into February and a certain rhythm of life that follows the gift of January, may we too heed the words of the first reading and believe that God knew us before we were born and that we too are consecrated in God's eyes and called to bring about the kingdom. How do we do that? Just follow our hearts.

Jesus followed his heart as he spoke in the synagogue and proclaimed that He is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy to bring about the Lord's Year of favour. The people hearing these words, some celebrated in the Messiah's long sought after arrival and for others it was too overwhelming. How could Jesus be the Messiah when they know his family and his background?

Could it have been that some of the congregation at the synagogue where Jesus was speaking struggled to understand that Jesus has come for all people and not just the chosen race, the Jews? God has come for all people!

I begin the year with a bit of trepidation and anxiety and feel that life is still volatile with the pandemic still looming knowing that it won't last forever. But I don't want it to define my experience of this year and so I look to the readings this weekend, especially the second reading that finishes with the words *"there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love."* May we always live out of love.

by Fr. Andrew



Parish News

All are welcome for Mass in St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish.

There are no restrictions for those attending mass. Please record your attendance at mass either via the QR code process or manually with the Welcomers. Masks are mandatory. The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube and search for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Thank you and Farewell to The Brigidine sisters

The **11am mass on Sunday 6th February** will be a thankyou and farewell mass for the Brigidine sisters. Please join us after mass for a BBQ luncheon at St. Brigid's school (Albert street) at 12.30pm to thank the sisters for their inspirational contribution to our community. For catering purposes, please place your name on the list on the welcome desk in the foyer of the church or contact the parish office by Thursday 3rd February.

St. Brigid's church - Telstra tower work

Delays in completing this work means the church is closed from Monday to Thursday this week. Wednesday **10am mass will be at St. Louis'** but Friday's mass at **11.30am will be at St. Brigid's**.



Opening the Doors to Christ's love – a quick summary on video – [click here](#)

The video is also available on our Parish Website.

Opening our Churches for personal prayer

Many of us will remember popping in "to pay a visit" to the church. For many this may have been to St Francis' on a trip to the city. As a missional parish our goal is to be open to everyone, and that means having our churches open more often. Can you and a buddy serve God in this way? Perhaps 1-2 hours on a weekday/Saturday? If this is something that interests you, please contact Berna Wake from our Parish Leadership Team via berna.wake@cam.org.au.

Food For Friends

As part of our Care Ministries our Parish is planning to launch a new initiative early 2022. "Food for Friends" parishioners create delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community who at times might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. New members are welcome. The team has already prepared some meals which have been frozen and are available now. Do you know someone, a family, couple or single who might appreciate this? If so please contact Ann Brennan at 0425 712 741.



Upcoming Roster



Roster

The new roster for March, April, May and June is currently being put together by the parish office. If you are away during this period of time, wish to be added to the roster or do not wish to be on the roster please let the parish office know.

New Volunteers are most welcome!

All volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children linked to the parish and certain volunteer roles require a current Police Check.

Parish News

Parish Outdoor Prep level Welcome Mass & Picnic

Mass at 10.30am at Braeside Park on Sunday 27th February. All are welcome!

Online Retreat

All are welcome to join in experiencing and praying a First Spiritual Exercise in daily life during Lent. It is titled *"Inner Peace in Divine Love"*.

Over five Mondays Marie and Peter Davine (Greensborough parish) will guide you through this gentle retreat which offers participants the deeper graces of tender love, hope, faith and inner peace with the Lord.

Where: A Zoom experience

When: March 7th; 14th; 21st; 28th and April 4th 2022

Time: Monday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm

Facilitators: Marie and Peter Davine

RSVP: Marie Davine by 14th February 2022

Email: mariemcm1991@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms.

Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Tel: 9326 1895



Bless our children and teachers as they return to school

Jesus' neighbours got upset with Him when He said that they wouldn't appreciate a prophet from their own town. But when they tried to throw Him off a cliff, He walked right through the crowd and went away.

Can you find Jesus in this crowd?

Excerpt from [The Kids' Bulletin](#)



Luke: 4.21-30

Next Week's Roster

5th Sun Ordinary Time	Readings (Year C): Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11			
5th & 6th Feb 2022	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Marg De Vries	Frances North	Lisa Tuke	Vikki Fitzgerald
Commentator	Jenny Ferguson	Jane Standish	Gerard Wagstaff	Michelle Campbell
Special Minister	Gail McGillivray	Marlene Tangso	Pauline Parker	Jaun Wilson
Welcomers	Ann Brennan Julie Buick Joanne Partleton	Carole Guthrie Jack Guthrie Angela Meo	Berna Wake Joe Corda Mary Nayna	Stefanie Carino Anthony Antoniou Louise Breslin
Counters	Anthony	Barnhoorn	Helen & Kelvin Rocks	
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

Recent Deaths

Sr. Janet Mead

Anniversaries

Anthony Archer, Debbie Arundel, Norm Baker, Graziela Barone, Giuseppe Basile, Anna Maria Camerino, Ann Cotter, Jack Cotter, Arun D'Costa, Harold Leslie de Monte, Elvie Monica Doherty, Elaine Dunn (Young), Brian Enright, Cecil Fernandez, Elizabeth Fernandez, Lois Formani, Vittorio Giuliano, Allan Goudge, Stewart Gowans, Barney Kelly, Emma Labonté, Tony Martin, Ken McClure, Peter O'Reilly, Albertine Pascal, Margaret Reid, Harry Shallvey, Sheila Marjorie Sladen, Patrick Smith, Rufino Torres, Angela Valentie, Mary Whitney, Art Wilde, Alex Williams, Resa Williams (Dalton) and Elizabeth Wood

Healing Prayers Asked For

As we begin a new year and a new list of people requiring prayers; if anyone from the previous list needs to remain included, please contact the parish office. Please note that the person concerned needs to give their permission for their name to be published.



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

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

All Parish volunteers require:

- A current Working with Children Check
 - To have 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	9412 8432	Susan Dornom	0413 979 049
Trish Angliss	0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton	0413 133 184
Louise Breslin	0415 963 799	Deb Poynton	0403 471 931
Judy Dickinson	0407 865 522	Robyn Worsnop	0412 814 592



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

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[catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)



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**



Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone and in a few easy steps you can quickly and securely give to the Aspendale and Mordialloc Parish.

