



# 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.*

## Feast of All Saints – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

Our readings are **APOCALYPSE 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 JOHN 3: 1-3; MATTHEW 5: 1-12**

### PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,  
520 Main St, Mordialloc  
& St Louis de Montfort's,  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale**

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrew Jekot**

### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

**Bernadette Carr**

### PARISH SECRETARIES:

**Susan Dornom**

*Monday, Thursday & Friday*

**Ann Fitzgerald**

*Tuesday & Wednesday*

### PARISH HOUSE:

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9580 4518**

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

**St Louis de Montfort's School,  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale  
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**[www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)**

## Gospel Reflection:

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But just to look at our Saints on the stained glass windows and the ones we pray to is to overlook the vast majority of saints. However, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven and there are many, more saints whose glimpse of God was only experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak.

Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

St Brigid's school community was saddened by the passing of our own 'lower case s' saint last weekend, Michelle. Michelle certainly responded to God's call through her love of her family, extended family, her work family and her St Brigid's family. Please keep Michelle's husband and children in your prayers and may we all know she is with our God in his loving arms. **Wendy Sullivan**



### **NEXT SUNDAY- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Next Sunday is the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **WISDOM 6: 12-16;  
1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18; MATTHEW 25: 1-13**



## Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,  
2020

30<sup>th</sup> October

What great news! To be able to open the churches once again and have them used for mass. I am very excited and so looking forward to seeing you all (eventually) but we begin with small numbers first. 10 people only are able to be present at mass until the 9<sup>th</sup> November when the numbers will increase to 20. Bookings are essential. This can be done by [clicking here](#) or contacting the parish office. Please be considerate when booking allowing others to have the opportunity as well. This recorded mass will continue.

Do not forget the Memorial liturgy this **Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11am**. The [Zoom link](#) is in the newsletter and on the website. The online liturgy will be an opportunity to remember all those people whose funerals were celebrated in the parish as well as remembering those whose names are inscribed in our Memorial . This book will be present at mass for all of November.

As we look ahead towards Christmas, I am very aware that it will be a different parish experience. A team of parishioners are looking at how we can provide indoor and outdoor masses included a number of pre-recorded masses. Once clarification with numbers permitted for these celebrations are known, I will inform you of the options available closer to the time. Nonetheless, Christmas is an important festive and family experience and no virus will take away our embracing the real Christmas story.

As I write this letter on World Teachers Day, spare a thought and a prayer for our teachers who have done an amazing job adjusting to flexible teaching. They are a very special group of people.

Enjoy the (long) weekend and may God bless you,

Shalom,

St. Mary of the Cross.... pray for us.      St. Brigid.... pray for us.  
St. Louis.... pray for us.

*Fr. Andrew*

Don't forget to keep checking our Parish website [www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale) for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

## Parish News:

**Mission Month Liturgy:** This week the children from both our schools celebrated Mission month with a special online Liturgy. Their focus for Mission Month is on the work of Catholic Mission with the theme '**For the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength**' and highlights the task of empowering people with disability in Cambodia. To view this liturgy go to our Parish website or click on this link: [Mission Month Liturgy](#)

For more information go to [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) to view videos and find out how to support this special work.



**Ready, Set, Pray!** is a Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series created for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday Gospel. The series consists of ten (15-20min) weekly sessions leading up to Christmas.

We encourage families to view this series. Go to <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>



**Vinnies Stores:** are now open again for shoppers and donations.

**Chelsea Heights** cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights  
& **Mentone** 34 Nepean Hwy, Mentone



Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul in this difficult time can call: **1800 305 330**



**Scripture & Friendship Group:** are now meeting fortnightly

with their next meeting on this **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** at **10am**. All welcome.

Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82363841283> (password: 3195)

**Prayer Time (via Zoom):** with Bernadette Carr is on **Tuesdays at 11am**.

All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762497666>



**Australian Catholics:** The Summer edition has arrived. Copies are available near the Bulletins on the Church doors or contact the Parish Office to have a copy delivered. This is a special Pilgrim edition '**Finding God on the Journey**'. It includes many pilgrim stories including Mary MacKillop, How to Visit the World's Holy Places from Home, Praying with Pope Francis and much more.



**Child Safeguarding:** As another step towards ensuring we are compliant with all the Child Safety guidelines all volunteers in the Parish will be asked to read and sign our Parish's **Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct**. Signing the Code of Conduct is

part of our ongoing Child Safeguarding Training and is a simple way to make sure that everyone understands what type of behaviour is expected by everyone in our Parish.



We would like EVERYONE in the Parish (*not just the volunteers*) to be aware of our **Code of Conduct**. There is even a child friendly version so our younger parishioners are also encouraged to respond. You can read our Code of Conduct on our Parish website.

Please sign and return the declaration so that the Parish can record who has read and supports our Code of Conduct and our efforts to make our Parish a 'Child Safe' environment.

*Copies of the Code of Conduct are also available on the Church Doors near the Bulletins.*

If you have any questions please contact one of our Child Safeguarding Committee:

**Fr Andrew Jekot, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop**

# Feast of All Saints – Year A:

**Recently Deceased:** Michelle Barclay (Mordialloc), Marie O’Dea (Edithvale), Lori DiLizio (sister of Joe Corda),

**Anniversaries:** Derek Fernandez, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Errol Porter, Tess Rankin, Marie Temple, Frank Chatelier, Michael Healy (snr), Daniel Abbot, Mary & Michael Popley, Vincent Alfonso, Lindsay Lebler, Roger Lodoiska, Albert, Luna & Rose Tueta, Peter Quinn, Teresa (Tess) Bell, Terence Gallagher, Sr Elizabeth Lyons, Miriam Moloney, Molly Carr, Lisette Silarsah, Chuck Spencer, Joe Barnhoorn, John Cuskelly, Margot Davey, Antonio Favalaro, Ken Gibb, Bill Halloran, Florencio Marquez, Barbra Hunam, Anthony Roberts, Patrick O’Neill, Kevin Osborne, Jack Reidy, Vanda Smout, Jo Buxton, Jessie Summerton, Sebastian Vaz, Wilfred Hall, Rita Mansfield, Mary Philomena Parker, Elizabeth Pidoto, Fr Carmine Tricarico.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Tony Del Prete. Soula Paliouris, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Rebecca Walker, Alma Brennan, Graham Owen, Jean Phillips, Helen Pedrazzini, John McFall.

*(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)*



**Happy Birthday:** Congratulations to **Len Scott & Greg David** who celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays and also to **Marie Seddon** who celebrates her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday at this time. Happy birthday.



**Happy Golden Anniversary:** Congratulations to **Glenice & Donald Laughlin** who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary recently.

## Parish News:

**Restrictions Eased:** Restrictions have been eased to allow **10 parishioners** to be present at Mass but you must book first. *(We hope to be able to welcome more people at Mass soon)* Booking is now available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK> or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

Our usual Masses have resumed but there is a limit of 10 parishioners allowed at each Mass and you must book to attend Mass. This week Masses are on: Monday at **10am** at St Louis’

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**Wednesday at 10am** at St Brigid’s

**Thursday at 2.30pm** is the Sunday Mass recording and is at St Brigid’s this week

**Friday at 11.30pm** at St Brigid’s

**Saturday at 6pm** at St Louis

**Sunday at 8am** at St Brigid’s, **9.30am** at St Louis’

& **11am** at St Brigid’s

*Sunday Mass will still be available online via the website*



**Feast of All Souls** is this **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** and there is a Mass being celebrated at **10am** at **St Louis’**. Booking essential - only 10 permitted to attend.



**Melbourne Cup Day:** Mass on this **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** will be at the later time of **10am** at **St Louis’** because of the public holiday for Melbourne Cup. Booking essential (only 10 allowed).



**Memorial Liturgy:** You are invited to join us (via Zoom) for this special liturgy at **11am** on this **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** to remember and honour those who have died. To view go to our Parish website or [Click here](#) The service will be recorded so it can be viewed later via our website.



**Memorial Book:** 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 this month 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 names to this Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office. These names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin on the anniversary of their death.

