



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 the Ascension – 24th May 2020

This week's readings: **ACTS 1: 1-11; EPHESIANS 1: 17-23; MATTHEW 28: 16-20.**

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

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Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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**St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
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Gospel Reflection:

Well, two things immediately come to mind when I reflect on this week's Gospel and we have heard them spoken over Easter.

One is the significance of Baptism and all that we accept as we own our own baptisms, for we are all called to be prophet and priest, that is, we are called to be the voice of God in this place and time and we are all called to the service of others especially the downtrodden.

Secondly the promise of the Spirit, another reference to the Trinity, for even as Jesus leaves the disciples He says '*I am with you always even till the end of time*'.

This all sounds rather clear, living the commitment of our baptism, while trusting that Jesus is with us always. Living in this time of Covid19 many of us have had a little extra time to spend with Jesus and reflect on how we live out this commitment. Some will have used this time to hide away and not have to do anything or perhaps we have put our commitment to Jesus the Christ (the Anointed One) on hold. Some will have become more acutely aware of the significance and power of relationships and what that means for us. Every relationship entered into holding Jesus at the heart of each relationship will always draw us close to our own relationship with the Anointed One.

While today makes the end of Jesus' public ministry and mission it is only the beginning of our ministry, yes, we are now charged and commissioned with the work of announcing the Good News and building God's Kingdom. Jesus now gives us the responsibility of carrying on his work.

Difficult and challenging at times, YES, but when we open ourselves up to what is right and just we will always be drawn more deeply into the heart of God. What could be a greater reward than that!

Bernadette Carr

NEXT SUNDAY- 23rd & 24th May 2020

Next Sunday is the feast of Pentecost in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **GENESIS 11: 1-9;
ROMANS 8: 22-27; JOHN 7: 37-39**



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: Our Church still remains closed for now.

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

Feast of the Ascension:

Anniversaries: Dianna Atherton, Eileen Dart, Michele Inguanti, James Noonan, Barry Skehan, Faust Alphonso, Rosario Costanzo, Scarlett Forde, Dulcie Kulman, Dorothy Partleton, Vincent Fernandes Hilda Sequiera, Lucia Soupe, Gaetano Di Benedetto, John Wain, Laurence McCann Hudson, Jane Mannix, Branka Kuzmar, Eric Dickinson, Neal Frawley, James Silarsah, Anne Thorne, Eddy Dalton, Eric De Monte, Katrina Leason, Alfred Sladen.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Alex Brodie, Maree Martin, Ben Quirk, Fred Hamilton, Trish Wardle, John Nicholson, Lorraine Ingram, Helen Pedrazzini, Bob Orchard, Helen Munro, Michelle Ives.
(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)

Congratulations to **Fr Kevin Burke** who celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on this Saturday 23rd May.
Fr Kevin was an assistant priest at St Brigid's Church in 1985.



Parish News:

Restrictions Eased: Our Church still remains closed for now but restrictions have been eased slightly to allow **10 parishioners** to be present at Mass (plus officiators). If you wish to attend the recording of our Sunday Mass (which takes place on Thursday at 2.30pm – this week at St Brigid's) you must contact the Parish Office on Monday to book in.

Parish Office 9580 7981 or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Other opportunities to attend the Church will soon be available and advertised on our website and in the Parish Bulletin.

Online Retreat: Many of us are having something of a desert experience during this time of Covid19 so to help us find God or at least hear God more clearly at this time a guided retreat may be of help for you. Our Pastoral Associate, Bernadette Carr is offering an online retreat which starts **Monday 1st June** and runs each day until **Friday 5th June**. The retreat starts online at 9am, after about 45mins there will be some reflection time followed by an hour or so online at 11am.

If you are interested please email Bernadette on: bernadette.carr@cam.org.au
Bernadette looks forward to catching up with you all soon.



St Louis' Tennis Club: With the easing of restrictions our Tennis Club has made careful steps and opened. At the moment only 10 people are allowed on site at any time so small coaching classes have started again (contact **Trish Angliss 0421 604 849**) and casual play can happen. To ensure the maximum number of 10 is not exceeded members must book via the Tennis Club website before they can play. Go to: www.stlouistennis.com.au



Child Safeguarding Team Many families are spending more time online at this time so for tips on how to ensure children are safe online go to www.esafety.gov.au

Our Child Safeguarding Team is currently following up on Working With Children Checks for all Parish volunteers. Your WWCC needs to be linked to our Parish.



School Enrolment Applications for Prep in 2021 at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's



Schools are **now open**. Contact the School Office for more information, application forms, details of virtual school tours etc.

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