



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.*

20th Ordinary Sunday – 16th August 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-7; ROMANS 11: 13-15, 29-32; MATTHEW 15: 21-28**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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Gospel Reflection:

Today's gospel follows last week's encounter that Peter had with Jesus whereby Peter falls into the water due to his lack of faith. The gospel writer Matthew contrasts this Canaanite woman to Peter. She is an outsider and hasn't had the privilege to spend as much time with Jesus as Peter had. She goes by the



stories that others have shared about what Jesus has done, about all the healings and the news about his Father's love and she believes. She has a faith that is persistent, vigorous and confident in God's faithfulness to God's promises.

Isn't this our story? None of us have walked along side Jesus like Peter did but we have heard his stories and witnessed how Jesus has touched other people's lives. We may feel at times unworthy of God's love and feel like a house dog but we have a guarantee that God doesn't look upon us that way. Even if we have lapsed in our conviction of faith in God, God has not lost his faith in us.

In our lives, we expect certain people to be our guides and to teach and inspire us and so we might miss the unexpected grace and inspiration from encounters we might choose to ignore. Let's not limit hospitality to those who we know and just offer the scraps from our table of hospitality to others when we could perhaps give a bit more of ourselves? How can we do this better? How can we do it this week (even in our lockdown situation)? Jesus grew in his humanity and learnt from the woman. The woman grew in her faith and learnt from Jesus. Let's keep learning from the wise people around us and from the greatest teacher of them all!

Fr Andrew

NEXT SUNDAY- 22nd & 23rd August 2020

Next Sunday is the Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 22: 19-23;**

ROMANS 11: 33-36; MATTHEW 16: 13-20



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

14th August 2020

Last Saturday's inaugural attempt at a parish Zoom seminar was a real success. Apart from some technical hiccups, we had 62 participants come together to hear a bit more about the life of St. Mary of the Cross as shared by Bernadette Carr. (You can still view this seminar on the website.) This has spurred us on to offer some more opportunities to connect via Zoom.

I would like to have a cuppa with you to this week. Morning tea, afternoon tea or even a drink after dinner this coming week. Times and details are on the newsletter and website. Just click on the Zoom link for that time. Also Bernadette is offering to lead a 30 minute prayer via Zoom each Tuesday at 11am. Again, the Zoom link will be in the newsletter and parish website.

I would like to extend words of congratulations to Fr. Peter Matheson who is celebrating 50 years of priesthood next Saturday the 22nd August. We would have had a celebratory cake after mass on Saturday but we will have to delay the celebrations until a more appropriate time. You may wish to send him an email via the parish. Send it to us and we'll forward it on to him. Congratulations Peter!!

The prophet Isaiah mentions in the first reading about bringing the faithful to the House of Prayer. We may see the church as the only house of prayer but now your house where you live is your House of Prayer. God is there and listens to your prayer. What is your prayer this week?

Stay warm and stay safe,

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

St. Brigid.... pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

Parish News:

Archbishop's Message: Each week Archbishop Peter Comensoli records a message to the faithful. This week he asks us to reflect on the small moments of light during this time of deep restrictions. 'There are things in the midst of all of this deep, deep struggle and difficulty that nonetheless give moments of light and joy and goodness.' Go to www.cam.org.au to view this message.



Congratulations: Congratulations to **Fr Peter Matheson** who celebrates his 50th Anniversary of ordination on 22nd August and also to **Fr Andrew** who celebrates his 23rd Anniversary of priesthood on 23rd August. We thank them for the inspiration, dedication and faithful service they give to the priesthood and we pray that their ministries continue to be blessed.



JAG News: Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Meeting for our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) via Zoom.

JAG has made a **\$400** donation to **Foodbank**. The Parish has received **\$360** in cash donations which will be sent to Foodbank. Thanks also to everyone who has made donations



directly to Foodbank for this Appeal.

Foodbank is an organisation working to help those in need at this challenging time of Covid-19. Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation, operating on a scale that makes it crucial to the work of the front line charities who are feeding vulnerable Australians. Foodbank provides more than 70% of the food rescued for food relief organisations nation-wide.



COVID-19 Food Crisis: With many Victorians finding themselves in lockdown, isolation, without a job or money to buy food, demand for these services is at an all-time high. For info or to donate go to <https://www.foodbank.org.au>

Cash donations for Foodbank can still be made via the Parish Office up to Sunday 17th August.

St Vincent de Paul: All the Vinnies stores have closed for the 6 weeks of stage 4 restrictions but the work of our St Vincent de Paul conferences (including our local conferences) has been deemed an essential service and they will continue to assist all those in need following safe Covid-19 guidelines. Many people in our community have been impacted economically by the current restrictions. If you know of anyone who is struggling please encourage them to ask for assistance. Contact: **St Vincent de Paul Welfare - 1800 305 330**



CatholicCare Appeal: Around this time every year, we usually invite parishioners to donate to the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. 2020 will be the first time the Appeal takes place online. CatholicCare continues to support families in these difficult times. Since March, CatholicCare has offered remote delivery for most programs and services, and in June recorded more than 6,000 phone or Zoom sessions with clients – and it wasn't just Emergency Relief in demand. CatholicCare continues to provide important support and care for families in need across the state. Help CatholicCare continue to support, families, individuals, children and young adults as they break through the many barriers to a brighter future. If you would like to make a donation or would like more information about CatholicCare's programs go to: www.ccam.org.au



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Caritas Appeal for Lebanon: Following the recent disaster in Beirut, Caritas has launched a special appeal to assist with delivering emergency food and medical supplies. A prayer for Lebanon is available with the Bulletin or on our website.

For more information and to donate to this appeal go to www.caritas.org.au

Parish News:

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

BOTH OUR CHURCHES AND PARISH OFFICE ARE NOW CLOSED.

All staff are working from home. Phone calls and emails are still being attended to.

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.

20th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:



Recently Deceased: Trish Wardle (wife of Chris Wardle),

Myra Bamba (wife of Phillip English),

Fr. Michael Wheeler (brother of Barry Wheeler & former Parish Priest of St Justin's, Wheeler's Hill)

Anniversaries: Walter Cresswell, Mary Dawson, Philip Hunter, Roma Jones, Maureen Koenig, Leo Laragy, Richard Pearle, Fred Berthun, Mary Bibby, Domenica Demaio, Josie Macnaughtan, James Maguire, Maria Marinho, Doris O'Brien, Alice Barkley, Paolo Laria, David Lavery, Margaret Nelan, Cecil Rowe, Jo Wakeham, Patrick White, Jose De La Luz Amaya, Annie Drenen, Vera Phillips, Phil Cain, Joseph Asciak, Patricia Sayers, Jan Smith, Antonia Bautista, Lorna Coyne, Joseph Ellul, Robert O'Kane, Margaret Scarrott, Angelo Stoppa, Janet White, Hector Bibby, Joseph Chan, Pat Crowe, Margaret Fallon, Joaquim Rovira-Reixach, Don Sutherland, Maria Tesoriero, Jack Wilkinson.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Mary Wilde, Honor Elvey, Betty Vilca, Sr Helen Reed, Jean Phillips, Valerie Kilpatrick, Rebecca Walker, Rodger Smith, Helen Pedrazzini, John Nicholson, John McFall, Frank Forbes. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

Parish News:

Parish Cuppa with Fr. Andrew: During this time when we can't catch up in person, Fr Andrew would like to invite you to have a chat online.

Please join Fr Andrew on either **Wednesday 19th August at 3pm**

Zoom Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84319357566>

OR Thursday 20th August at 8pm

Zoom Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945764669>

OR Friday 21st August at 10:30am

Zoom Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82800638708>

'I'm looking forward to our chat' – Fr Andrew



Everyone will have to provide their own cuppa and refreshments but Fr Andrew and the Parish will provide the company and the opportunity to chat and catch up with friends.

Prayer Time (via Zoom): If you would like to join Bernadette Carr for some online prayer time (30mins) on **Tuesdays at 11am** Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762497666>

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady: Saturday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. A special **Mass** (with Fr Peter as celebrant) was recorded at St Louis' and can be viewed via the link on our Parish website.



As well as the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption you are also invited to view a special **Prayer Service** for the Feast of the Assumption made by **St Bede's College**.

It can also be viewed via a link on our Parish website or go to: <https://vimeo.com/446978234/f86faa6760>



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