



# 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.*

## 17th Ordinary Sunday – 26th July 2020

Our readings for this week are **1 KINGS 3: 5, 7-12; ROMANS 8: 28-30; MATTHEW 13: 44-52**

### 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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### PARISH WEBSITE:

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129 Albert St, Mordialloc  
**9580 4518**

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

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale  
**9580 5169**

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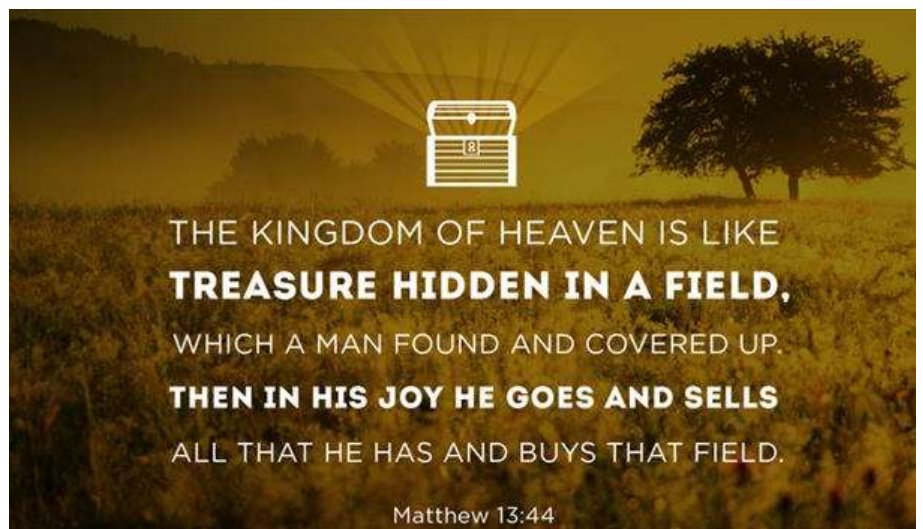
## Gospel Reflection:

What do we value most? With the presence of Covid-19, the increasing case numbers and the imposing of greater restrictions on our everyday lives we find ourselves reflecting on the things that really matter; the significant relationships we hold close and what we need to live a meaningful life.

In today's Gospel, Matthew shares parables of Jesus, which describe the physical treasure that two different men valued so much that they sold all they had to gain it. Jesus uses this illustration to teach the spiritual truth that there is nothing on earth as valuable as entering into His kingdom. The harsh reality of the Gospel appears so final: to obtain the kingdom one has to sell everything. Yet it is also a process, a journey. What is most important is the movement and direction of one's life. Jesus implies that only the one who searches can find. One needs to question am I in a stagnant phase or am I still searching, exploring, digging deeper into the field of my heart? What chords has the experience of the pandemic touched in my heart and that of my family?

The two men in the parables sell all of their material possessions and as a result achieve true happiness. For some this seems a contradiction but does having possessions really lead to true satisfaction in one's self? As the prayer of St Francis states '*For it is in giving that we receive.*' By having the freedom to give all and to open our hearts we are gifted the opportunity to receive and to enter the '*Kingdom of Heaven.*'

*Michelle Barron*



### **NEXT SUNDAY- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

Next Sunday is the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 55: 1-3;**  
**ROMANS 8: 35, 37-39; MATTHEW 14: 13-21**



**Pastoral Letter to Parishioners**

Dear Parishioners,

24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

As we all mask up and deal with our new reality, we do so knowing that this is the right thing to do. We are all part of the solution. In the first reading this weekend we hear about the Wisdom of Solomon who desires the ability to choose between good and evil. May we tap into that wisdom as we go about our day to day activities.

Can I again remind you to step away from the news at times because it can be so overwhelming? It is important that we are informed and know what the current guidelines are but at times we can find the news so draining. Finding those activities or outlets are so important at this time.

St. Bede's college asked if Fr. Peter and I could answer some questions that Year 12 students had formulated. The interview takes on the format of the show "You can't ask that". Click on the link to view the recording.

<https://vimeo.com/440186612/36441029e3>

The refurbishments at St. Louis' church are nearly finished. Mass is scheduled to be recorded there and with the wonderful skills that Hamish our videographer has, he will record the interior of the church and have it available for you to view.

The panel who are involved with choosing the next principal for St. Brigid's school met this week (via Zoom) for the first time. Discerning the criteria for the new principal has now been posted for advertising over the next two weekends. With a few more meetings involved, we hope to be choose a new principal early in September.

Stay warm and stay safe,

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

St. Brigid.... pray for us.

St. Louis.... pray for us.

*Fr. Andrew*

# Parish News:

**Renovations at St Louis' Church** have been completed with Mass to be recorded at St Louis' so we can see all the enhancements. There will also be photos in next week's Bulletin. The enhancements include some new lighting in the body of the Church with some coloured glass and a suspended cross hanging from the central tower.



**JAG News:** Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) held their regular meeting last week via Zoom and it was well attended. They hope to see even more at their next meeting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. If you need help getting on to Zoom please contact one of the JAG members or a younger person in your family – it's easy when you know how.

Thanks to your generosity our JAG (Justice Action Group) was recently able to send the following donations: **\$250 to Frankston Pregnancy Support** plus **\$550 to BASP** (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project) *The BASP donation includes a couple of very generous donations from individuals concerned about this issue.*

JAG has made a **\$400** donation to **Foodbank** and invites you to also support them.

**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 can be made via the Parish Office and they will be forwarded to Foodbank on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## **United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons:**

is this **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July** when we are invited to think and pray about this issue and the many people affected by it.

**ACRATH** (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans) has prepared a prayer sheet which includes information plus action items. This **Prayer Sheet** is available on our website and also on the doors of our Churches with the Bulletin. Please support this cause with your prayers. **ACRATH** are holding a special prayer service via Zoom at **12pm on 30<sup>th</sup> July**. All welcome to join in. If you would like more information go to [www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au)



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# Other News:

**Treasuring Our Later Years:** Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation is offering a six week course of reflections via Zoom (until face-to-face permitted).

The sessions will be led by **Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm** - *Sister of Mercy, Educator, Social Worker & Creative Arts Therapist with a deep interest in spirituality*

**1pm-3pm on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Cost: \$115 for the Series, or \$20 per session**

This series includes themes which take on particular relevance and meaning in our ageing years

For info & bookings: 9890 1101, [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)

or go to [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)





# Parish News:

**CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.**

Our Parish Office is still contactable and phone calls and emails will be attended to.

**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.**

## 17th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

**Recently Deceased:** Judith (Bobbie) Panton (Mordialloc)  
Suzanne Middleton (aunt of Monique Bruce)



**Anniversaries:** Edna Ansalde, Andrew Burns, Josephine D’Cunha, Bobby & Tom Mills, Maria Pitinga, Bill White, Paul Buick, Tom Enright, Jean Halloran, Alma & Jack McElroy, Bill Wilkins, Della Dalton, Danielle Gassin, Joseph Genovese, Johnny Williams, Brian Bellamy, Jack Brennan, Herbert Cumberbatch, Teresa Healy, Jack Murphy, Filomena Camerino, Norah Dornom, Florina Fernandes, Anne Green, Jack & May Heffernan, Hans Matse, Apolino Gutierrez, Jim Kearney, Maria Licciardo, Marie Wilson, Marianna Costantino, Maria Di Trocchio, Ted Headland, Dawn Musster, Taylor Sutton, Angelo Vieceli.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Rebecca Walker, Vin Costanzo, Rodger Smith, Helen Pedrazzini, Trish Wardle, Alan Seddon, John Nicholson, Fr Michael Wheeler, John McFall, Frank Forbes.  
*(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

**Wedding Anniversary:** Congratulations to **Jess & Vin Costanzo** who celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Well done and happy anniversary.



# Parish News:

**Our Parish Child Safeguarding Team** still meet regularly (via Zoom) during this time of restrictions and are working to make our Parish a child safe environment.

**Online Safety:** With everyone spending more time at home and online at the moment it is a good time to look at how we can ensure children (and adults too) are safe online. You can go to our Parish website

[www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale) and read **Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers** which has practical tips and advice on common safety issues or go to [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community. If you have any questions please contact any of the members of our Child Safeguarding Team: **Fr Andrew, Susan Dornom, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Deb Poynton & Robyn Worsnop.**



**St Mary of the Cross Feast Day: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August** is the Feast Day of our Parish's Patron Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Bernadette Carr is offering an online presentation on the life of Mary MacKillop via a Zoom meeting from 11.00am to 12.15pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

The Zoom link will be: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257858245>

*If you are new to Zoom please connect at 10.45am so we can make sure you are properly connected.*

Please register your interest by contacting Bern Carr on [bernadette.carr@cam.org.au](mailto:bernadette.carr@cam.org.au)



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