



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.*

18th Ordinary Sunday – 2nd August 2020

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

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

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Gospel Reflection:

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

Michael Russo



NEXT SUNDAY- 8th & 9th August 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **1 KINGS 19: 9, 11-13;**

ROMANS 9: 1-5; MATTHEW 14: 22-33



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

31st July 2020

The first reading says: "Come to the water all you who thirst", the gospel talks about feeding the hungry. Hopefully most of us are have no concern about food and water during this lockdown 2.0 but our faith is always needing to be nurtured.

During the week I met with the parish finance committee via Zoom and we reviewed our parish finances. Obviously we are down on contributions compared to previous years but still we are holding our own. For "Not for profit" entities like churches, we qualify for JobKeeper if our income drops more than 15% which it has so the JobKeeper payment takes the pressure off the balance sheet. Thank you to all for maintaining the contributions, either electronically or dropping off funds at the office or parish house. Please remember not to leave your homes for this reason but if you are passing by that's ok. The website also has a facility to make a one off electronic contribution to the parish or just contact the parish office

St. Louis' church internal refurbishments are complete. Photos are in the newsletter and there will be some video and commentary by Yours Truly on the website. I can't wait to have you back in the church which will happen. Patience everyone and prayers.

Don't forget the Novena prayer to St. Mary of the Cross and Bern Carr's presentation on St. Mary of the Cross. Details in the newsletter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOt7baaVSbE&feature=youtu.be>

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:



St Louis' Church Renovations are finished and can be seen when you view the online Mass this week. 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 last meeting via Zoom and it was well attended. They hope to see even more at their next meeting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 12th 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) recently sent donations to: **\$250 to Frankston Pregnancy Support** plus **\$550 to BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project)**

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 will be sent to Foodbank on 15th August.

Our Parish Child Safeguarding Team still meet regularly (via Zoom) 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 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



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 for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

18th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Judith (Bobbie) Panton (Mordialloc)

Alan Seddon (husband of Marie Seddon), Issa Rizk (husband of Carmelina Rizk)

Anniversaries: Airina Coutinho, Julio Muzlera, Kerrin White, Daniel Murray, Melissa Thorne, Jean Joseph Sin Mew Cheung, Antonio Meneghin, Kathleen O'Brien, Loris Wilson, John Ahern, Colin Forrest, Gaetono Iacono, Maureen Noonan, Vivienne Ryan, Winifred Turner, Mick Sullivan, Vito Troisi, Helen & Joseph Gauci, Macaria Gutierrez, Patricia Kerr, Mervat Marton, Helga Rabich, Mary Sutherland, Thereza Vaz, Dorothy Williams.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Jean Phillips, Rebecca Walker, Vin Costanzo, Rodger Smith, Helen Pedrazzini, Trish Wardle, 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.)



Parish News:

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

Feast Day School Online Mass: A special online Mass has been recorded for the students of both our schools and they will be viewing this Mass on this **Thursday 6th August**. Parishioners can also view this Mass via the link on our Parish website.



Zoom Presentation: Bernadette Carr invites you to an online presentation on the life of **Mary MacKillop** via a Zoom meeting from **11am to 12.15pm** on **Saturday 8th August**.

Join Bernadette Carr and Fr Andrew via Zoom at 11am on Saturday 8th Aug to pray but also to reflect on who Mary was and to know a little more about the heart of this very generous and humble saint.

All you need is to have Zoom downloaded on to your iPad, laptop, computer or your phone and click on the link in the bulletin to join in.

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.

If you think you might be joining in, please notify Bernadette Carr via email bernadette.carr@cam.org.au so that we have some idea of numbers attending the 1¼ hour session.

Novena to St Mary of the Cross: A novena is 9 days of prayer for a special intention and we invite everyone to pray a Novena to St Mary of the Cross in the lead up to her feast day. The Novena Prayer to St Mary of the Cross is available with the Bulletin or on our Parish website.



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