



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.*

23rd Ordinary Sunday – 6th September 2020

Our readings for this week are **EZEKIEL 33: 7-9; ROMANS 13: 8-10; MATTHEW 18: 15-20**

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:

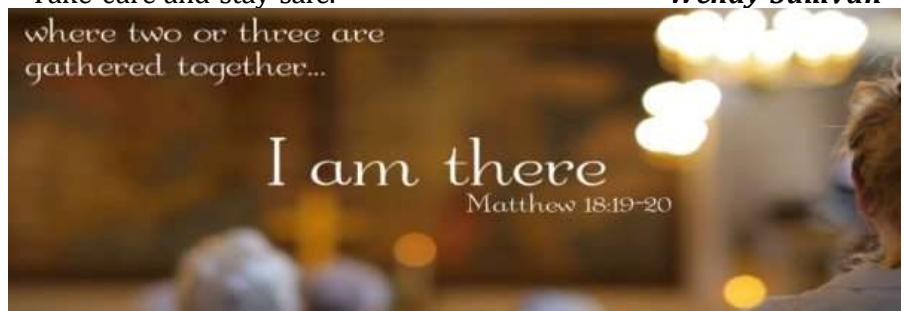
It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

Wishing all our fathers a very special "iso" Father's Day. We hope you have a day where you spend time enjoying and laughing with your family and sharing a special meal together.

Take care and stay safe.

Wendy Sullivan



NEXT SUNDAY- 12th & 13th September 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **SIRACH 27: 30 – 28: 7;**

ROMANS 14: 7-9; MATTHEW 18: 21-35



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

4th September 2020

Firstly I would like to wish all our fathers the best Fathers' Day possible. It was so challenging when Mothers' Day occurred and it was lockdown 1.0 to now have Fathers' Day in lockdown 2.0. We hold in prayer the many men who have taken on fatherly roles in our lives. I hope that the internet will cope with the many video calls, emails and texts that will be sent on this special day and feel free to pray the special prayer for fathers that is in the parish newsletter.

Traditionally we have a collection for the sick and retired priests this day but like many other collections this year we leave it up to you to follow this through. Many of you have a special Thanksgiving envelope that you can use and for others feel free to make a donation via the website or through the parish office if you would like. As Fr. Peter Matheson continues to support the parish it is important that we too support him as one of the many retired priests of the Archdiocese.

As many of us await a plan for exiting stage 4 restriction, we do so as we enter the season of spring. We are invited to embrace the symbolic nature of new life that is associated with spring into our lives as we emerge out of a forced hibernation. We continue to follow the guidelines and pray for families affected by COVID-19. May the God of eternal life receive all those who have died into His all-encompassing love.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6KFBkmJ6cU&t=3s>

Shalom,

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

Fr. Andrew

Parish News:

Feast of Blessed Frederick Ozanam: is on **Wednesday 9th September.**

Blessed Frederick Ozanam is the founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society and this year we are celebrating his feast day with a special online Mass that will be recorded at St Louis de Montfort's and celebrated by Fr Peter Matheson. This Mass will also celebrate a few special milestones for some of our local conferences. This year Mordialloc & Cheltenham conferences both celebrate their 50th anniversaries. The special Feast Day Mass can be viewed via a link on our Parish website.



Social Justice Sunday: was last week. Each year the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference put out a Social Justice Statement. The title for this year's Social Justice Statement is: **TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL -Mental Health in Australia Today**

This Social Justice Statement encourages each one of us to make mental health a priority. The **Social Justice Statement** can be viewed at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au
You can also watch a video of Bishop Vincent Long speaking about this important topic.



JAG Meeting: Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) invites you to join them via Zoom for their next meeting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 9th September.**

All JAG members will be sent a Zoom link to this meeting. If you would like to be included in this JAG meeting please contact Sandy at: slindfield@stlouisaspendale.com



BASP Appeal: JAG would now like to highlight the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in these very difficult times. Many of them receive no government assistance and are unable to work so they rely on the support of groups like **BASP** (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project).

JAG is planning to hold a Silent (online) Auction as a way of raising funds for BASP.



JAG's Silent Auction for BASP

(to be held in October when restrictions ease)

Bidding & viewing of items will be online

To make this fundraiser a success JAG needs items to auction.

Do you have any goods or services you would like to donate?

For more information or to discuss possible donations Contact:

Maree on 0407 376 505 or mareemorris959.mm@gmail.com or Sandy on 0412 057 177



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

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



Scripture & Friendship Group: meet via Zoom at **11am on Thursdays**

All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82363841283>

Contact: **Ann Brennan 9580 3810** or **Carmel Barker 9580 0539**

St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group: encourages everyone to join them in reciting the Rosary in your own home on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** as way of praying together when we're apart.



The Swag

Quarterly Magazine of the
National Council of Priests of Australia

The Swag (quarterly National Council of Priests Magazine) is available online. Simply go to www.theswag.org.au Click on the **green button** with the words 'bulk subscription. Please Click here.' to read the latest edition.



Australian Catholics: The Spring edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. Copies are available near the Bulletins on the Church doors.

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.

23rd Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Anniversaries: Bernard Cleary, Virgilio Arcilla, Mary Carroll, Bert Hodgkinson, Dennis Porter, Frederick Summerton, Alec Rodrigues, Maria Scardoni, Blossom Baldery, Eileen Hannan, Dr Peter Nelson, Maureen Cuskelly, Maureen Reidy, Fr Tom White, Beryl D'Sylva, Roma Kampf, John Martin, Letetia Sheehan, Vincenta Vella, Morris Joseph, Ken Raphael, Dirk Senn, June Phippen, Fr Michael Quigley, Don Byrnes, Ethel Coghlan.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Michelle Barclay, Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Wilma Jones, Alma Brennan, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Graham Owen, Frank Forbes, Honor Elvey, Betty Vilca, Jean Phillips, Rebecca Walker, John McFall, Helen Pedrazzini.
(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)



Parish News:

Happy Fathers' Day to all our Parish Dads.

We also give thanks for our spiritual fathers, the priests who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well.

Happy Fathers' Day to Fr Andrew & Fr Peter.

We remember also the priests who have served our parishes in the past. *(This week is the 10th anniversary of the death of our previous Parish Priest, Fr Michael Quigley.)*

Special Collection: PRIESTS RETIREMENT

Usually on Fathers' Day we take up a collection at all the Masses to support all the sick and retired priests through the **Priests Retirement Foundation**. As we are unable to take up collections at Masses at this time we encourage you to still make donations either by dropping off your donation *(in a clearly marked envelope)* in the Parish Office or Presbytery letterbox or via credit card on the payment link on the Parish website *(mark your donation PRF)* or you can contact the Parish Office.



Caring for those who cared

Fathers Day Prayer

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

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