



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.*

19th Ordinary Sunday – 9th August 2020

Our readings for this week are **1 KINGS 19: 9, 11-13; ROMANS 9: 1-5; MATTHEW 14: 22-33**

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:

9580 1018

PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Monday-Friday 9am-4.30pm

PARISH EMAIL:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE:

www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,
129 Albert St, Mordialloc
9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Gospel Reflection:

In this week's gospel account, Peter walks on water responding to the call of Jesus. Faith in Jesus enables Peter, for a time at least, to walk on water. But his faith, like that of all disciples in Matthew's Gospel, is prone to doubt. Peter's faith is not strong enough to overcome his fear of such waters, and so he sinks.

Most of us are caught somewhere in Peter's story, living within the courage of Christian commitment, and the doubts that unsettle our faith. We can take great comfort from this scene, especially perhaps at the present time. The Gospel recognises that there will be times of stress and danger when faith will be sorely tested and sometimes fail. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

This weekend also marks the feast day of our Parish patron saint, St Mary of the Cross. We need look no further than Mary Mackillop to see the example of how faith in God can sustain and nourish through the ups and downs of life. Mary's faith in God called her to action; as a Christian she modelled her life on the example of Jesus and was the face of Jesus to those she taught and ministered to.

In these troubled times, may we, like Peter, remember that Christ is always with us, reaching out to guide us, steady us and support us. And may we, like St Mary of the Cross, put our trust in Jesus Christ.

Jodie Marziano



NEXT SUNDAY- 15th & 16th August 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-7;**

ROMANS 11: 13-15, 29-32; MATTHEW 15: 21-28



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

7th August 2020

Our first full week of curfew has raised the seriousness of this pandemic to another level and as we continue to adjust our lives and stay apart, we do so with the intention that we will come together again soon. The news of the many deaths from COVID flood the airwaves and we remind ourselves that the person who died is a loved member of a family who are currently mourning their loss.

Our hearts also go out to the people of Beirut. Adding this tragedy to the current pandemic issues makes life in Beirut so challenging. May we be united in our prayer for them.

This weekend is our parish feast weekend as we honour St. Mary of the Cross. Our celebrations are minimal but nonetheless meaningful. Thank you for praying the Novena prayer as a sign of our unity and calling on Mary MacKillop for her intercession. For those who couldn't participate in Bern Carr's presentation on St. Mary, you may wish to view it on the parish website. Also a mass has been recorded (thank you Jodie and Thomson) for the feast of Mary MacKillop for the school children. This is also on the parish website.

I also thank Fr. Peter Matheson for saying a mass for the feast of the Assumption which is the 15th August. That mass will also be on the website from next Friday evening.

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

ASPENDALE
PARISH CENTRE
37 Dolphin Street
Aspendale Vic 3195
Tel: 03 9580 7981

MORDIALLOC
PRESBYTERY
520 Main Street
Mordialloc Vic 3195
Tel: 03 9580 1018

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au
www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale
ABN 30 159 648 648

St. Brigid's, Mordialloc
St. Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale

Parish News:

St Louis' Church Renovations are finished and can be seen when you view the online Mass this week. There is a short video tour available for viewing via the Parish website. 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) invites you to join them via Zoom at their meeting at **7.30pm** on this **Wednesday 12th August**.

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 *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.

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.

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 at all our Masses to donate to the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. With parishes in lockdown for the safety and wellbeing of communities, 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 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.

19th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Ivan Trbusic (Mordialloc)

Anniversaries: Isabella Costanzo, Trevor Schneider-Loos, Judith Boileau, William Bowles, Elisabeth Bury, Angelina Cortese, Monica Pierce, Hipolito Coutinho, Keith Drinan, Ann Fosberry, Jessie Guthrie, Amanda McLaggan, Verna Moorhouse, Rita Beha, Edna Bowden, Gordon Dunstan, Roman Luvara, Maureen Lyons, Adrian Pobjoy, Edward Sheehan, Juanita Caday, Frank Mooney, Mary Wintle, Fr John Carnie, Sarah Christensen, Richard Craig, Felice Cortese, Frank Lebler.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Sr Helen Reed, Valerie Kilpatrick, Jean Phillips, Rebecca Walker, Vin Costanzo, Rodger Smith, Helen & John Pedrazzini, Trish Wardle, John Nicholson, John McFall, Fr Michael Wheeler, 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.

For more information on St Mary of the Cross go to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre website: www.mmhc.org.au

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

Novena to St Mary of the Cross: A novena is 9 days of prayer for a special intention and we invited everyone to pray a Novena to St Mary of the Cross for her feast day. Fr Andrew sent an email to most members of our Parish community with the Novena Prayer. The Novena Prayer to St Mary of the Cross is still available with the Bulletin or on our Parish website.



Scam Emails: Recently several parishioners received emails that looked like they came from Fr Andrew but did not. Beware of scam emails asking for help and requesting you transfer money or purchase items. If you are uncertain whether any email you have received came from Fr Andrew or the Parish please contact the Parish Office to confirm the email's authenticity.



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) has been recorded at St Louis' and can be viewed via the link on our Parish website.

Ordination: Congratulations to **Andrew Chow** on his ordination to the diaconate by Archbishop Comensoli on **Sat 8th August** at St Patrick's Cathedral. As there could be no attendees at this service the event was livestreamed. To read more about Andrew's journey towards becoming a priest go to: www.melbournecatholic.org.au

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.