



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.*

Second Sunday of Easter – 11th April 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 4: 32-35; 1 JOHN 5: 1-6; JOHN 20: 19-31

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom
Monday, Thursday & Friday
Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9am-4.30pm

PARISH EMAIL:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE:

www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale



Gospel Reflection:

In our gospel today, this sign of triumph greets the disciples who are in the room for fear of the Jews. They are in a locked room and in the dark for they are a wounded lot huddled in fear. They have heard of the resurrection but something is preventing them from believing. It's in this state that Jesus appears before them

unnerving them but let's see how this occurs. Jesus breaks through the barriers of their fear and confusion which are obstacles that are more formidable than locked doors. Jesus came into their lives again and reassures them through the simple words: "Peace be with you". This is the peace that he mentioned at the last supper and now is being offered to them. Peace is the beginning of the healing process and the crucial ingredient is forgiveness.

Our experience of lockdown had us in "locked rooms" for fear of the virus. We are so fortunate now to be able to roam freely and do what we would like, when we like. Jesus came to free us from sin and oppression and call us to live freely in love but that requires our faith to believe that we are a forgiven people. Can we believe that?

Our churches have been closed during the lockdown but that didn't prevent us from praying, experiencing virtual masses and staying connected. It is timely that we resume our community life and begin to think about our parish's future. We may think that we can continue parish life as before but I feel that it is time that we stop and reflect on strengthening our parish experience. An opportunity to do that is coming up with the "Opening the Doors" presentations that I will be leading. Details are in this newsletter.

A question to ponder might be: If my faith is important to me, how can I bring others to understand that faith is important to them and will enhance their lives? Can I ask you to pray that this initiative will touch many people's hearts?

Fr Andrew



Parish Events

Opening the Doors – Christ’s Love at the Centre of our Parish

I invite you to be a part of an exciting new plan to create a dynamic missionary parish ensuring our future. Over a series of 4 weeks commencing 11th May, we will be holding presentations and discussions where we will engage in a compelling, convicting and convincing path to achieve healthy church growth.

We will critically review where we are as a parish; discuss the need to move from a maintenance to a mission focus, with a vision that includes those outside of the Church and provide real life and proven models used in parishes both locally and overseas that allow us to

chart an inspiring, wide-ranging and thought-provoking way forward. If you care about our parish, you care about its health and future, I want you to be involved, so please mark your diaries now

Tuesday 11th May 7.30-9pm St Brigid’s;

Wednesday 19th May 7.30-9pm St Brigid’s;

Tuesday 25th May 7.30-9pm St Louis’;

Wednesday 2nd June 7.30-9pm St Louis’.

Fr Andrew



JAG: The next meeting for our JAG (Justice Action Group) is on this **Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis’**. All welcome. For more information contact **Sandy 0412 057 177**

Slavery Free Products: When you choose your coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate this Easter, or anytime, look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced with the forced labour of children)

Look for: **‘Fairtrade’, ‘Rainforest Alliance’, ‘UTZ Certified’** or **‘Cocoa Horizons’** (*Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable*)



St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to recite the Rosary in your own homes, on Tuesday evenings each week at 7:30pm. If this time is not convenient you are invited to recite the rosary at any time. Please join our Prayer Group in this devotion.

Child Safety Survey for Volunteers: The Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese is the group that oversees how parishes manage volunteers and ensure that all Child Safeguarding requirements are being followed. They work closely with our Child Safeguarding Team. The Professional Standards Unit are inviting all Parish volunteers to assist them by filling in a short survey before **16th April**. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNRFLR9> or click on this QR code.



Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

Child Safeguarding Team:

If you have any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team

Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432

Susan Dornom 0413 979 049

Trish Angliss 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin 0415 963 799

Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522

Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184

Deb Poynton 0403 471 931

Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592



Parish News:

Project Compassion Boxes are now due to be returned.

The theme this year is: *'Be More – aspire not to have more but to be more'*

Project Compassion Boxes can be returned to the Church at weekend Masses or to Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the work of Caritas.



Prep Enrolments For 2022: Applications for enrolment for Prep in 2022 at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's Schools are now open and close on **Friday 25th June**. Contact the School Office for more info, application forms, details of school tours etc

St Louis' School: 9580 5169 St Brigid's School: 9580 4518



Special Collections: There were two special collections over the Easter weekend:

Holy Places Collection: Thank you for your donations to the Good Friday Holy Places Appeal. The total collected was **\$695**. Your donations will help preserve the sacred places and help support Christians who live in the Holy Land.



St Vincent De Paul Collection: was taken up at all our **Easter Sunday** Masses.

The total collected was **\$2,042** which will be shared between our Aspendale and Mordialloc Conferences and used to assist people in need throughout the year.



Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul Society can call: **1800 305 330**

Vinnies Stores: Our two local stores are open 7 days a week for great bargain shopping and are accepting donations of good quality new or used items.



Larger items can be picked up. Call **1800 621 349**

The Vinnies stores are located in:

Mentone 34 Nepean Hwy, Mentone

& **Chelsea Heights** cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights



Blessings Magazine A new edition of our quarterly Parish Magazine 'Blessings' is out now. Copies are available from the Church Foyer or can be viewed on our Parish website.

New Parish Website We have now upgraded our Parish Website;

Our new website address is: www.melbatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale



Next Week's Roster:

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER: 17th & 18th April 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings are: ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 JOHN 2: 1-5; LUKE 24: 35-48			
6PM MASS	Reader Joanne Partleton Commentator Julie Barnhoorn Special Minister Anthony Barnhoorn Welcomers: Carmel Barker, Adrienne Kennedy	8AM MASS	Reader Barry Wheeler Commentator Sr Deidre Malone Special Minister Carole Guthrie Welcomers: Peter & Lindy Wilson
9.30AM MASS	Reader Phillip Morris Commentator Len Scott Special Minister Elizabeth Newington Welcomers: Niko Tovia, Mary Nayna	11AM MASS	Reader Dianne Wain Commentator Mary Tai Kie Special Minister Peter Wain Welcomers: Robyn Worsnop
Counters: Aspendale: Joe Corda, Nelson Popley		Mordialloc: Helen & Kelvin Rocks,	



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and should also have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct. Copies are available at the Church or on our website.

2nd Sunday of Easter:

Recently Deceased:

Aime Zara (Chelsea)

Lina D'Avola (mother of Joanne Accaputo)

Anniversaries: Hans Bongers, Peter Grotto, William Peart, Foster Varney, Gavin Kirchner, Gail Panton, Gwen Rosario, Anthony Zedoner, Anne Weir, Margaret Burns, Michael Healy, Helena O'Toole, John Smith, Peter Wain, Maria Carmen Duch-Camps, Gerardo Velona, Gayle Magee, Angelina, Berislav & Peter Bambir, Josefa MacDonnell, Marie Ange Cheong-Lan, Rosaleen McAlinden, Yvonne Farrell, Benjamin Fernandes, Joan Mooney, Ivy Pearle, Sydney Smout, Pat Dalton, Lena D'Cruz, Marie Therese Hoban, Ronald Wilton.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Brian Smith, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, John Meneses, Rosemary Hall, Liam & Patrick Perry, Bernadette Munro, Maureen Hepburn, George Caruana, *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*



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Catholic Parish

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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(bookings essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: *(No bookings needed)*

Monday *(Communion Service)*

9.15am - St Louis',

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

BAPTISM BOOKINGS
through Parish Office
9580 7981

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

Baptisms: There is a Baptism Service on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Brigid's.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Florencia Pia D'Angelantonio **August Col Kay**
Cuba Marc Alain Duri **Fionn Michael Olden**



Parish Masses:

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

We are now allowing 150 parishioners at our Masses but you still need to book as we must keep records of attendances for tracing purposes if needed. You can still come along and add your name to the list but you may find the Mass is booked out so it is better to book first. If you are a regular at Mass you can make a permanent booking. We hope to see you soon.

WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

There is no need to book for any of the weekday Masses as it is unlikely we will exceed our limit

STREAMING

ONLINE

LIVE

Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses
To view this week's Masses go to:

<https://youtu.be/Ve8mF6hPfHI> for 6pm Mass at St Louis' or

<https://youtu.be/eFNkjW4lyHs> for 8am Mass at St Brigid's

or go to our website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale

or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.

We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather and their leaders - past, present and emerging.



Child Safety: Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

