



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.*

2nd Sunday of Easter – 19th April 2020

This week's readings: **ACTS 2: 42-47; 1 PETER 1: 3-9; 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

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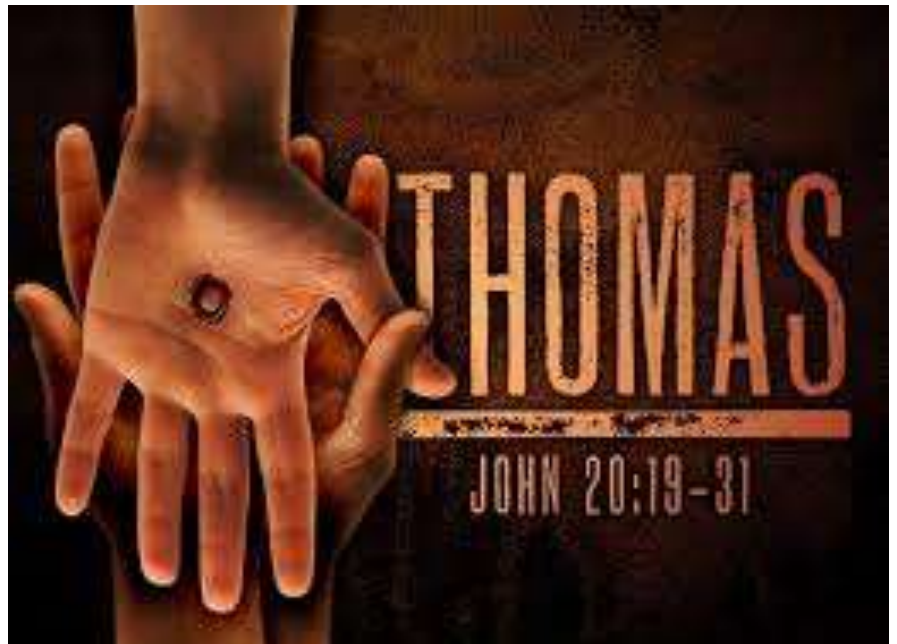
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Gospel Reflection:

The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation. Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. The Easter readings are so relevant to us in these changed times in our world. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number because of the teaching of the apostles. Those who are not eyewitnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection. Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. How will you use these gifts to reach out to others in care/support this Easter season - while still respecting all that is imposed upon us for the health and safety of all? Am I open to others who may be reaching out to me?

Michael Russo



NEXT SUNDAY- 25th & 26th April 2020

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **ACTS 2: 14, 22-33;
1 PETER 1: 17-21; LUKE 24: 13-35**

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: In order to help prevent the spread of Corona Virus **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED** until further notice. All parishioners are reminded to heed health advice about washing hands regularly and avoiding unnecessary contact with others. **BOTH OUR CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED. PARISH OFFICE IS 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**

2nd Sunday of Easter:

Recently Deceased: Gavin Kirchner (son of Fred Kirchner)

Anniversaries: Michael Anderson, Thomas Brennan, Fr Gerard Briglia, Fr Maurice (Lou) Heriot, Pat O'Connor, Rita Barnhoorn, Brian Boland, Gaetano Iacono, Edgar Rogen, Frank Venezia, May de Monte, Janos (John) Marton, Juseppe Merlino, Marie Murphy, Veronica O'Donnell, Ada Roberts, Mark Aspery, Jeff Elsbury, Val Jones, Fred McDonald, Eustace Owen-Tucker, Ted Graham, Sophie Jekot, Mick Reed, Fran Tobin, Mauricia Villamor, Donald Booth, Pam MacDonald, Edward (Ted) Maguire, Pauline Watts, Mario Cortese, Agostina Covello, Letty Saddler, Winifred Wraight.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Alex Brodie, John Nicholson, Lorraine Ingram, Trish Wardle, Helen Pedrazzini, Bob Orchard, Helen Munro, Margaret McCormack, Michelle Ives, Noel Ryan, Ed Jansen, *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

Parish News:

Mass at Home: Fr Andrew is now celebrating Mass for us online every Sunday Simply go to our **Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale** and click on the link to view.

Mass for You at Home can be viewed on Sundays on Channel 10 or on Aurora Channel on Foxtel. *(See your TV Guide for details).*

School News: Both our schools have started Term 2 with most of the children doing their classes online from home. Congratulations to all our wonderful school teachers and staff for working hard over the last few weeks to make this possible – it has been a massive job.



Enrolment Applications for Prep in 2021 at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's

Schools are **now open**. Contact the School Office for more information, application forms, details of virtual school tours etc.

St Louis' School: 9580 5169 www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

St Brigid's School: 9580 4518 www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au



Kilbreda College: Applications are open for Year 7 in 2022. There's a Virtual Tour at 9am on this Wed 22nd April. Go to www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au or call **9581 7766**



Anzac Day: Next Saturday is Anzac Day. This year we will be unable to gather together to commemorate this day but we will still remember them. Lest we forget.

St Vincent De Paul: Our two St Vincent de Paul conferences continue to visit needy families in this area using current social distancing guidelines.

Many people in our community will have been impacted economically by the current restrictions. If you know of anyone who is struggling please encourage them to ask for assistance.

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

Need Help? There are many different groups offering assistance if needed at this difficult time. www.australia.gov.au **Corona Virus Information and Help (1800 030 080)** offers useful information on health, finance and all things linked to the current Health and Economic Crisis.

1800 RESPECT - 1800 737 732 - Advice & support in relation to Domestic & Family Violence Lifeline - **13 11 14**

St Vincent DePaul Welfare - 1800 305 330