



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.*

3rd Sunday of Easter – 26th April 2020

This week's readings: ACTS 2: 14, 22-33; 1 PETER 1: 17-21; LUKE 24: 13-35.

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
& **St Louis de Montfort's,**
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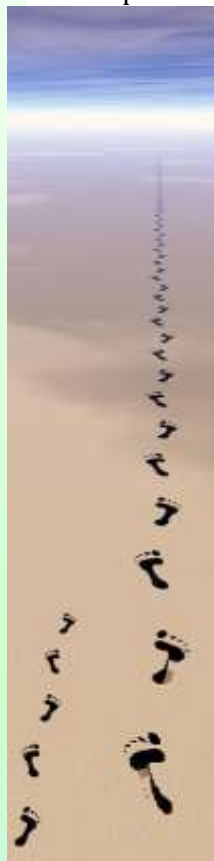
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Gospel Reflection:

Is our challenge then to be even more open to Jesus' presence? As Greg Sunter states "Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life." Is it in the stories that you listen to and share with others, in the kindness of strangers, in the support from family and friends, in prayer and the spiritual communion of the Mass? (see our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale for weekly YouTube Masses.) The poem 'Footprints in the sand' captures God's presence in our life beautifully.



One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed

two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me,

so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest

and most troublesome times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,

You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,

I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."

Our call is also to be Christ's hands, feet and heart in our world, to be the presence of Jesus for others. How are we enacting this call? In the current climate it is more important than ever that we reach out to each other particularly to the vulnerable in our community. Can we make an extra phone call, check in on those who we know who may be on their own, say hello to our neighbours? *Jodie Marziano*

NEXT SUNDAY- 2nd & 3rd May 2020

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **ACTS 2: 14, 36-41;**

1 PETER 1: 20-25; JOHN 10: 1-10

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED until further notice.
BOTH OUR CHURCHES AND 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
for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

3rd Sunday of Easter:

Anniversaries: Patrick Buicke, Michael Maher, Norm Smith, Grace Birch, Lon Vaisutis, Victor Vellozo Lily Rodrigues, Chris & Phil Ryan, Frances Carrick, Donald Dunstall, Doug Hallam, Salvatore Costanzo, Pierre Joshua, Harold Smith, Jose De La Luz Amaya Diaz, Matteo Camerino, Chris Wragg, Mary Porter, Gregory & Lucy Costa, Alice Dickinson, Euria Gutierrez, Shirley Le Breton, Georges Louis, Doreen Power, Margaret Hickey, Kevin Campion, Charles Cromer, George Hannan, Pierre Kennan, Mark Payton.

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:

School 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



Anzac Day: Saturday 25th April. This year we are unable to gather together to commemorate the ANZACs but we still remember them. Lest we forget.

Feast of St Louis de Montfort: is this **Tuesday 28th April.** To celebrate this special feast a special children's Mass has been recorded for the website. St Louis' School children will take part during their online lessons. Parishioners are also welcome to view this Mass on our **Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale**



Project Compassion Boxes are usually due back at this time. If you wish to return your box now please contact the Parish Office to find the easiest way to do this or you can donate at www.caritas.org.au

Stay Connected: We encourage everyone to please keep in touch with fellow parishioners, neighbours, friends and family. A phone call, email, letter, quick hello or a smile can make a huge difference to someone who is isolated at this time.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has been contacting many of our older parishioners to ensure they are coping in this difficult time but they have not been able to contact everyone. Please contact the Office if you know of anyone who would like to hear from the Parish. Please look after yourself and each other. Stay Safe but stay connected.



Need Help? There are many different groups offering assistance 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



St Vincent de Paul Welfare - 1800 305 330

Lifeline - 13 11 14

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. Our local conferences are still visiting people in need in our area.