



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.*

4th Sunday of Easter – 3rd May 2020

This week's readings: **ACTS 2: 14, 36-41; 1 PETER 1: 20-25; JOHN 10: 1-10.**

PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,
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& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale**

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37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169**

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Gospel Reflection:

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf. While thinking about our leaders, please pray for them all during this time of unprecedented change in our world. Please pray for the essential workers who are on the frontline of managing the pandemic and keeping us safe. Please pray for our four fallen police officers who died in the act of protecting our society.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Wendy Sullivan



NEXT SUNDAY- 9th & 10th May 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **ACTS 6: 1-7;**

1 PETER 2: 4-9; JOHN 14: 1-12

Vocation Sunday:

Pray for Vocations: This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday which is the day we usually pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.



Pope Francis tells us: *'Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.'* (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocations. Please remember in your prayers all those currently training to become priests, especially **Deacon Brian Muling** who is hoping to be ordained later this year and seminarians **Hoang Dinh** and **Vinh Do** who have done placements in our Parish.

Pope Francis – Message for 2020 World Day of Vocations

'Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us, and save us.'
'The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice - like marriage or special consecration to his service - calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear".'



'Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations.'

What can I do? Each one of us can do something for the future of the Church in our nation. We all want and need more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The most important and essential thing that each of us can do is to pray. Intentionally, regularly, insistently. Make a decision today to include a prayer for vocations in your daily prayers.

Archbishop's Message: Our Archbishop has prepared a video message of encouragement to us all in these trying times. Click on the link on our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale to view



Parish News:

Stewardship Donations: A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Parish and Fr Andrew. With no Masses at the moment there are no collections so thank you to the parishioners who have been dropping their envelopes to the Parish Office and also to the parishioners who have changed their donations to Credit or Debit payments to ensure that the Parish still receives support. It is very much appreciated.



Here is a reminder about how you can continue to make donations to support our Parish and Fr Andrew: Parishioners who usually contribute using Stewardship envelopes can drop envelopes off at the Parish Office when they are able to.

Stewardship donations support the Parish. (*this was 2nd Collection at Mass*)

Presbytery donations support Fr Andrew (*this was 1st Collection at Mass*)

Presbytery donations need to be in a separate envelope or noted on your stewardship envelope. Anyone who wishes to change their contribution amounts or method of payment for any reason is asked to please contact **Parish Office 9580 7981**.

As well as the usual credit/debit option you can make donations using the link on our website or go to: [CDFpay for St Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale](http://CDFpayforStMaryoftheCross.MordiallocandAspendale)

Thank you to everyone for your continued support – financial, physical and spiritual.

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.

4th Sunday of Easter:

Anniversaries: Anna Cortese, Maud Smith, Peter Taylor, Lilian White, Catherine Williams, Mary Crowe, Brian Juliff, Thomas Maher, Norm & Norma North, Mollie Buxton, Nancy Daghish, Jim Rix, Joan Freeman, Jessie Quek, Ron Smith, Marjorie Currigan, Pam Dusink, Nora Monaghan, Barry Stanton, Byron Myles-Johnson, Eileen Owen-Tucker, Noel Williams, Patrick Dundon Snr, Angelo Licciardo, Maree Carson, Helmut Hartig, Robert Mattea, John O'Toole, Rita Sarmento-Cardoso, Muriel Reed.

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.)*



Happy 90th Birthday to St Louis' Legend **Gwen Dundon**. We wish we could be with you to celebrate this significant milestone and hope you enjoy your special day. Congratulations and best wishes from everyone.

Congratulations to **Valerie and John Suhr** on your 63rd wedding anniversary this Sunday 3rd May. Virtual hugs and blessings coming your way!!



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



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 There is a special **Online Benefit Concert** for Project Compassion on **Saturday 9th May** featuring Gary Pinto who wrote their theme song for this year 'Walk With Me'. Go to our website for links to this song and concert.

Stay Connected: We encourage everyone to please keep in touch with fellow parishioners, neighbours, friends and family. A telephone 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.