



# 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.*

## 5th Sunday of Easter – 10th May 2020

This week's readings: ACTS 6: 1-7; 1 PETER 2: 4-9; JOHN 14: 1-12.

### 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:

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**@cam.org.au**

### PARISH WEBSITE:

**[www.cam.org.au/](http://www.cam.org.au/)**

**[mordiallocaspendale](http://mordiallocaspendale)**

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

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

**[www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)**

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale  
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### Gospel Reflection:

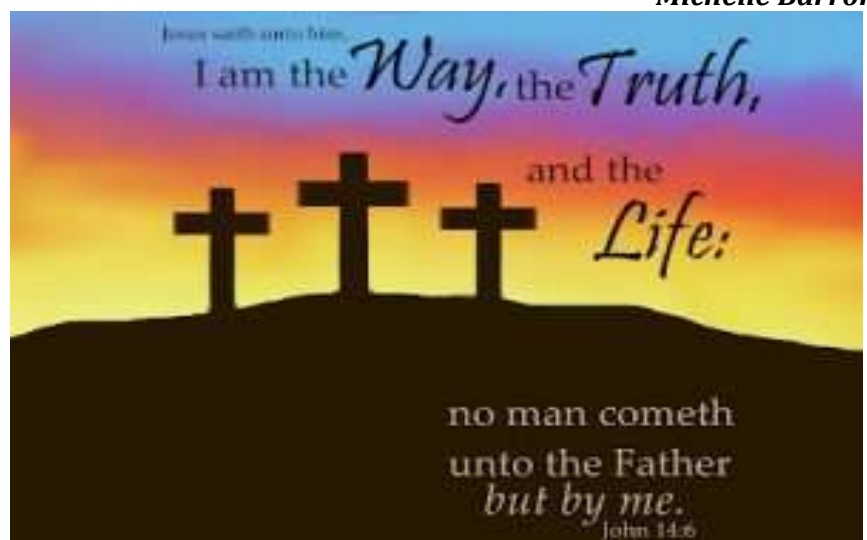
The powerful theme running through today's Gospel is one of hope, faith and trust in God. **Let your heart not be troubled.**

The disciples had reason to be concerned. Jesus had told them that one of them was a traitor. He indicated that HE would leave them that night. Even though Jesus knew the disciples were concerned he told them **'Let your heart not be troubled.'**

Jesus never wanted our lives to be without trouble but HE promised we could have an untroubled heart even in a troubled life. Instead of giving into that troubled heart Jesus firmly stated that they needed to put their trust in God and in Jesus himself. He promised that doing this would bring them contentment and peace.

As each day passes, we can become very comfortable in our lives, we can take people and events for granted, we can focus on the little things that annoy us in our families and we can become complacent in developing and maintaining our faith relationship with Jesus. The words of the Gospel are asking us to see the bigger picture 'Don't worry! You trust in God, trust also in me'. This is pertinent to the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is now that God's words are there to inspire, sustain and encourage us. It is important to always remember that God is with us to guide us on our journey. **'I am the way, the truth and the life'**

**Michelle Barron**



### NEXT SUNDAY- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter in Year A:  
Our readings for next week are: **ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17;**  
**1 PETER 3: 15-18; JOHN 17: 1-11**

# Parish News:

**Stewardship Donations:** A big thank you to all the parishioners who have been dropping their envelopes to the Parish Office and also to the parishioners who are supporting the Parish and Fr Andrew through Credit or Debit payments.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to change your contribution for any reason. Your ongoing support 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Mass)*

**Presbytery donations** support Fr Andrew *(this was 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

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

**Need Help?** There are many different groups offering assistance at this difficult time.

[www.australia.gov.au](http://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.

**Stay Connected:** We encourage everyone to keep in touch with fellow parishioners, neighbours, friends and family. **Don't forget to call your Mum this weekend**



**How do you keep in touch with the Parish?**

# Our Parish website [www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale)

Our website has weekly Bulletins, Pastoral Letters from Fr Andrew, Links to view Fr Andrew's Masses every Sunday plus links to other resources and information.

# **Parish Bulletins:** For parishioners who are unable to access the internet and our website there are copies of the weekly Parish Bulletin available on the doors of both our Churches.

If you know of anyone who is unable to get out and pick up a Bulletin perhaps you could drop one off to them or simply contact the Parish Office 9580 7981 and that will be arranged.

# **Parish Office:** Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns.

The staff may be working from home but all phone calls and emails are being attending to.

# **Other Parishioners:** If you are feeling isolated or concerned please contact someone you know and have a chat. We are all in this together and missing all our usual social interactions. If you are concerned about a fellow parishioner please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**.

**Stay safe. Stay connected. Stay at home.**

**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](http://www.caritas.org.au) There is a special **Online Benefit Concert** for Project Compassion on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale) for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.**

## 5th Sunday of Easter: **Happy Mothers' Day**

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Cassidy (Irish relative of Mary Ann Farren),  
Gilberto Boscolo (father of Patricia Boscolo-Pित्रone from St Louis' School)

**Anniversaries:** Frank Jones, William O'Brien, Patricia O'Leary, John & Virginia Popley, Eugen Vitulic, Tom Wain, Wayne Williams, Jan Clark, Steve Coultas, Ruth D'Cruz, Patricia Ellis, Joan & Len Hopkins, Ted Newton, Marlene Stockdale, Inez Garlick, Vito Giarratana, Barry Hirning, Beryl Lomas, Terry Feely, Samuel Dornom, Margaret Maley, Norm & Terry McCloud, Rodney Aldridge, William Doherty, Guiseppe Favola, Joe Curtain, Maria Godeassi, Maisie Slattery.

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



## Parish News:

**Month of Our Lady:** May is traditionally dedicated to Mary our Mother. We encourage everyone to make a special effort to use this month and these difficult times to pray to Our Lady perhaps using the Hail Mary or the Rosary. *Pope Francis invites us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home this May.*



**Archbishop's Message:** Our Archbishop has prepared a special video message for the month of May. In his message he talks about devotion to Our Lady in the month of May, an upcoming Plenary meeting with all the Bishops of Australia and he offers some thoughts and a special blessing for Mothers' Day, See the Archbishop Peter Comensoli's message on our Parish website [www.cam.org/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org/mordiallocaspendale)



**Mothers' Day:** This Sunday is Mothers' Day and we usually have a special collection at all Masses to raise funds for the Mothers' Day Breast Cancer Appeal. As this is not possible this year we encourage anyone who would like to donate to go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation website: [www.ncbf.org.au](http://www.ncbf.org.au)



**Royal Commission Report** was released this week.

A copy of the Archbishop's response can be viewed on our website (*copies are also available on the doors of both our Churches*).

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community. Our Child Safeguarding Team is currently following up on Working With Children Checks for all Parish volunteers. Your WWCC needs to be linked to our Parish. Training will be available later this year.



**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.

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