



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.*

6th Sunday of Easter – 17th May 2020

This week's readings: ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 PETER 3: 15-18; JOHN 17: 1-11.

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

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Gospel Reflection:

Jesus speaking to the disciples says, 'In a short time, the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Jesus speaks of going home to the Father, however, he is very quick to tell us, the disciples, that he '*will not leave us orphaned.*' This is one of these moments when the Jesus is alluding to the Trinity. Yes, He will go to the Father, but He will be leaving the Spirit to be with us. Sometimes you will hear people say John's Gospel is about love and I think that LOVE is a big part of this particular Gospel. There is very little doubt that Jesus lived the life he did because he loves us. Those of us who are parents know that we never want our children to suffer, in fact we will often do all we can to help them avoid suffering. Remember Jesus' response when he found out his dear friend Lazarus had died, we are told 'Jesus wept' the Hebrew translation for the word wept is to cry, mourn or blubber. This sounds like a man who has a deep understanding for what it will be like for his friends once he has gone. He doesn't want them to feel alone, empty or cut off from him or his Father, so he lets them know that the Spirit will be with them always. This is a man who knows about love, who cares deeply for his friends, he is deeply sensitive to the loss they will feel. And the line about 'who receives my commandments and keeps them' well that is all about saying that if you live as I have lived then there will always be a place for you will be with me and my Father.



Bernadette Carr

NEXT SUNDAY- 23rd & 24th May 2020

Next Sunday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **ACTS 1: 1-11;**
EPHESIANS 1: 17-23; MATTHEW 28: 16-20

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.

6th Sunday of Easter:

Anniversaries: Daniel Bennett, Kathleen Noonan, Tony Drinan, Peter Fergus, David Graham, Evelyn Laragy, Patricia O'Sullivan, Zoe McDonald, Meleisea Leugamata Meleisea Si'u, Eileen (Gay) Cahir, Annette Corda, Maria Luxton, Bill Poynton, Bruno Prochilo, Colin Spencer, Justin Bidgood-Kerlin, John Greenwell, Chris & Rose Harper, Monica Pickles, Grace Summerton, Olive Maguire, Don Newcombe, Bill, Carl, Emily, Les & Winston Perry, John Pompei, Ted Munro, Frank Rankin.

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.)*

50th Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations & Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to **Lex & Rosemary Miller** who celebrated their golden anniversary on 2nd May.



Parish News:

Restrictions Eased: Our Church still remains closed for now but the Parish is looking at procedures to allow us to safely open up access in the near future – see Fr Andrew's Pastoral Letter for more information.

St Louis' Tennis Club: With the slight easing of restrictions our Tennis Club is making careful steps in opening up. At the moment only 10 people are allowed on site at any time so small coaching classes have started again *(contact **Trish Angliss 0421 604 849**)* and casual play can happen. In order to ensure the maximum number of 10 is not exceeded members need to book via the Tennis Club website before they can play. Go to: www.stlouistennis.com.au



JAG Donations: Thanks to your generosity JAG (Justice Action Group) was recently able to send donations to both BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project) and ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans)
\$500 to BASP *(Thanks to one very generous donor)*
\$500 to ACRATH *(Proceeds of our Easter Raffle plus some generous donations)*

Thank you to everyone for their support of JAG initiatives.

Royal Commission Report was released last 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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