



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.*

Easter Sunday – 4th April 2021

Our readings are: ACTS 10: 34, 37-43; COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4; JOHN 20: 1-9

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9412 8432

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9580 7981

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Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

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www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale



Gospel Reflection:

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element, we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is not described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

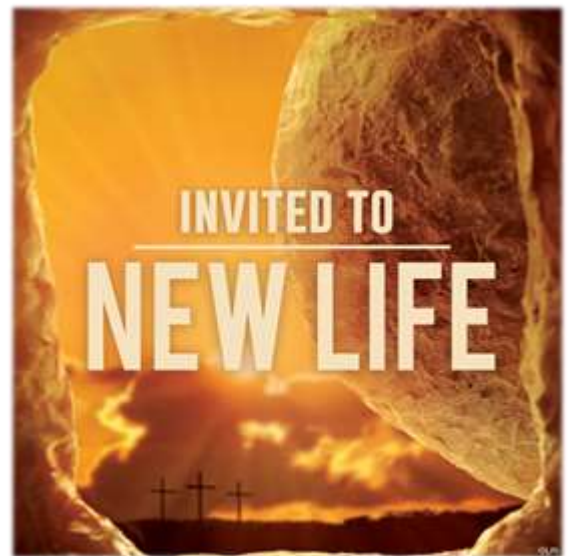
So this Easter 'Let's be amazed' – it is even more special as we spend it together, unlike last year when we were in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic. The amazement of Easter, the lift, can last all year and into the future.

As Pope Francis said: *Brothers and sisters, let's not close ourselves to the newness that God wants to bring to our lives! Often we are tired, disheartened, sad; We feel the weight of our sins and think we're not going to make it. Let's not get locked up in ourselves. Let's not lose our confidence. Let us never give up – There are not situations that God cannot change.*

Walk around this week and be amazed! The amazement is that what we begin today will never end.

As followers of Jesus, read the gospel, watch him, let him into our lives and we will be amazed at what he says and does.

Wishing all St Mary of the Cross parishioners a safe Easter and that you get to spend time with your loved ones. **Wendy Sullivan**



Parish Events

Thank You from Bernadette Carr: *Dear Friends, I still feel I am floating on a cloud after such a magnificent send off! I am trying to find the word that will express my gratitude for such a beautiful, heartfelt farewell.*

To the team that prepared this occasion (and you all know who you are) to those who stood up and spoke, I feel humbled and loved, thank you. To those who came and made this day as special as it could possibly be, thank you!

I have spoken about and reflected on Sunday 14th (my farewell) almost every day since and the words that express my feelings and the word that keeps coming to mind is LOVE.

Andrew thank you! Thank you for helping to make this celebration a reflection of the Love and years I have spent at St Mary of the Cross Parish - St Brigid's and St Louis. I still can't believe I have finished, I guess on April the 13th, when Uni starts, it will make it all only too real. Yes, I am studying to become a Supervisor of people who work in ministry. Only time will tell if I am too old for such an endeavour?

Thank you all for my Japanese Bowl (a broken bowl that has been put back together with gold, making the bowl even more precious in the eye of the maker), a symbol of all of us who at time have felt a little broken. My dragon flies that will go on my outside wall where I will see them each and every day, the dragon fly a symbol of a transformation, wisdom and growth, what a wonderful thoughtful gift. And then I find money in my bank account. The farewell keeps on giving. Well, I have been able to buy a very back friendly office chair which will get plenty of use as my course is on line. I have also purchased a large monitor to connect to my small laptop, (which will enable me to see the other students without out lifting the laptop up to my nose to see who is speaking). The rest of the money will go towards a holiday with my children and grandchildren in Queensland -MUCH later in the year.

To each and every one of you, thank you for allowing me into your life.

Thank you for the gift of love you have been to me and Andrew, thank you! Thank you for giving me such a free range to be who God has called me to be. May we see many more priests like you and Father Peter who appreciate the love and work of a Pastoral Associate.

I love you all and from this day forward you are forever in my prayers.

With loving gratitude. Bern Carr



Child Safety Survey for Volunteers: The Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese is the group that oversees how parishes manage volunteers and ensure that all Child Safeguarding requirements are being followed. They work closely with our Child Safeguarding Team. The Professional Standards Unit are inviting all Parish volunteers to assist them by filling in a short survey before 16th April. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNRFLR9> or click on this QR code.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

Child Safeguarding Team:

If you have any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team

Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432

Susan Dornom 0413 979 049

Trish Angliss 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin 0415 963 799

Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522

Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184

Deb Poynton 0403 471 931

Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592



Parish News:

Project Compassion Boxes are available in the Church foyer.

The theme this year is: *'Be More – aspire not to have more but to be more'*

Project Compassion Boxes can be returned to the Church at weekend Masses or to Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the work of Caritas.



Prep Enrolments For 2022: Applications for enrolment for Prep in 2022 at St Louis de

Montfort's & St Brigid's Schools are now open and close on **Friday 25th June**. Contact the School Office for more info, application forms, details of school tours
St Louis' School: 9580 5169 St Brigid's School: 9580 4518



Church Working Bees: Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at our two working bees to clean St Brigid's Church and St Louis' Church on **Saturday 3rd April 10am – 12noon**.



Slavery Free Products: When you choose your coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate this Easter, or anytime, look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced with the forced labour of children)
 Look for: **'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified'** or **'Cocoa Horizons'** (*Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable*)



St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to recite the Rosary in your own homes, on Tuesday evenings each week at 7:30pm. If this time is not convenient you are invited to recite the rosary at any time. Please join our Prayer Group in this devotion.



Special Collections This Week: There are a couple of special collections this weekend:

Holy Places Collection: Thank you for your donations to the Good Friday Holy Places Appeal. Your donation will help preserve the sacred places and helps support Christians who live in the Holy Land.



St Vincent De Paul Collection: is taken up at all our **Easter** Masses. The money collected will be shared between our Aspendale and Mordialloc Conferences and used to assist people in need throughout the year.

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

Next Week's Roster:

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER: 10th & 11th April 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass			
Our readings are: ACTS 4: 32-35; 1 JOHN 5: 1-6; JOHN 20: 19-31			
6PM MASS	Reader Jenny Ferguson Commentator Tanya Jhoomun Special Minister Deb Poynton Welcomers: Sonia Williams, Ann Brennan	8AM MASS	Reader Jane Standish Commentator Stefanie Carino Special Minister Fred Burns Welcomers: Carole & Jack Guthrie
9.30AM MASS	Reader Felice Cortese Commentator Maureen Wraight Special Minister Brenda Cortese Welcomers: Joe Corda, Elva Judd	11AM MASS	Reader Beverley Plant Commentator Tim Plant Special Minister Louise Breslin Welcomers: Mary Tai Kie, Gail Bell
Counters: Aspendale: Bernadette & Geoff Terrell		Mordialloc: Margaret Forster, Aileen Dynes	



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and should also have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct. Copies are available at the Church or on our website.

Easter Sunday:

Recently Deceased:

Paul Bailey (brother of Teresa Thurgood)

Anniversaries: Lucy Asciak, Sydney Haag, Christopher Lee Eng Chye, Marjorie Kirkby, Placida Vieceli, Sharon Budge, Keith Keatinge, Margaret Lloyd, Sophie Medlicott, Ross Stevens, Ana & Louisa Vitulic, Doreen Jewell, Margarita Lacson, Eric Ludwick, Thomas Shanahan, Kitty Greenwell, George Irving, Delfino Castenetto, Brian McMahon, Alan Vickers, Giovanni Faora, Patricia Forkgen, Calvin Saddler.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Brian Smith, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, John Meneses, Rosemary Hall, Liam & Patrick Perry, Bernadette Munro, Maureen Hepburn, George Caruana, *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*



Happy Holidays: Term 1 holidays begin this weekend and end in two week's time. We wish all the children, staff and families of both our Parish Schools a happy and safe holiday.

Easter Monday: There is no Communion Service on this Monday 5th April because of the public holiday.

Parish Masses:

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

We are now allowing 150 parishioners at our Masses but you still need to book as we must keep records of attendances for tracing purposes if needed. You can still come along and add your name to the list but you may find the Mass is booked out so it is better to book first. If you are a regular at Mass you can make a permanent booking. We hope to see you soon.

WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

There is no need to book for any of the weekday Masses as it is unlikely we will exceed our limit

STREAMING

ONLINE

LIVE

Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses
To view this week's Masses go to:

<https://youtu.be/Yg1Nna5D9sI> for **Holy Thursday Mass**

<https://youtu.be/OAPZL3wqbQs> for **Good Friday 3pm Service**

<https://youtu.be/DnIQ17tbZvk> for **Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm**

or <https://youtu.be/AXIP-vf80tM> for **8am Mass at St Brigid's**

or go to our website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale

or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(bookings essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: *(No bookings needed)*

Monday (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

BAPTISM BOOKINGS
through Parish Office

9580 7981

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St,

Mordialloc

9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

9580 5169

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We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather and their leaders - past, present and emerging.



Child Safety: Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

