



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 – 12th April 2020

This week's readings: **ACTS 10: 34, 37-43 ; COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4; JOHN 20: 1-9.**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

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Gospel Reflection:

How different will be our Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection this year? Normally, the reflective liturgies on Holy Week recalling the last days of Jesus' life and culminating in the joyful celebration of Easter are cherished and meaningful gatherings of our Parish community. Yet in some strange way, I feel, our inability to gather and celebrate is making Easter mean much more. Perhaps the saying 'that often we don't realise how much things mean to us until we are deprived of them' applies in this case.

Easter is a great sign of joyful hope. In Jesus' resurrection out of darkness comes light and out of death comes new life and hope.

Each year I place on my wall a poster of Newgrange (*see below*). It is an ancient burial site in Ireland and this poster has become for me an image of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning. Newgrange was built with huge rocks to form a large mound and deep within its centre is a dark, circular, domed chamber containing a number of tombs. On one morning of the year, the winter solstice, as the sun rises over the horizon its rays penetrate a gap above the stone door flooding the inner chamber with light.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate this one event of the Lord's emergence from the tomb. My poster is a view taken from within the chamber looking out. For me it follows Jesus as he goes forth to restore hope to his despairing but faithful followers. Jesus gave his life to save us by giving witness to the truth of his mission to reveal God's love for us and announce the good news of God's kingdom of love, justice, peace, mercy and compassion. Soon after assuring his disciples he sent them forth to carry on his mission to live and proclaim the good news to the Easter people bearers of hope. Jesus invites us to be Easter people. Each time we show care, kindness, gratitude and compassion to those with whom we journey we are Easter people - bringing to them new life and hope.

We see many opportunities in today's 'corona virus' world. Let us recognise and rejoice in the life giving actions of others and use our own opportunities to be joyful bearers of hope – Easter people.

Sr Reba



**Newgrange,
Ireland**

NEXT SUNDAY- 18th & 19th April 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **ACTS 2: 42-47;**

1 PETER 1: 3-9; JOHN 20: 19-31

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: In order to help prevent the spread of Corona Virus **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED** until further notice. All parishioners are reminded to heed health advice about washing hands regularly and avoiding unnecessary contact with others. **BOTH OUR CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED. 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**

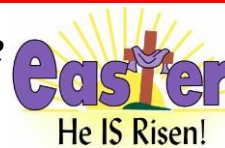
Easter Sunday: A Happy & Holy Easter to everyone

Recently Deceased: Placida Vieceli, Peggie Pashley (sister of Barbara O'Callaghan)

Anniversaries: Gail Panton, Gwen Rosario, Anne Weir, Maria Carmen Duch-Camps, Margaret Burns, Anthony Zerdoner, Michael Healy, Helena O'Toole, John Smith, Peter Wain, Marie Ange Cheong-Lan, Gayle Magee, Gerardo Velona, Angelina, Berislav & Peter Bambir, Joan Mooney, Rosaleen McAlinden, Ivy Pearle, Josefa MacDonnell, Yvonne Farrell, Benjamin Fernandes, Sebastiano Accaputo, Pat Dalton, Sydney Smout, Lena D'Cruz, Marie Therese Hoban, Ronald Wilton, Arthur Lamb, George Saddler

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 Anniversary: Congratulation to **Gayle & Mick Callaghan** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week on 4th April. Happy Golden Anniversary.



Parish News:

Mass at Home: Fr Andrew is now celebrating Mass for us online every Sunday and he also celebrated all the Easter ceremonies as well. To view any of these Masses simply go to our **Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale** and click on the link to view.

Mass for You at Home can be viewed on Sundays on Channel 10 or on Aurora Channel on Foxtel. Easter ceremonies were televised on Channel 7 and Channel C31. *(See your TV Guide for details).* Daily Mass and other options for prayer in these difficult time can be viewed on the Archdiocese website www.cam.org.au



JAG's Easter Raffle of slavery free products was drawn on **Wed 8th April.**

Winners were: Trish Angliss, Deirdre Riordan, Bob Ryan & Sandy Lindfield
Money raised will support the work of **ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans)**



St Vincent De Paul: Our two St Vincent de Paul conferences continue to visit needy families in this area using current social distancing guidelines.

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

Stewardship Donations: With no Masses at the moment many may be worried about how to continue to support the Parish and Fr Andrew.

Parishioners who usually contribute using envelopes may wish to change to credit or direct debit contributions or they can drop envelopes off at the Parish Office.

Stewardship donations support the Parish. Donations to support Fr Andrew are separate and need to be in a separate envelope or noted on your stewardship envelope. Anyone who wishes to change their contributions for any reason is asked to contact Parish Office 9580 7981.

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

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

Project Compassion Boxes are usually due back at this time but as this is difficult at the moment you can return them later or you can donate at www.caritas.org.au

