



# 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.*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent- 21st March 2021

Our readings are: **JEREMIAH 31: 31-34; HEBREWS 5: 7-9; JOHN 12: 20-33**

### 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**

### PARISH OFFICE:

**9580 7981**

*Parish Office Hours:*  
Monday-Friday  
9am-4.30pm

### PARISH EMAIL:

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### PARISH WEBSITE:

**[www.cam.org.au/  
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### Gospel Reflection:

"We should like to see Jesus"

How many times have you said that to yourself?  
I have wanted to see Jesus and ask him why? Why did  
this happen to me? Why did someone do that to another person?  
I have wanted to see Jesus and ask him how?  
How could he have allowed that to happen?  
How will I get through this period in my life?  
What are some of the experiences of loss in your life that have  
been followed by experiences of growth or new life?

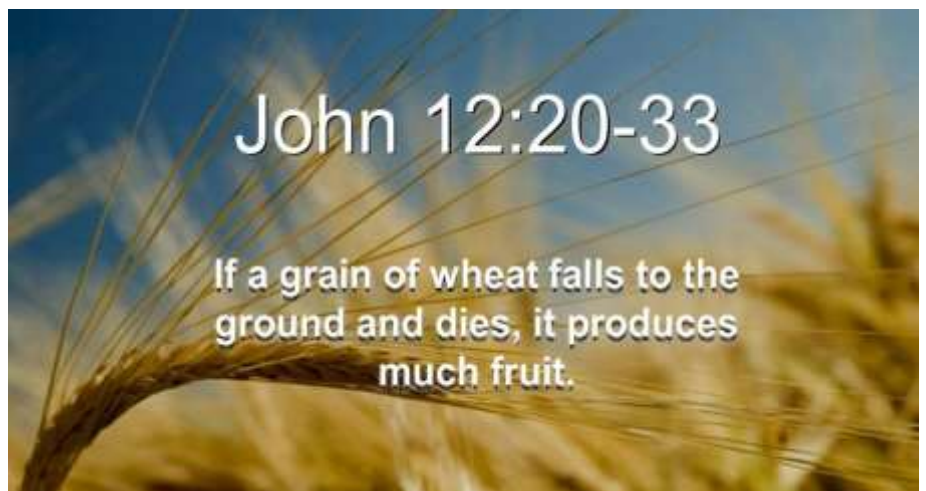
Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and  
dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich  
harvest.' Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried  
in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of  
humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be  
dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all  
people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in  
order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his  
Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share  
in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being  
buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this  
with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good  
Friday and Easter.

**Carmel Stutterd**



# Parish Events

**Lenten Reconciliation:** There are several opportunities for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation is available each Friday at 12pm (after 11.30am Mass) and each Saturday at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass). Also there are a few extra opportunities for Lent with the First Rite of Reconciliation available on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Brigid's** and on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Louis'**.



Both Fr Andrew & Fr Peter will be available and parishioners are invited to attend reconciliation as part of your Lenten Journey.



**Lenten Reflection Groups:** continue in our Parish on **TUESDAYS at 10am at St Louis' & WEDNESDAYS at 10.30am at St Brigid's**. The Lenten Reflection Groups will be using a Lenten Reflection Book created for our own Parish. Copies of this booklet are available on the website or from the Church Foyer.

**Stations of the Cross:** During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on: **Mondays at 9.45am at St Louis'** and **Fridays at 11am at St Brigid's**.



**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.



**First Eucharist Masses:** There will be special extra Masses over this week for the Year 5 children from both our schools who were due to receive their First Eucharist last year. This week there is a Mass at St Brigid's on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm** and next weekend there are Masses on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm & 2.30pm** at St Louis'. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**First Eucharist Gifts:** Our Piety Stalls have a selection of gifts and cards for First Eucharist for sale. Our Piety Stalls are located in the Church Foyers and are open before and after all the weekend Masses. Also St Louis' Piety Stall will open on this **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3-4pm** to allow you to purchase First Eucharist gifts.



**Church Working Bees:** Volunteers needed for two working bees to clean St Brigid's Church and St Louis' Church on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am - 12noon**. Morning tea provided. Many hands make light work and will give us clean Churches for Easter.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES: Bookings for Easter ceremonies open this Monday**

**Holy Thursday 1st April: 7.30pm** Mass of Lord's Supper at St Brigid's (Note: no morning Mass)

**Good Friday 2nd April: 10am** Way of the Cross at Beeson Reserve (near Edithvale Station)

**3pm** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at St Brigid's

**Holy Saturday 3rd April: 7.30pm** Easter Vigil at St Louis'

**Easter Sunday 4th April: 8am** Mass at St Brigid's

**9.30am** Mass at St Louis' **11am** Mass at St Brigid's



**Easter Ceremonies:** Volunteers are needed for all the Easter ceremonies: If you would like to help please use the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact the Parish Office to let us know which services you are available for so a roster can be drawn up.

# Parish News:

**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 Louis' Tennis Club:** has rescheduled their **Annual Tennis Open Day** on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March** from **12pm**. All welcome.

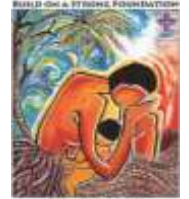
Come along and join them for a BBQ, meet some of the members, try out your tennis skills, pick up some coaching tips. Fun for all the family.

For more information about the Tennis Club contact **Susan 0413 979 049**

**World Day of Prayer:** This year the featured country was Vanuatu with the theme: 'Build on a Strong Foundation'.



The Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area is on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at **11am** at **St Joseph's Church, Station St, Chelsea**. All welcome



**Blaze Aid:** Margaret Carter would like to thank everyone who supported her fundraiser for Blaze Aid. Jam sales were **\$611** plus **\$491** in donations – a total of **\$1,102**. Margaret also thanked Fr Andrew for his welcome, help, encouragement and salesmanship. Well done everyone.

**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.



## Next Week's Roster:

<b>PALM SUNDAY: 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass</b>	
Our readings are: <b>MARK 11: 1-10; ISAIAH 50: 4-7; PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11; MARK 14: 1- 15: 47</b>	
<b>6PM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Marie Seddon <b>Commentator</b> Ann Brennan <b>Passion Narrator</b> Helen Healy <b>Passion Other</b> Adrienne Kennedy <b>Special Minister</b> Anthony Barnhoorn <b>Welcomers:</b> Annette Brilliant, Deb Poynton	<b>8AM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Sr Deidre Malone <b>Commentator</b> Barry Wheeler <b>Passion Narrator</b> Liz O'Farrell <b>Passion Other</b> Joan Healy <b>Special Minister</b> Marlene Tangso <b>Welcomers:</b> Odette Budge, Jane Standish
<b>9.30AM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Martin Newington <b>Commentator</b> Elizabeth Newington <b>Passion Narrator</b> Gen Martin <b>Passion Other</b> Brian Martin <b>Special Minister</b> Mary Nayna <b>Welcomers:</b> Maree & Phillip Morris	<b>11AM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Bernadette Bouvier <b>Commentator</b> Helen Rocks <b>Passion Narrator</b> Peter Hannan <b>Passion Other</b> Carmel Girolami <b>Special Minister</b> Carolyn Ellul <b>Welcomers:</b> Christine & Les D'Cruze
<b>Counters: Aspendale:</b> Ron Soares, Anthony Barnhoorn <b>Mordialloc:</b> Mike Love, Tony Medicott	



# **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.

## 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

# 5th Sunday of Lent:

## Recently Deceased:

Dennis Daly (brother of Glenda Lempeurer)  
Chris Byrne (uncle of Marie Medicott)  
Beverley Mills (formerly from Aspendale)  
Francesca Natoli (Godmother of Felice Cortese's late brother)



**Anniversaries:** Stacey MacInnes, Jim Stynes, Marie Dorian, Vivian Morillion, Gabrielle O'Donnell, Peg Weaver, Margaret Barnett, Ted Burke, Jennifer Crawford, Charles Judd, Faye Marshall, Laurie Mattea, Gordon McCarthy, Bevan Porter, Thomas Raines, Richard Thorne, Grazia Basile, Nello Fabris, John Langer, Gordon Parker, John Nelson, Hector Jones, John Gazzo, Philippe Laval, Jim Laws, Br Maurice Nicholson, Frank Patterson, Mary Rebeschini, Maria Rutigliano, Veronica Wagstaff.

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

**Baptisms:** There is a Baptism Service on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Louis'.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

<b>Ella Jean Boileau</b>	<b>Lucille Pearl Boileau</b>
<b>Oscar Lyell Burrow</b>	<b>Rose Marian Burrow</b>
<b>Thomas Martin McCallum</b>	<b>Anthony Fred Sikalias</b>



## Parish Masses:

***We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.***

We can now have over 120 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/Wuwuqs5kuw4> for **6pm Mass** at St Louis' or  
<https://youtu.be/X7sWGx471Q> for **8am Mass** at St Brigid's  
or to our website [www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://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](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**  
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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.

