



# 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.*

## 12th Ordinary Sunday – 21st June 2020

Our readings for this week are: **JEREMIAH 20: 10-13; ROMANS 5: 12-15; MATTHEW 10: 26-33**

### 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*

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## Gospel Reflection:

How much is my life really worth? And who cares? These are questions that trouble our hearts during times of disappointment, when we feel defeated and misunderstood. Life is an unavoidable battle and we have no choice but to pick a side. And as much as he would have liked to bring peace, Jesus caused tensions and conflicts with his message.

Jesus speaks to his disciples with clarity, foretelling of the conflicts they will run into as part of their mission. They could be the words by which we are invited to live out each day. Every day we find ourselves confronted by conflicts and opposition, every day we are called to choose what side we want to be on. Some think of concealing themselves; they think that it is possible to keep what they truly think hidden in their hearts, hiding in the darkness. To these people, Jesus foretells of the light: there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. The disciples of Jesus ought to live in such a way that they never fear the light.

We know when we confront the conflicts of daily life we can't help getting injured or wrapped up in them. And yet there is something more profound that remains untouched. Though the body may show visible signs of battle, there is an inner core that belongs to God alone and remains pure. And despite the loving care of God, the sparrows falls to the ground. With this we may ask ourselves what our life is worth and if God really cares. Perhaps it is not the reality of defeat that determines the value of our life but how faithful we are to Christ, in accepting our failure. Even in our powerlessness and defeat, Jesus puts forward another opposition: one can acknowledge Christ or deny him, you can stay or you can go.

Many times the only thing life asks of us is to stand firm despite our powerlessness because it is precisely in that moment that it is possible to recognise in our heads and hearts that the smallest sparrow is in the hands of God. Standing firm despite being powerless is certainly the greatest act of faith.

**Sarah McDermott**

### **NEXT SUNDAY- 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Next Sunday is the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **2 KINGS 4: 8-11, 14-16;**

**ROMANS 6: 3-4, 8-11; MATTHEW 10: 37-42**



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.

## 12th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

**Recently Deceased:** Les Williams (Chelsea Inter Church Council), Aileen Egan (Elly Kay)

**Anniversaries:** George Barbutt, George Del Ben, Ann Beruldsen, Kevin Brown, Ernest Burns, Ruth D'Astoli, Alwyn Dunn, Ali Gafayri, Marie Mitchell, Robert Moss, Margaret Nichols, Jack Cassidy, Joan Murray, Urbana Reixach-Juliá, Evelyn Chatelier, Irene Dignam, Janette Lannen, Dorothy Whyte, Phoebe Wilson, Concetta Costanzo, Silvio Lobianco, Maureen Jackson, Elaine Lawrie, Bridget Lindfield, Peter O'Toole, Salvatore Barbagallo, Rosina Castleman, Rosina Chalmers, Flavian Fernandez, Chris Kelly, Joan Weston, Lesley Lambert, Daphne & Max Sims, George Aquilina, Iva Coletti, Jeremiah & Pat Currigan, Marie O'Connell, Donald Pearle, Rudy Rebeiro, Joan Watkins.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Frank Forbes, Sue Kelly, John Costa, Jenny Williams, Sr Deidre Malone, John Nicholson, Lorraine Ingram, Helen Munro, Trish Wardle, Maree Martin, Ben Quirk, Michelle Ives, Helen Pedrazzini, Michelle Monger.

*(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

**Happy Birthday** to **Robyn Worsnop** who celebrates her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday this week. Robyn is President of our Mordialloc St Vincent de Paul Group. Many happy returns Happy belated (i-so-late-d) Birthday to **Brenda Cortese** who turned 60 recently.



## Parish News:

**Restrictions Eased:** Restrictions have been eased again to allow **50 parishioners** to be present at Mass (plus officiators) but you must book first.

Booking is now available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKAAK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

Our usual Masses have resumed but there is a limit of 50 parishioners allowed at each Mass and you must book to attend Mass. Masses are on:

**Tuesday at 9.15am** at St Louis'

**Wednesday at 10am** at St Brigid's

**Thursday at 2.30pm** is the Sunday Mass recording and is at St Brigid's this week

**Friday at 11.30pm** at St Brigid's

**Saturday at 6pm** at St Louis

**Sunday at 8am** at St Brigid's,

**9.30am** at St Louis'

**& 11am** at St Brigid's

*Sunday Mass will still be available online via the website*



**Feast of the Sacred Heart:** was **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. There was a special online Mass for all our school children and this can be viewed via a link on our website. As a way of showing their care for others on this feast day both our schools are collecting goods for hampers to be distributed to families in need by our local **St Vincent de Paul** Groups. Thank you for your support.

**Reading & Welcoming Roster:** A new roster for readers, commentators and welcomers is being prepared. The Reading Roster will also include Thursday's recording of the Sunday Mass.

Welcomers are needed at every Mass to ensure that the Covid-19 restrictions are followed. The role of welcomer includes recording those who attend and also some cleaning duties before and after Mass – would you like to volunteer for this new and important role? All welcomers must have a current WWCC linked to the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to volunteer for any of these roles.

**Stewardship Envelopes:** New Stewardship Envelopes are now available and will be sent out this week to everyone along with receipts for giving. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish.

