



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.*

13th Ordinary Sunday – 28th June 2020

Our readings for this week are: **2KINGS 4: 8-11, 14-16; ROMANS 6: 3-4, 8-11; MATTHEW 10: 37-42**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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Gospel Reflection:

This week's Gospel, taken from Matthew's Gospel is the continuation of the theme of discipleship, with the focus on service. In the Gospel we are challenged to take up the cross and follow in Jesus'



footsteps. In doing this we are urged to make all feel welcome.

In terms of acts of service, sometimes it is easy to picture bigger acts of service such as volunteering at a shelter or joining a missionary order and feel that this sort of service is unrealistic in your current lifestyle. But in the gospel, Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

So how do you picture 'ordinary' service? Some jobs have great potential for simple human service, for example, smiling and being extra friendly as you bag groceries, looking out for what the children may need as you babysit, noticing whose coffee cup is empty as you wait on tables, or being sure the newspapers you deliver are always placed close to your customers' door. Here therefore are some of the questions the gospel asks of us - What are some simple things that you might do every day that can be compared to giving someone a cup of cold water? How will you make all feel welcome?

Jodie Marziano

NEXT SUNDAY- 4th & 5th July 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **ZECHARIAH 9: 9-10;**

ROMANS 8: 9, 11-13; MATTHEW 11: 25-30

Parish News:

Restrictions: Only 20 parishioners are allowed to be present at Mass (plus officiators) Booking is essential and now available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKAAK> or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Our usual Masses have resumed but there is a limit of 20 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 Louis' 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

Bookings for Weekend Masses close at 5pm on Saturday

Sunday Mass will still be available online via our website

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.

Baptisms: After having to postpone all our baptisms for the last few months our Parish is now starting to hold Baptism Services again. As with all our services at the moment the numbers of attendees is restricted and we will need to adhere to all the regulations regarding gatherings. Welcomers will be needed at every Baptism Service to ensure that the Covid-19 restrictions are followed. Baptism Services will be held on Saturday afternoons at 12pm and 2pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist at any of our Baptism Services.



Stewardship Envelopes: New Stewardship Envelopes are now available and will be sent out this week to everyone along with receipts for giving.



A big thank you to all the parishioners who have been dropping their envelopes to the Parish Office and also to the parishioners who are supporting the Parish and Fr Andrew through Credit or Debit payments.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to change your contribution for any reason. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.



Here is a reminder about how you can continue to make donations to support our Parish and Fr Andrew: Parishioners who usually contribute using Stewardship envelopes can drop envelopes off at Church when they attend Mass or at the Parish Office when they are able to.

Stewardship donations support the Parish. *(this was 2nd Collection at Mass)*

Presbytery donations support Fr Andrew *(this was 1st Collection at Mass)*

Presbytery donations need to be in a separate envelope or noted on your stewardship envelope. Anyone who wishes to change their contribution amounts or method of payment for any reason is asked to please contact **Parish Office 9580 7981**.

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

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

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.

13th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Joanne Dibbs (mother of Harrison, Samantha & Sarah)

Anniversaries: Harry Bibby, George & Gladys Foster, Mark Lyovic, Peter Wraight, Jack Drinan, Rita Grotto, Clifford Hawley, Emily Riordan, Eugene Rozario, Mary Tobin, Dino Vidotto, Victor Dorian, John McFall, Margaret Birch, Jerry Masters, Dorothy McGinley, Kerry Mulcahy, Shayne Neighbour, June O'Brien, Stefania Ragalewicz, Gwen Winter, Tom Demeduk, Gerald Drenen, Francis Kenny Ford, Helen Francis, Alice O'Brien, Kathleen Racis, Margaret Finlay, Pasqua Marrama, Kenneth Taylor, John Collins, Mollie Donegan, Mabel Frawley, Damian Gilbert, John Jekot.

Healing Prayers Asked For: John McFall, 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.)

Parish News:



JAG: One of the groups supported by our Justice Action Group (JAG) is **ACRATH** (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans). For an update on their work and interesting information on what is happening in this area you can read ACRATH's latest newsletter on <https://acrath.org.au/news-from-acrath/>

St Vincent de Paul: Thank you to all our school children and their families for their donations of hamper goods on the feast of the Sacred Heart. Both our St Vincent de Paul Conferences now have a good stock of items that will be distributed to families in need. Thank you for your support.



Need Help? There are many different groups offering assistance at this difficult time.

www.australia.gov.au Corona Virus Information and Help (1800 030 080) offers useful information on health, finance and all things linked to the current Health and Economic Crisis.

1800 RESPECT - 1800 737 732 - Advice & support in relation to Domestic & Family Violence

St Vincent de Paul Welfare - 1800 305 330 **Lifeline - 13 11 14**
Many people in our community have been impacted economically by the current restrictions. If you know of anyone who is struggling please encourage them to ask for assistance. Our local conferences are still visiting people in need in our area.



St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout: St Vincent de Paul recently held a very successful CEO Sleep Out to raise funds for their services to the homeless. This year the Archbishop was among the participants – he slept out in his car for the night. Others slept on the street or in their backyards. See the report on Archdiocese website www.cam.org.au/News

To donate to the Vinnies Sleepout go to www.ceosleepout.org.au



Project Compassion Boxes: It is not too late to return your Project Compassion Box. Donations go to developing countries who at the moment are suffering greatly due to the pandemic but do not have the resources that we take for granted.

You can return your box when you come to any of our Masses or return it to the Parish Office at any time. Donations can still be made online at www.caritas.org.au

