



# 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.*

## 15th Ordinary Sunday – 12th July 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 55: 10-11; ROMANS 8: 18-23; MATTHEW 13: 1-23**

### 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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129 Albert St, Mordialloc  
**9580 4518**

[www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale  
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### Gospel Reflection:

The gospel parable is pretty self-explanatory if we sit with it for a moment. So here are my thoughts. The seed that doesn't take is the person who is closed minded and there is no room for anything more in the area of faith. The seeds are left for the birds to gobble up. These people have life worked out and the mystery that life contains is not welcome. The seed that falls around a rock begins to take but the soil is limited so the seed's attempt to grow is thwarted. Is that when some people make a half-hearted attempt to believe but are more concerned for the here and now and faith takes a back seat? The seed that sprouts and begins its new life is overwhelmed by the thorns could represent the times when we allow God's word to take root, to begin growth above the ground yet the progress is stifled by the temptations that look to good to be true and then completely choke the growth?

So where are we with our faith journey? Faith has an incredible element of mystery contained within. Just look at a family whereby the same upbringing in a Catholic household can result in one person who becomes a priest or a nun, another sibling who believes and has their children baptised but doesn't necessarily do much more, another sibling who believes but won't impose that belief on their children and another who is an outright atheist. I have seen variations like this in many families, including my own. But let's not get too concerned about the other, let's allow God to worry about that, why some people believe and others don't. It's a mystery known only to God. Let's be concerned for ourselves and see what more do I need to do to nurture the faith in my heart? Let's remember that as the seed is buried in the soil, it may appear dormant but inside, a lot is happening at a microscopic level. Who are we to judge when the seed of God's Word may be internalising at a different rate for others. Only God knows. Let's focus on ourselves.



*Fr Andrew*

### **NEXT SUNDAY- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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

Our readings for next week are: **WISDOM 12: 13, 16-19;**

**ROMANS 8: 26-27; MATTHEW 13: 24-43**

# Parish News:

**CORONAVIRUS ADVICE:** ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED for the next 6 weeks. Our Parish Office is still contactable and phone calls and emails will be attended to. **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.

## 15th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

**Recently Deceased:** Dr David Quin (Mordialloc), Andrew O'Farrell (son of Liz & Paul O'Farrell)

**Anniversaries:** Barbara Fernandes, Eilene Hannan, Wesley Lazarus, Mary Viloet McVeigh, Alfio Musumeci, Irene Sheehan, Arthur Edwards, Angelina Fernandes, Lois McMahan, Dorreen Dunn, Laurie George, Elvis Rodrigues, Iolanda Cardamone, Nina Dowker, Liz Jones, Yvette Parfait, Dominco Vinci, Eileen Walsh, Keith Williams, Lorraine Curtain, Vittorio Iacobucci, Joseph Norman, Albert O'Kane, Molly Raines, Rocco Rodolico, Biagia Zampataro, Denis Bowdern, Angelina Drummond, Rosina Hauser, Alfio Licciardo, Keith Sowden

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** John McFall, Frank Forbes, Fr Michael Wheeler.  
*(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*



# Parish News:

**Baptisms:** The latest change to restrictions has meant that we once again had to postpone all our Baptisms. We had hoped to welcome several children into the Church in the coming weeks.

**School Holidays** have been extended for an extra week to give schools time to prepare for another term including remote learning for students. We keep all our school families and our dedicated and hard working teachers in our prayers at this difficult time.

**Renovations at St Louis' Church** begin this week and can now be completed without interrupting any Church Services. Our online Mass will be recorded at St Brigid's Church next week and the enhancements should be completed by the following week when the Mass will be recorded at St Louis'. The enhancements include some new lighting in the body of the Church with some coloured glass and a suspended cross hanging from the central tower.

**Our Parish Child Safeguarding Team** has continued to meet regularly (via Zoom) during this time of restrictions and have been using this time to follow up on Working With Children Checks for all Parish volunteers. If you are a volunteer in any of our ministries or if you are part of any of our Parish Groups then you must have a WWCC and your WWCC needs to be linked to our Parish. WWCCs are free for volunteers



To apply for a WWCC go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

To link your WWCC to our Parish simply go to the WWCC website and update your details by adding St Mary of the Cross Parish to the list of organisations that you volunteer in.

If you need help applying or updating please contact the Parish Office.

To further improve our understanding of the importance of safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults in our Parish online training will be available later this year.

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community. If you have any questions please contact any of the members of our Child Safeguarding Team: **Fr Andrew, Susan Dornom, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Deb Poynton & Robyn Worsnop.**

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