



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.*

25th Ordinary Sunday – 20th September 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 55: 6-9; PHILIPPIANS 1: 20-24, 27; MATTHEW 20: 1-16**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
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& **St Louis de Montfort's,**
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Gospel Reflection:

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is slightly disconcerting. It is hard to not feel that the landowner is being unjust or unfair by paying those that had worked the whole day the same wage as those that had worked an hour. In this description of the kingdom of God, Matthew shows us that the rules by which kingdom of heaven operate are very different from those of this world. The rules of the kingdom are different: they go beyond strict justice, and create respect and solidarity.

The truth that Matthew demonstrates is that God calls us to give ourselves unreservedly to God's service and to trust God for our reward. As Pope Francis (2017) states "With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous." God gives his love, all of his love, to every person without exception if they open themselves to this love. It does not matter whether that happens early or late in life as this love can never be earned, only accepted. The fact that the latecomers were only employed at the last hour does not make their needs any less than those who came earlier. God uses mercy, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy. "God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father." (Pope Francis 2017)

We are called to love like God does. God challenges us- in the words of the landowner- 'Are you envious because I am generous?' May we pray



for the grace of inner freedom when we look at our gifts and limitations, and at those of the persons around us. May we remember that true love rejoices at the gifts others have.

Jodie Marziano

NEXT SUNDAY- 26th & 27th September 2020

Next Sunday is the Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **EZEKIEL 18: 25-28;**

PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11; MATTHEW 21: 28-32



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

18th September 2020

The response to the psalm is “The Lord is near to all who call him.” I suspect that many of us have called upon the Lord in recent times especially dealing with the pandemic situation. May we be reassured that the Lord is with us in all that we do and is very accommodating in listening to our prayers.

Our pandemic situation requires us to be creative in communication. The new school buildings at St. Brigid’s were to be opened and blessed late April. Delays could only be extended up until the end of term 3 so the opening and blessing was done remotely and it was the best that could be achieved considering. [Click here](#) if you wish to view it. Thanks to the team of people making this event possible online.

We farewelled Mr Michael Russo on Friday, the end of term 3 as he hangs up his principal’s hat here at St. Brigid’s primary school. Michael has done so much for the school in his 6 years here and it is time for him to move on to Sacred Heart, Croydon. We wish him all the best and don’t forget to come back, when possible, to allow the children to say farewell.

It is also my pleasure to announce Ms. Wendy Sullivan as the new principal for St. Brigid’s primary school. Wendy is currently the deputy principal who applied for the position like many others did and I, in agreement with the panel, chose Wendy to be the one to take the school forward. Congratulations Wendy and I look forward to our ongoing work together.

Take care everyone and for those who are on a school break I pray that it will be a special time together as family.

Shalom,

St. Mary of the Cross.... pray for us. St. Brigid.... pray for us.
St. Louis.... pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

Parish News:

JAG News: Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) would like to highlight the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in these very difficult times. Many of them receive no government assistance and are unable to work so they rely on the support of groups like **BASP** (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project).



JAG is planning to hold a Silent (online) Auction as a way of raising funds for BASP.



JAG's SILENT ONLINE AUCTION for BASP
(will be held on weekend of **17th & 18th October**)
Bidding & viewing of items will be online



To make the auction successful JAG needs ITEMS to auction. Suggestions include: gift cards, wine, books, artwork, craft, plants, sport souvenirs, cash, gifts for hampers etc etc. Perhaps you or your business could provide some kind of service? It is a good way to advertise your business.

Do you have any goods or services you would like to donate?

For more information or to discuss possible donations Contact:

Maree on 0407 376 505 or mareemorris959.mm@gmail.com or **Sandy** on 0412 057 177

Important Reminder! Please contact JAG **by 30th September** so they know what donations they have and can then prepare the catalogue for the online auction.

'Let Them Know We Care' Letter Writing Campaign: Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) along with **BASP** (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project) invite you to join them in writing letters to relevant MPs expressing concern at the Federal Government's decision to remove income support from refugees seeking asylum.



*Do you know how much the government spends blocking refugees rather than helping them? **Let them know we care***
Spread the word – get your family and friends involved
- the more letters we can send the more impact we can have.



If you would like to help and would like more info including sample letters plus names and addresses for MPs go to our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale or contact **Berna Wake** 0487 765 631 berna.wake@cam.org.au

Social Services Sunday - 20th Sept: Today we are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 45 [member organisations](#), the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond. For info go to www.css.org.au



Child Safeguarding Committee: continues to work to ensure all volunteers have current Working With Children Checks and there will be more information and training available soon.

Fr Andrew Jekot, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop
Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

BOTH OUR CHURCHES AND PARISH OFFICE ARE 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 for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

25th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Hilary Rooney (Mordialloc)

Anniversaries: Charlie Attard, Wayne Blair, Marie Celine Gregory, Anthony Lamperd, Rose Farren, Matthew Lazaroo, Francis Mannix, Ita Munro, Owen O'Leary, Richard Potter, Carl Beer, Mattia Aparo, Marie Cooper, Sebastiano Costanzo, Betty Cutts, Pat Edward, Dorren Keating, Lucy Rogen, Joyce (Dolly) Hendricks, Margherita Trettel, Luciano Miglietti, Ruby Stoppa, Clare Dunn, Stefan Mitula, Alexandra Grace Walsh, Godwin Cassano, Ruth Hickey, Ken Lawrence, Gwen Murfett, Eileen Raphael, Cyril Touhy, Rodelio Torres, Bert Vickers, Ron Argent, Greg Kellett, Annie McFall, Denzil Popley.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Rye Johnson, Evelyn Chan, Michelle Barclay, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Alma Brennan, Graham Owen, Honor Elvey, Betty Vilca, Frank Forbes, Valerie Kilpatrick Jean Phillips, Rebecca Walker, John McFall, Helen Pedrazzini. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)*



Happy Birthday: to **Fred Rosenbrock** who celebrated his 90th Birthday last week.



Parish News:

Happy Holidays: We hope all our school families and also our hard working teachers have a good rest and an enjoyable break over the next couple of weeks. Let's hope term 4 is easier than the last couple of terms. Happy holidays. Next term we will welcome two new principals to our schools: **Carmel Stutterd** at St Louis' and **Wendy Sullivan** at St Brigid's.

Special thanks to **Sarah McDermott** for the great job she has done in her role as acting principal at St Louis' for the last year (what a tough time to take on the role of principal)



Fr Andrew with Michael Russo

Farewell: to **Michael Russo** who is leaving St Brigid's School to become principal at Sacred Heart PS, Croydon. We thank Michael for everything he has done for St Brigid's School and our Parish and we wish him well in his new appointment.



St Brigid's New School Buildings: were blessed in a remote ceremony this week. To view this ceremony and also get a virtual tour of the buildings go to the link on our Parish website.



Scripture & Friendship Group: will not meet for the next 2 weeks because of school holidays. They will resume (or re-Zoom) on 8th Oct.

St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group: encourages everyone to join them in reciting the Rosary in your own home on **Tuesdays** at **7:30pm** as way of praying together when we're apart. *No computer required – just rosary beads.*



Prayer Time (via Zoom): with Bernadette Carr is on **Tuesdays** at **11am**. All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762497666>