



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.*

26th Ordinary Sunday – 27th September 2020

Our readings for this week are **EZEKIEL 18: 25-28; PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11; MATTHEW 21: 28-32**

PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,
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Gospel Reflection:

This Gospel reminds me of our Baptismal call!

We are called to the service of others and the service of God in God's vineyard on earth. We can say yes but do nothing, we can say no and listen to the call of the Holy Spirit and change our minds thus being loyal and committed to the God who calls us.

I guess there are always those who say no and do nothing, and those who say yes and try tirelessly to listen and respond to the call of our good and generous God who is there for us always.

Working in God's Vineyard is not about having a part-time job, it is a commitment to living and walking in the footsteps of Jesus. It is a service of welcoming the stranger, speaking for those who have no voice and caring for those who are vulnerable.

May we all embrace our baptismal promise and walk through God's Vineyard with love, compassion and a true sense of justice.

Bernadette Carr



NEXT SUNDAY- 3rd & 4th October 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 5: 1-7;
PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-9; MATTHEW 21: 33-43**



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

25th September 2020

This weekend is Migrant and Refugee Sunday, which is so timely with the Social Justice Action Group's (JAG) initiative in raising awareness for those who come to our shores as Asylum Seekers. All refugees were asylum seekers first and the government is responsible for asylum seekers' well-being, which may be compromised with the introduction of some new legislation. Therefore, I propose that in this time of school holidays (for some) that I dish out homework.

Sr. Brigid Arthur has been part of our masses the last two weeks in her sharing of the story of life for Asylum seekers in Australia. The new legislation that is already set in other states of Australia looks like it may cross the border and be legislation in Victoria. Life for Asylum Seekers will be even more challenging. I suppose that all we want is the dignity of the person upheld and if we feel that new legislation is unjust then we need to be active in making our voice heard. The letter writing is the homework. If you feel that you would like your voice heard then I invite you to go to the parish web site for more details regarding the letter writing.

I am sure that we are all hopeful that restrictions will ease soon and that we resume coming together in socially acceptable ways. I long for the day when we can gather at mass and praise God together. In the meantime, with small numbers we will represent many others whose desire it is to be together. Maybe the following video captures how we will be when we come back to church!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1gNM_up-Ew

Shalom,

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

St. Brigid.... pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

Parish News:

Migrant & Refugee Sunday - 27th Sept: Today we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. Many migrants and refugees remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and many of the 115,000 living in Australian community are deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. There are many groups working to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and others who hold temporary visas, groups such as: **St Vincent de Paul Society** assists people seeking asylum, migrants, refugees and international students across the state by paying for rent, food, bills, education and providing support through advocacy and connection. *It's not just in the city - Mooroopna SVDP conference are supporting the rent and bills of 26 families.*



Brigidine Asylum Seekers (BASP) helps with rent, utilities and emergency relief money. *Currently BASP is paying about \$100,000 a month helping asylum seekers.*

CatholicCare has seen a three times increase in the amount of temporary visa holders seeking access to Emergency Relief over the past few months.

JAG News: JAG is holding a Silent (online) Auction to raise 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.
Do you have any goods or services you would like to donate?
Perhaps you or your business could provide some kind of service?
It is a good way to advertise your business.



Donations already received include: **Home Cooked Christmas Cake, Wine, Coffee Machine, Handmade Patchwork Rug, Hampers, Original Art Work**

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



New Phone Number: The phone system at the Presbytery has been upgraded with the installation of NBN and there is now a new phone number **9412 8432**.
The old number still works as it has been diverted to the new number for now.

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.

26th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Brigid Murphy (Seaford), Mary Augello (Aspendale)

Anniversaries: Nello Fabris, Frank Buxton, Joseph Hamilton, Paola Zahra, Sarah McCorquodale, Megan Abbot, Lorenzo Barbarino, Robert Mitchell, Phil Wraight, Giovanna Di Benedetto, Paul Mooney, Peggy Quinn, Margaret Powell, Diego Fernandes, Bob Moorhouse, Audrey Morris, Mary Newington, Audrey Quirk, Paula Sims, Tjakrawala Ahkiat, Annunziata Camilleri, James Tobin, Giuseppe Costanzo, John O'Donnell, Giuseppe Iorianni, Wladyslawa Mitula, Mathew Braganza, Keith Reiter (snr), Laurie Rose, Bill Wilson.



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

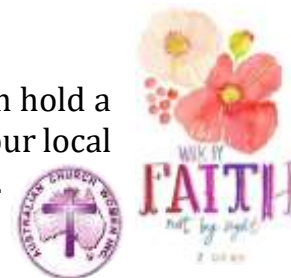
Happy Birthday: Congratulations to **Jeanette Youl** who celebrates her 85th Birthday and also to **Marlene Roberts** who celebrates her 70th Birthday at this time. Happy birthday.



Happy Ruby Anniversary: Congratulations to **Elva & Warren Judd** who celebrate their 40th Wedding anniversary on Sunday 27th September.

Parish News:

World Community Day of Prayer: Each year Australian Church Women hold a Day of Prayer around this time. As we are unable to meet together at one of our local Churches this year the service will be held online at on **Friday 30th October**. This year they are also offering daily devotions throughout the month of October on the Australian Church Women's website. Go to www.acw.org.au



Parish Cuppa with Fr. Andrew: Fr Andrew invites you to have a catch up with him and others online. Please join Fr Andrew on **Friday 2nd Oct at 10.30am**
Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87129572765>



Scripture & Friendship Group: will not meet during the school holidays. They will resume (or re-Zoom) on **Thursday 8th October at 10am**.

St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group: encourages everyone to find time to pray the Rosary in your own home during the month of October – the month of the Rosary.



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

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

