



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.*

27th Ordinary Sunday – 4th October 2020

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

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

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37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
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Gospel Reflection:

When we like a new contraption, we may say: "That's the best thing since sliced bread". Can you believe that the first bread-slicing machine was made Otto Rohwedder and put into commercial use in 1928 only to come up against stiff opposition? Melbourne bakers in 1942 voted to prohibit slicing and wrapping machines feeling that the process was unnatural. By the end of the 20th century, Australians were spending \$359 million a year on sliced bread.

So many people who encountered Jesus would have embraced the sentiments of the saying "Jesus is the best thing since sliced bread." Yet the religious authorities in Jesus' time for some reason weren't open to change. They had God all worked out according to their principles and Jesus didn't fit their mold who then paid the price for their hard heartedness. The religious authorities were the ones who wouldn't have accepted bread slicing machines. We don't want to fall into this category no matter how ambiguous life is. We want to be open to God's presence in living out the ambiguity of our lives. Not everything is black and white and the grey areas require us to discern through the lens of faith.

To maximise our ability to love, we continually return to the vineyard of our lives and ask God to assist us in the nurturing of the soil and watering of the plants. We invite God to enter into the ambiguity of our lives and to provide clarity. In our weakness we allow God to be most powerful and at these times we echo the words of our psalmist: "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine that your right hand has planted."

Fr Andrew



NEXT SUNDAY- 10th & 11th October 2020

Next Sunday is the Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 25: 6-10;**
PHILIPPIANS 4: 12-14; MATTHEW 22: 1-14



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

2nd October 2020

This year has presented many challenges since Covid-19 has become part of our life. Online masses have been the predominant form of worship and Zoom prayer sessions have been opportunities to gather in prayer. The parish would like to offer another opportunity to gather online for a liturgy titled "Healing and Hope."

Bernadette Carr will lead the 60-minute liturgy and it only requires your online presence. She will lead this time and invite us to pray for healing and to focus on hope. Covid-19 may have triggered new areas of your life that requires some prayerful attention. There is strength in numbers so we can gather together to pray for those who are greatly affected by the pandemic knowing that our hope in Jesus will be our way forward.

Feel free to join us for the Healing and Hope liturgy on **Wednesday 14th October 11am**.
[Click here](#) for the link. PASSCODE - 3195

There will also be another similar online prayer experience closer to the time of the Feast of All Souls. (2nd November) as we remember all those who have entered into eternal life. Stay tuned.

Many of us in lockdown are "over it" and feeling the fatigue of the restrictions. Can I invite you to maintain those phone calls and others forms of communications with each other so that we are continually checking in with each other? I am really excited with anticipation about being able to see you face to face when the time comes and when you are comfortable coming back to church. This will take some time (many months?) and only you know when you feel ready to come back on site. In the meantime, let us make that extra effort to "connect."

Shalom,

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

Fr. Andrew

Parish News:

St Vincent de Paul Sunday: Last Sunday was the feast of St Vincent de Paul and this weekend we celebrate St Vincent de Paul Sunday. Our two Parish Conferences would like to thank everyone for your support over many years. Even with current Covid-19 restrictions the St Vincent de Paul members are still assisting needy families in this area. For more info contact conference presidents:



Anne Miller (Aspendale): **9580 4201** or **Robyn Worsnop** (Mordialloc): **0412 814 592**



VINNIES STORES: Our local Vinnies Stores are currently closed because of Stage 4 restrictions but hopefully they will reopen soon. Thank you to everyone who volunteers, shops in or donates to our local Vinnies Stores at:

34 Nepean Hwy, **Mentone** and *cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights*

Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul in this difficult time can call: **1800 305 330**



JAG News: Our Justice Action Group (JAG) is holding a Silent (online) Auction to raise funds for Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. BASP are currently spending \$100,000.00 a month to assist people seeking asylum in Australia with housing, food and general support services.



JAG's SILENT ONLINE AUCTION for BASP (*Bidding & viewing of items will be online*)

Bids will open at **5pm** on **Friday 16th October** and close at **5pm** on **Sunday 18th October**

You will be able to view the items online from **Monday 12th October**

The online site is secure and private. The link to the site will be advertised in the Parish Bulletins over the next two weekends and on our Parish website. You can share that link with family and friends to help increase interest and bidding.

Please note: actual bidding is ONLY open from 16th to 18th October.

There will also be an option to simply make donations for those not wishing to bid for items but still wanting to support the BASP.



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

Watch this space for more information next week or you can contact:

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

'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.

27th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Anniversaries: Max Braganza, Vanessa Davies, Maud Erbs, Bette McLaughlin, Edmund Partleton, Gordon White, Joe Cerritelli, Carmel Kennan, Fr Luke Newington, Megan O'Keeffe, Kathleen Richards, Stanley Wagstaff, Mary Ellen Doherty, Nancy Stott, Mary Nicholson, Violet Waltho/Larter, James Exton, Harry Kennan, Terry O'Brien, William Velten, Vanessa Gapiside, Julian Gurrieri, Jean Hall, Eileen Keane, Kevin Davies.



Healing Prayers Asked For: Soula Paliouris, Michelle Barclay, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Rebecca Walker, Alma Brennan, Graham Owen, Frank Forbes, Jean Phillips, John McFall, Helen Pedrazzini.

(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)

Parish News:

World Community Day of Prayer: Each year Australian Church Women hold a Day of Prayer. This year it will be held online 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



Scripture & Friendship Group: will resume (or re-Zoom) meeting on this **Thursday 8th October at 10am.** *(Please note the earlier meeting time this term)*

All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82363841283> (password: 3195)

Contact: **Ann Brennan 9580 3810** or **Carmel Barker 9580 0539**

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> (password: 3195)

Healing & Hope Service: All are welcome to be part of an online prayer experience 'Healing and Hope' on **Wednesday 14th October at 11am.**

This 60min liturgy is an opportunity to gather with others and pray for healing in your life and healing for the world knowing that our Hope is always in Jesus.

Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87384820651>? (use password: 3195 when prompted)



Child Safeguarding: As another step towards ensuring we are compliant with all the Child Safety guidelines all volunteers in the Parish will be asked to read and sign our Parish's **Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct.**

Signing the Code of Conduct is part of our ongoing Child Safeguarding Training and is a simple way to make sure that everyone understands what type of behaviour is expected in our Parish.

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. *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 one of our Child Safeguarding Committee:

Fr Andrew Jekot, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop