



# 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.*

## 28th Ordinary Sunday – 11th October 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 25: 6-10; PHILIPPIANS 4: 12-14; MATTHEW 22: 1-14**

### 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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37 Dolphin St, Aspendale  
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### Gospel Reflection:

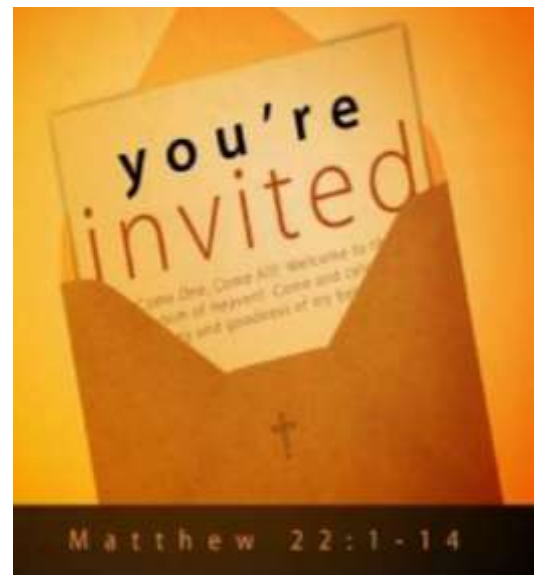
When reading scripture, there are two questions that help guide my reflection- in this scripture 'How can I know God?' and 'What does God ask of me?'

This week's gospel, The Parable of the Banquet, is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made

by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. If we believe the king in the parable is God, then the hospitality of this king. 'Invite everyone you find to the wedding!' he says, tells us that our God is one of hospitality whose table is open to all.

This leads to the second question, 'What does God ask of me?' We are all invited to God's banquet, but not all accept the invitation. Which group do you fall into? The first people invited are those who reject God's way of living. The second people are those who don't expect the invitation but are delighted when it comes, and they accept it wholeheartedly. And the person not properly dressed represents those who may say that they have accepted God's invitation, but whose life choices show that they have not yet really said yes to God. As Jesus says at the end of this story, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Many were called and invited to attend the banquet. But more than that was expected of them. They had to answer the call by saying a total "yes" to Jesus through their words and actions. We are called to not only accept the invitation but to also change our ways, to live as followers of Jesus. We are further challenged as God's presence in the world to reflect on- Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society? Who will we invite to the banquet?

*Jodie Marziano*



### NEXT SUNDAY- 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 45: 1, 4-6;**  
**1 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-5; MATTHEW 22: 15-21**



## Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

9th October 2020

I have never been one to purchase items online until Covid. I am sure that when shops are open again I will return to physically shopping but online purchasing is now another option. The JAG group are offering people an opportunity to purchase an item online via a silent auction. The funds raised go to BASP to continue supporting their great works. Therefore, I invite you to click on the [link](#) and check out the items up for auction and through the secure online auction site, you may be surprised with your winning bid knowing that you are supporting a good cause. Thanks to the many who have donated these items.

This week we welcome back our children to school. I am continually amazed with the staff of both schools and their flexibility and adaptability during these times when the traditional teaching methods have been enhanced. The experience has been a real team effort between the parents, children and teachers. I pray that Term 4 will be a blessed one.

You may have received an email from me during the week regarding the Child Safety Code of Conduct. As part of raising the awareness of this issue, I am asking parishioners to be familiar with the Code and attest to that by a response. All parishioners who we can identify as a volunteer should have received the document. Eventually all parishioners on our Thanksgiving program will receive the document. A speedy response would be appreciated and to prevent any follow up by the committee.

The recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting including looking at ways that we can celebrate Christmas depending on the restrictions at the time. I am excited about the lead up to this special day and some of the opportunities that will be offered. If you have any ideas, please contact the office with your thoughts.

Do not forget to Zoom in on the Healing and Hope liturgy this Wednesday at 11am. This will be prayerful time to reflect on God's healing power in our lives and for our world as we celebrate the eternal hope that we have in Jesus.

Shalom,

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

*Fr. Andrew*

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**St. Brigid's, Mordialloc**  
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# Parish News:

**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**. *Some volunteers may have already received this via email.*



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 by everyone 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*

We would like EVERYONE in the Parish (*not just the volunteers*) to be aware of our **Code of Conduct**. There is even a child friendly version so our younger parishioners are also encouraged to respond. You can read our Code of Conduct on our Parish website.

Please sign and return the declaration so that the Parish can record who has read and supports our Code of Conduct and our efforts to make our Parish a 'Child Safe' environment.

*Copies of the Code of Conduct are also available on the Church Doors near the Bulletins.*

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**



**JAG News:** Our Justice Action Group (JAG) is holding a Silent (online) Auction to raise funds for Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.



## **JAG's SILENT ONLINE AUCTION for BASP**

Bids open at **5pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
and close at **5pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

You can now view the items via the link on our Parish website

*The online site is secure and private.*

**Please note: actual bidding is ONLY open from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

Donations will also be taken if you simply want to support the BASP without buying any of the 60 different items available for auction.

Maree on 0407 376 505 or [mareemorris959.mm@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale) or contact **Berna Wake** 0487 765 631 [berna.wake@cam.org.au](mailto:berna.wake@cam.org.au)

**JAG Meeting:** Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) invites you to join them via Zoom for their next meeting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.**

All JAG members will be sent a Zoom link to this meeting. If you would like to be included in this JAG meeting please contact Sandy at: [slindfield@stlouisaspendale.com](mailto:slindfield@stlouisaspendale.com)



**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](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale) for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

## 28th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

**Recently Deceased:** Frank Moor (Elly Kay Aged Care),  
Frank Forbes (father of Anthony & Daniel Forbes),  
Fr Charles McBride.

**Anniversaries:** Enid Curtain, Amy & Bill Heffernan, Hector Laws,  
Sarah Collins, Nancy Ryan, Isabella Pereira, Hans Schultz, Augusto Buensalida,  
Eva Kendrick, Allie Renwick, Len Carlon, Mary Sherlock, Rosa Favaloro, Felix Fernandes, Ronald Hale,  
Thomas O'Farrell, Nancy Platt, Joan Sullivan, Blanche Vella, Pat Cooney, Cathy Kinsey, Sam Rizzo.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Tony Del Prete, 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, Jean Phillips, John McFall, Helen Pedrazzini.

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



## Parish News:

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

This 60 minute 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)*



**Parish Cuppa with Fr. Andrew:** Fr Andrew invites you to have a catch up with him and others online. Please join Fr Andrew on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2.30pm** Simply click on [Cuppa](#) or go to the link on the website: *(password: 3195)*

**World Community Day of Prayer:** will be held online on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

This year Australian Church Women are also offering daily devotions throughout the month of October on their website. Go to [www.acw.org.au](http://www.acw.org.au)



**Scripture & Friendship Group:** meet on **Thursdays at 10am.**

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)*

**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.*

