



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.*

30th Ordinary Sunday – 25th October 2020

Our readings are **EXODUS 22: 20-26; 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 5-10; MATTHEW 22: 34-40**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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Gospel Reflection:

There is always the danger that when we hear a song too often that we become complacent and take it for granted. The same can happen with the readings and Gospels we hear when we celebrate Mass - perhaps this is one of those Gospels. We have heard it numerous times and it no longer has any impact on us.

No one ever said that being a follower of Jesus was going to be easy. We are not only asked to have a relationship with God, we are also called and challenged to be aware of and concerned about those with whom we live and work. We are to love our friends and family as we love God and ourselves. We are reminded of this when we read in the bible, how can we love God whom we cannot see and not love our brother or sister whom we do see?

Being a follower of Jesus is about relationships. Being a disciple of Jesus is about how I live my daily life in relation to others and God. It is not a private thing between God and me. If I say I love God but do not take the time to be aware of and concerned about those around me, then something very important is missing. If I pray, but then ignore those around me at home or work that need my help, what is the point of me praying? Praying is not about pleasing God or making myself feel better. Prayer is about me nurturing and nourishing my friendship with God. Then, having prayed and precisely because I have prayed, I am asked and called to turn my attention to those around me who need my help, support and love.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reminds us that whatever we do for each other, we do for and to Jesus himself. Whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Jesus. The smallest gesture of love can often have the greatest impact.

It is often through very small seemingly unimportant deeds, actions and gestures of love that our love for others and our faith can be seen and made visible. One poet wrote that God is in the bits and pieces of every day. We should never underestimate the power of a small gesture such as a smile, a hand on a shoulder or a kind word. These small acts of kindness are how in our daily lives we love God, our brothers and sisters, and ourselves with all our heart, mind and soul.

As we go forth, may we be more aware that God is in the bits and pieces of our ordinary daily lives. May we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. May we love our neighbours as we love ourselves. *Sarah McDermott*



NEXT SUNDAY- 31st October & 1st November 2020

Next Sunday is the Feast of All Saints in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **APOCALYPSE 7: 2-4, 9-14;**
1 JOHN 3: 1-3; MATTHEW 5: 1-12



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

23rd October 2020

What a great result from last weekend's Asylum Seeker BASP Silent Auction with monies directly from the auction totalling \$5,422 and donations (so far) at \$898. It is not too late to make a donation!

Thanks to the donors for their generosity, thanks to Maree and Phil Morris who were the drivers of the auction and all others involved with advertising, collection of monies and overall supporters of the initiative. This weekend would have been our annual picnic for refugees, which has always been a great afternoon of support and friendship but not this year. It was great to be able to offer support in another way. I look forward to meeting with our friends face to face at the bbq picnic next year.

Take a moment to diarise our Memorial liturgy on Wednesday the 4th November at 11am. We will remember all those who have died since last November along with our Parish Memorial Book present, remembering all our family and friends whose names you have submitted. It is not too late to email or ring through any new names. This is an online liturgy and the Zoom link is in the newsletter. The recording of the liturgy will be on the parish website afterwards for others to view at their leisure.

Speaking of liturgy. Would you like to be part of the planning for liturgies leading up to Christmas? Zoom in on Wednesday night. Just email the parish office beforehand for the link.

As it stands, up to 20 people will be able to attend an outdoor mass from the 2nd November. This may change so stay tuned. Having mass outdoors will not be the ideal experience especially with Melbourne spring weather but the first mass will be scheduled for Wednesday the 4th November. Bookings will be required and all masses will be the same times and at the churches as normally scheduled. Stay tuned and the most up to date info will be on the website.

Shalom,

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

St. Brigid.... pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

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**. 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.

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

'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. **Let them know we care**



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



Scripture & Friendship Group: are now meeting fortnightly with their next meeting on **Thursday 5th November at 10am**. All welcome.

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>

World Community Day of Prayer: will be held online on this **Friday 30th Oct**. For info go to the Australian Church Women's website: www.acw.org.au



Australian Catholics: The Summer edition has arrived. Copies are available near the Bulletins on the Church doors or contact the Parish Office to have a copy delivered. This is a special Pilgrim edition '**Finding God on the Journey**'. It includes many pilgrim stories including Mary MacKillop, How to Visit the World's Holy Places from Home, Praying with Pope Francis and much more.

Stewardship Envelopes and receipts are currently being delivered. If you would like to join our Stewardship Program please contact the Parish Office.



Petition: You are invited to sign an ongoing petition for the opening up of worship centres is supporting the Catholic Bishops of Victoria's letter to the Premier of Victoria. [Click here to read the letter](#)
To sign the petition go to <https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/>

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.

30th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Carey (Mordialloc)

Anniversaries: Ivan Baptist, Bill Fergus, John Lazaro, Rosie Mendonça.

Charles & Catherine Sterling, Norah Beer, Dominic & Grace Fernandes,

Fr Tony Guelen, Ron Hinksman, Jacob Jayabalan, Linda Peralta, Vincenzo Renzella,

John Ryan, Elsie & Jack Eddington, George Kampf, Wendy Murren, Joe Pecora, Norina Castenetto,

Lynette Gedling, Julie Van de Garde, Angela Angelone, Derek & Kevin Fernandez, Mary Lamb,

Elizabeth Ryan, Yvonne Schneider-Loos, Irene Wilson, Marie Cassidy, Glenda De Palo, Lyell Renton,

Damien Jackson, Andy McManus, Joyce Newcombe, Marie Elda Silarsah, Maria Zagami.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Lori DiLizio, 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, Helen Pedrazzini, John McFall. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)*

JESUS REPLIED:
LORD YOUR GOD
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.
YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL
'THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT.
AND THE SECOND
IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
'AS YOURSELF.'
MATTHEW
22:37-39

Parish News:



JAG News: JAG's Online Silent Auction for BASP (*Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project*) was a huge success and lots of fun too.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raiser by donating goods for auction, bidding & buying items, or making

donations. Special thanks to Maree, Phillip and Berna for all their work setting up the auction. Total sales was **\$5,422** and donations received was **\$898**.

Donations are still being accepted – contact the Parish Office.



Memorial Book: Next month is November which is the month of Holy Souls when we remember our family and friends who have died. The special Memorial Book will be present at each Mass this month with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. If you would like to add any names to this Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office. These names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin on the anniversary of their death.



Memorial Liturgy: You are invited to join us (via Zoom) for this special liturgy at **11am on Wednesday 4th November** to remember and honour those who have died. This will be particularly special as this year we have not been able to attend the funerals of those who have died so please share this invitation with family and friends.

To view the Memorial Service [Click here](#)

Ready, Set, Pray! is a Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series created for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday Gospel. The series consists of ten (15-20min) weekly sessions leading up to Christmas. We encourage families to view this series. Go to <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

