



# 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.*

## 32nd Ordinary Sunday – 8th November 2020

Our readings are **WISDOM 6: 12-16; 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18; MATTHEW 25: 1-13**

### 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**

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### Gospel Reflection:

This Gospel helps us to focus on the here and now. It helps us to live totally in the present, to look for and find God there. If we do that then the rest will take care of itself.

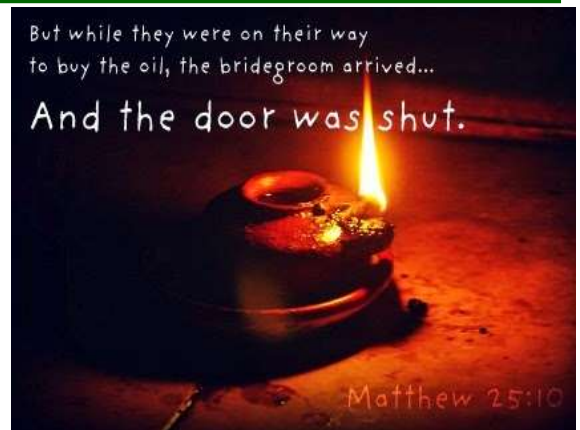
How many of us have ever run out of fuel? Current statistics suggest that at least 800,000 drivers a year call for help because they have run out of petrol. Besides flat tyres, dead batteries, and misplaced keys, running out of fuel ranks right up there with one of the main reasons people call for roadside service. It would be easier to explain if this happened a generation ago, when fuel gauges were not entirely accurate and when all of the warning lights of our day were non-existent. But now we have warning messages that our fuel is running low and then additional progressively urgent warnings indicating just how many estimated miles of driving we have left. One must say that most people who run out of fuel are "without excuse." Why, then, do we do it, seemingly as often today as people did years ago, when all of the advantages of technology were not available? In the parable it is not the fuel that is lacking it is the oil - it is the five bridesmaids who ran out of fuel. Taking Matthew's words literally it is suggested that the difference between the foolish virgins and the wise virgins was one thing: the wise virgins had oil for the lamps, while the foolish virgins did not. The wise virgins had the opportunity to obtain oil, and did so. The foolish virgins had plenty of opportunity to procure oil, but did not. The five foolish virgins had no oil for the very same reasons people continue to run out of gas, even when the flashing message on their instrument panel tells them they are. Firstly, people in both situations do not believe the warning signs. Secondly, those who run out of gas are lulled into a false confidence by the fact that everything appears to be fine at the moment. Jesus told us that He would come at a time when we did not expect Him. He warns us not to be complacent and lulled into a false sense of security. He will come at a time when it seems we are doing just fine. Thirdly, those who run out of fuel are those who wrongly suppose that they still have plenty of time to get it later. Similarly, those who think they will have other chances to come to faith in Jesus are making a very dangerous assumption.

The story of this parable is very simple, and the lesson is obvious: "So stay awake and watch, because you do not know either the day or the hour." The moral of the story: do not be superficial. Look beyond the present moment, and try to discover the call of God even in the smallest things of life, even the oil which may be lacking in the small light or lamp.

**Michelle Barron**

*But while they were on their way  
to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived...*

*And the door was shut.*



*Matthew 25:10*

### **NEXT SUNDAY- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Next Sunday is the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **PROVERBS 31: 10-13,19-20,30-31;**  
**1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-6; MATTHEW 25: 14-30**



## Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

I hope that you all had a lovely start to the week (the weather was amazing) and enjoyed the Cup Day public holiday. It was great to see so many people out and about catching up at picnics or visits to the beach. Having "donut days" all week has been the best news from our government for a long time. May the "donuts" keep coming (and they have no impact on the waistline!).

I think that I can safely say that from Monday onwards we are allowed 20 people to be present at mass. An increase from 10. If so, then hopefully in a few more weeks' time we might increase it to 50 or the 4 square meter rule. Let us pray that this will be the case. Regardless, bookings for mass are essential for a guaranteed spot. Arriving unannounced may result in being turned away. The parish website allows you to do so online or else ring the parish office from Monday onwards during business hours.

As with many events this year, Graduation for Year 12's at St. Bede's was an online experience on Wednesday evening. The IT and AV team at St. Bede's ran a very professional live graduation ceremony on YouTube. They are an amazing professional team. I continue to be grateful to this department at St. Bede's for providing the assistance for our recorded weekly mass. In particular, I would like to thank Hamish Dun for his incredible effort each week in producing the mass.

The next phase for our online mass experience will be to transition to an online live streaming experience. On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm & Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, we will be streaming live from the church. I encourage you to click on the link (it will be on the parish website) and partake in this experience. The recorded mass will still be available for a number of weeks but eventually be replaced by the live stream. Both will be offered for about the next three weeks.

Take care and may you have a blessed week ahead.

Shalom,

St. Mary of the Cross....  
St. Louis....

pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. Brigid....

pray for us.

*Fr. Andrew*

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**St. Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale**

# Parish News:

**Memorial Book:** November 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:** was held last Wednesday to remember all who died in the last year and can still be viewed via the link on our Parish website.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Thanksgiving Mass** to remember all those associated with the Society who have passed away in the last 12 months will be celebrated this year by Fr Tony Kerin at St Francis Xavier Church in Box Hill and streamed online from **7pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at [www.vinnies.org.au/Thanksgiving2020](http://www.vinnies.org.au/Thanksgiving2020)



**Vinnies Stores:** are now open again for shoppers and donations.  
**Chelsea Heights** cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights  
& **Mentone** 34 Nepean Hwy, Mentone



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



**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>



**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.



**Child Safeguarding:** Many parishioners have been sent a copy of our Parish's **Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct Declaration**.

**Have you read and signed this declaration yet?**



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. All volunteers are expected to sign this but all parishioners (including children – there is a child friendly version on the website) are invited to do so as well. Simply by being aware of Child Safety you help make our Parish safer.

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

**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. See our Parish website or Church noticeboards for their contact details.



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

**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.**

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday – Year A:



**Anniversaries:** Estelita Lacson-Hortaleza, Irene Drill, David Ford, Brian Graham, Concetta Nasello, Kathleen Reidy, Jesse Villanueva, Ligaya Parker, Anthony & Eucaristica Borg, Thomas Clarke, James Doran (jnr), Leo Drill, Dudley D'Sylva, Barbra Hunnan, Mark Lavery, Lucy Lazaro, Peter Toner, Julie Williams, David Wood, Kate Crosbie, Henry Decosta, Sheila Maguire, Frank Pierera, Mary Brouder, Concetta De Marco, Anna Fernando, Carmel Rocke, Patrick Ryan, Douglas Saddler, Madaline O'Reilly.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Michael Smith, Tony Del Prete. Soula Paliouris, 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.)*

**Happy Birthday:** Congratulations to **Trish Amor** who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday this week. Happy birthday.



**Happy Golden Anniversary:** Congratulations to **Grace & Tom Costanzo** who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary recently.

## Parish News:

**Restrictions Eased:** Restrictions have been eased to allow **20 parishioners** to be present at Mass but you must book first. *(We hope to be able to welcome more people at Mass soon)*

Booking is now available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

Our usual Masses have resumed but there is a limit of 20 parishioners allowed at each Mass and you must book to attend Mass. This week Masses are on:

**Tuesday at 9.15am** at St Louis'

**Wednesday at 10am** at St Brigid's

**Thursday at 2.30pm** is the Sunday Mass recording and is at St Louis' this week

**Friday at 11.30pm** at St Brigid's

**Saturday at 6pm** at St Louis

**Sunday at 8am** at St Brigid's, **9.30am** at St Louis' & **11am** at St Brigid's

*Sunday Mass will still be available online via the website*

**Live Streaming of Masses:** Our Parish is going to trial live streaming of Masses next weekend at **6pm** and **11am Masses**. These Masses can be viewed via the link on our website or on Fr Andrew's YouTube channel. The recorded Mass will continue to be available.



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**  
8-15 NOV 2020

**NAIDOC Week** is from 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November. The 2020 theme is "Always Was, Always Will Be" to reflect the richness of our oldest nations. *(NAIDOC - National Aboriginal & Islanders Day Observance Committee)* For more information on events on during NAIDOC

week go to: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/naidoc-week-events>

**JAG Meeting:** Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) invites you to join them via Zoom for their next meeting at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.



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)



**Scripture & Friendship Group:** are now meeting fortnightly via Zoom with their next meeting on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** at **10am**. All welcome.

**Prayer Time (via Zoom):** with Bernadette Carr is on **Tuesdays at 11am**.

All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762497666>

