



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.*

4th Ordinary Sunday – 31st January 2021

Our readings for this week are: **DEUTERONOMY 18: 15-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 7: 32-35; MARK 1: 21-**

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

PARISH HOUSE:

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9580 7981

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Gospel Reflection:

Australia Day triggers the move from the quieter holiday mode of January to the return of the routine that is work and school commitments and our parish office back to normal hours. As we switch to this mode, we do so with trepidation knowing that routines that were set in place are now volatile and unpredictable. We tread ever so gently, like walking on eggshells with facemasks at the ready for any sudden turn of events.

Adjusting to this new reality is a time of challenge and as Christians we embrace change knowing that we have God beside us. God may not conveniently clear obstacles out of way but together with God we can find a solution together. Can I quote a profound insight from Archbishop Comensoli in his letter to The Age newspaper (23/9/2020) *'People of faith have deep resources to share here. While the voice of religious communities has gone largely unheeded in recent years, at this time of great fear it turns out religious people are motivated by something positive and inspirational. In the middle of lockdown, and cut off from all kinds of human sources of inspiration, people of faith draw on something that does not depend entirely on other people. It might be unfashionable to say, but God has been helpful to lots of Victorians in 2020.'*

May we continue to be proud of our Catholic faith and how it has assisted us during 2020. We live in hope ready to be there for one another reassured that we are all under the umbrella of God's care. May we be people who embrace the first verse of this week's psalm:

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Parishioners returning to weekend mass is increasing gradually but we are far from capacity. Please be reassured that the parish is abiding by our Covid safe plan in order to keep us all safe so if you feel comfortable in coming back, I ask you to come. We can even put you as permanent booking if that makes it easier. Otherwise, our livestreaming online masses will continue indefinitely.

Fr. Andrew



Parish Events

Feast of St Brigid and the Presentation of the Lord: We are now in the season of Ordinary Time – Year B and this week we celebrate not only the feast of St Brigid (1st Feb) but also the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd Feb)



At Tuesday's Mass we will bless candles and the congregation will be invited to take the light out into the world just as Jesus and St Brigid did.

Monday Communion Services: recommence this week on **Monday 1st February at 9.15am at St Louis' Church.** Special thanks to **Elizabeth & Martin Newington** and **Carmel & Michael Barker** for leading these Communion Services.



Ash Wednesday: Lent begins in a couple of weeks with Ash Wednesday on **Wed 17th February.** Masses are: at **10am at St Brigid's** & at **7pm at St Louis'** plus there are services at both our schools.

Lenten Reflection Booklet: This year our Parish will be creating our own Lenten Reflection Book and this will be made available when Lent begins.

Parish Groups:

St Louis' Tennis Club: are holding their **Annual Tennis Open Day** on **Sunday 14th February** from **12pm.** All welcome.

Come along and join them for a BBQ, meet some of the members, try out your tennis skills, pick up some coaching tips, watch some of the Australian Open on the big screen in the Clubroom. Fun for all the family.

It is Valentines's Day so you can even bring along a date if you wish.



JAG: The first meeting for 2021 of our **JAG** (Justice Action Group) is on **Wed 10th Feb** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'.** All welcome.

Special Events:

Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic: All members of both St Louis' & St Brigid's Parish & School Communities are invited to:

PARISH PICNIC & OUTDOOR MASS

on **Sunday 28th Feb** at **10.30am** at **Braeside Park.**

The Outdoor Mass is followed by a Picnic (*BYO everything*). There'll be fun games and activities to help everyone mix together and enjoy the day. It will also be a **Prep Family Mass.**

Please note: The Mass timetable for 28th February will be changed: St Louis' 9.30am Mass & St Brigid's 11am Mass will be cancelled so everyone can attend our Outdoor Mass at Braeside Park.

Mass Roster: As the Mass timetable for 27th & 28th Feb. has been changed and hopefully many people will be attending the Outdoor Mass and Picnic we need volunteer Readers & Special Ministers for 6pm & 8am Masses or at our big Outdoor Mass that weekend. If you are available to help out please contact the Parish Office and a roster will be drawn up.



Parish News:

Catechist Program: Our 2021 Parish Catechist Program begins on **Tuesday 16th February** and runs until the end of November.

This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments.

It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm.

Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program in 2021 are asked to please contact: **Elizabeth 9512 1155** or the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



Return to School: School started last week. We hope all our returning school families had a safe and enjoyable holiday. We welcome all the new families and the Prep children to our schools.



Bernadette Carr: *'It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that our Pastoral Associate (PA), Bernadette Carr, has decided to end her appointment as PA in the parish on the 3rd March. Bern has been with us for 7 years and has been a committed and loyal pastoral presence in the parish who has given her 100% in her role with a particular interest in RCIA. She will be greatly missed. There will be an afternoon tea on Sunday the 14th March from 2-4pm at St. Louis' to acknowledge and farewell Bern.*

It is with gratitude that I (on your behalf) wish Bern every best for the future.' - **Fr. Andrew**

2020 Sacramental Statistics:

Each year we send in a Sacramental Report to the Archdiocese.

Our Sacramental Statistics for last year were as follows: *(2019 is included just so you can compare)*

	2020			2019
	St L	St B	Total	Total
Baptisms	19	22	41	98
1st Eucharist	12	0	12	152
Confirmation	103	40	143	134
Weddings	0	1	1	4
Funerals	12	27	39	45

Next Week's Roster:

FIFTH ORDINARY SUNDAY: 6th & 7th February 2021: *READERS - please see Father before Mass*

Our readings for next week are: **JOB 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 CORINTHIANS 9: 16-19, 22-23; MARK 1: 29-39**

<p>6PM MASS Reader Julie Barnhoorn Commentator Joanne Partleton Special Minister Marie Medicott Welcomers: Anthony Barnhoorn, Julie Buick</p>	<p>8AM MASS Reader Stefanie Carino Commentator Jane Standish Special Minister Sr Deidre Malone Welcomers: Carole & Jack Guthrie</p>
<p>9.30AM MASS Reader Gen Martin Commentator Brian Martin Special Minister Mary Nayna Welcomers: Niko Tovia, Trish Angliss</p>	<p>11AM MASS Reader Mark Carrazzo Commentator Peter Hannan Special Minister Sr Reba Woodwiss Welcomers: Denise Leonard, Lucy Cameron</p>

New Roster: A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers for March to June. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be omitted from this roster. Volunteers should also have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Special Thanks to our team of volunteer welcomers who are helping to ensure we are complying with all the current health regulations and keeping our Parish Covid Safe. *Would you like to help out with this important role?*



4th Ordinary Sunday:

Recently Deceased: John Pedrazzini (Aspendale)
Rosalie Amatore (died in USA, aunt of Pecora family)

Anniversaries: Graziela Barone, Emma Labonté, Norm Baker, Arun D'Costa, Allan Goudge, Art Wilde, Peter O'Reilly, Rufino Torres, Ann & Jack Cotter, Debbie Arundel, Mary Whitney, Ken McClure, Resa Williams (Dalton), Lois Formani, Cecil Fernandez, Anthony Archer, Giuseppe Basile, Vittorio Giuliano, Elvie Doherty, Stewart Gowans, Elizabeth Wood, Harold de Monte, Elizabeth Fernandez, Bill Carey, Maria Cannarozzo, Brian Enright, Patrick Smith, Margaret Reid, Barney Kelly, Sheila Sladen, Alex Williams, Kay Cresswell, Jennifer Rix,

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Peter Spencer
(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)

Baptisms: There is a Baptism Service on this Sunday at 12.30pm at St Louis'.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Alessia Grace Velluto Xavier Andrew Larne
Heath Owen Edward Fell Emilia Olive Rose Fell



Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to **Rekha & Gary Taylor** who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with a special blessing at 11am Mass on this Sunday 31st January.

Parish Masses:

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

We can now have over 120 parishioners at our Masses but you still need to book as we must keep records of attendances for tracing purposes if needed. At this stage our Masses are not usually being booked out so you can just come along and add your name to the list but it is much better if you book prior to attending. If you are a regular at Mass you can make a permanent booking. We hope to see you soon.

WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>
or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

*There is no need to book for any of the weekday Masses
as it is unlikely we will exceed our limit*



Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now
live streaming our weekend Masses
To view go to:

<https://youtu.be/AvNdUQ69wZk> for **6pm Mass** at St Louis'
or https://youtu.be/mGD_KHnklg4 for **8am Mass** at St Brigid's
or to our website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale
or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: (*bookings essential*)

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: (*No bookings needed*)

Monday (Communion Serv) Tuesday

9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

**BAPTISM BOOKINGS
through Parish Office
9580 7981**

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,
129 Albert St,
Mordialloc
9580 4518



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St Louis de Montfort's School,
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We acknowledge the original
owners of the land on which we
gather and their leaders
- past, present and emerging.



Child Safety: Our Parish is
committed to the care, wellbeing
and protection of children, and
vulnerable people in our
community.

