



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.*

5th Ordinary Sunday – 7th February 2021

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

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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PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

PARISH EMAIL:

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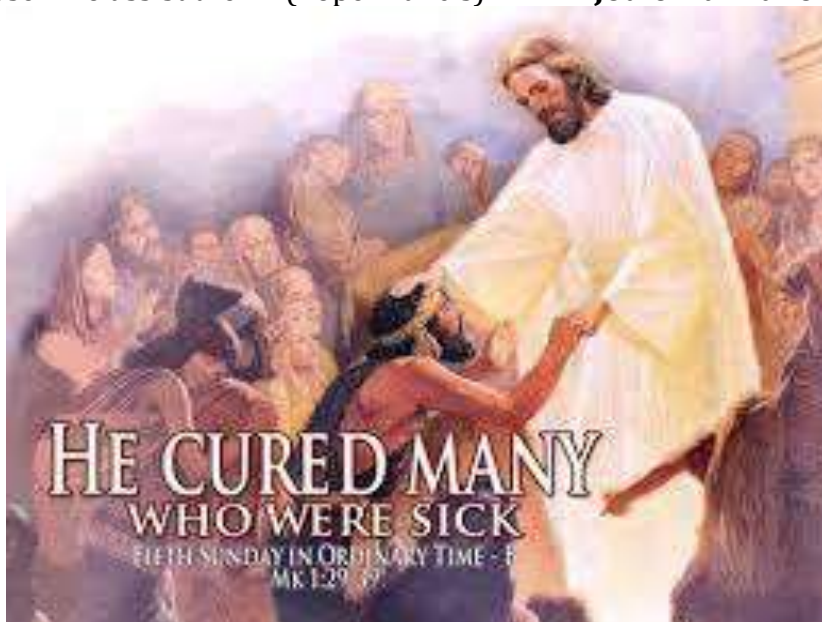
Gospel Reflection:

This weekend's gospel describes for us the first recorded hours of Jesus' ministry. Through this "Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized." (Pope Francis 8th Feb 2015)

Through her encounter with Christ, Simon's mother-in-law is cured. This leads her to do what Jesus himself does. She serves those in need. Wellbeing of spirit involves a willingness to serve. In doing this she has become a disciple; proclaiming the Good News and serving others. Jesus conferred a double mandate on the disciples: to proclaim the Gospel of salvation and to heal the sick (cf. Mt 10:7-8). Faithful to this teaching, the Church has always considered caring for the sick an integral part of her mission.

"The poor and the suffering you will always have with you", Jesus admonishes (cf. Mt 26:11), and the Church continually finds them along her path. Pope Francis goes on to say that encounter with the sick is "a privileged way to encounter Christ, to welcome Him and to serve Him. To cure the sick, to welcome them, to serve them, is to serve Christ: the sick person is the flesh of Christ."

May we become aware of those in need in our communities because as disciples each one of us is called to bear the light of the Word of God and the power of grace to those who suffer, and to those who assist them. (Pope Francis) **Jodie Marziano**



Parish Events

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins in just over a week 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 Groups: are being held in our Parish on **TUESDAYS at 10am at St Louis'**. (starts 16th February – Shrove Tuesday) on **WEDNESDAYS at 10.30am at St Brigid's** (starts 17th February – Ash Wednesday)

This year the Lenten Reflection Groups will be using a Lenten Reflection Book created for our own Parish. This booklet will be available for everyone next week.

Project Compassion Boxes will be available next week in the Church foyer. Their theme this year is **'Be More – aspire not to have more but to be more'** Please take one & help support the work of Caritas.



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**



Special Events:

Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic: *"I am sorry to announce that the Parish Mass and Picnic scheduled for 28th February at Braeside Park has been cancelled. Unfortunately, the Covid guidelines regarding public events require a level of public safety that is impossible for us to adhere to at this time. Maybe next year????"* **Fr. Andrew**



Masses on 27th & 28th Feb will be our usual weekend Mass times.



World Day of Prayer - Friday 5th March: World Day of Prayer is an annual event when Christians all around the world come together to pray for different countries. This year the featured country is Vanuatu the theme is: **'Build on a Strong Foundation'**. Come along to one of the services in our area and join with our inter faith friends. Excellent guest speakers.

The World Day of Prayer Special Ecumenical Service in Aspendale/Chelsea area in the morning on **Friday 5th March at St Joseph's Church, Station St, Chelsea**. Morning tea to follow service.



The service in the Mentone/Mordialloc area is at **2pm at St Nicholas Anglican Church, 9 Bear St. Mordialloc**. Light refreshments will be served.

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**



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.

For more information about the Tennis Club contact **Susan 0413 979 049**

Men's Group: The Men's Group's first meeting for 2021 is on **Thursday 11th Feb** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'**. Come along & see what's planned for 2021. All men in the Parish welcome. For more information contact **Tony Allday 9580 7334**



JAG: The first meeting for 2021 of our **JAG** (Justice Action Group) is on this **Wednesday 10th Feb** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'**. All welcome. For more information contact **Sandy 0412 057 177**

Scripture Friendship Group: will not begin meeting until after Easter as many of the group will be joining our Lenten Reflection Groups



Next Week's Roster:

SIXTH ORDINARY SUNDAY: 13th & 14th February 2021: <i>READERS - please see Father before Mass</i>			
Our readings for next week are: LEVITICUS 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 -11: 1; MARK 1: 40-45			
6PM MASS	Reader Debra Searle Commentator Rekha Taylor Special Minister Marie Medicott	8AM MASS	Reader Barry Wheeler Commentator Sr Deidre Malone Special Minister Liz O'Farrell
Welcomers: Julie & Anthony Barnhoorn		Welcomers: Peter & Lindy Wilson	
9.30AM MASS	Reader Imelda McMahon Commentator Gerard Wagstaff Special Minister Mary Nayna	11AM MASS	Reader Tim Plant Commentator Beverley Plant Special Minister Sr Reba Woodwiss
Welcomers: Trish & Barry Le Brocq		Welcomers: Vanessa Fernandes, Vikki Fitzgerald	

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**

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?*



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. Copies are available at the Church or on our website.

Child Safeguarding Team: meets regularly to ensure we are following all the Child Safety guidelines. See the posters on the wall in the Church foyers. If you have any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team



Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432	Susan Dornom 0413 979 049	
Trish Angliss 0421 604 849	Louise Breslin 0415 963 799	Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522
Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184	Deb Poynton 0403 471 931	Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592

5th Ordinary Sunday:

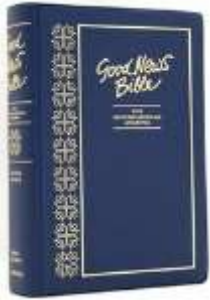
Anniversaries: Ronald Aquilina, Pamela Murphy, Mary-Kate Velten, Peter Hodgkinson, Peter Kelly, John Smith, Antonia Attar, Margaret (Anne) Cox, Arthur Malone, John Tuagalu, Francisca Diaz Amaya, Olive Bellamy, Paul Brennan, Carmel Franklin, John Earp, Emanuele & Sofia Tovia, Mary Foley, Faye Mattea, Aileen O'Donnell, Tom Walker.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Helen Pedrazzini, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, Brian Smith
(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 Brigid's.

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Lily Mae O'Kane **Siena Rose Whitla**
Lucy Eleanor Voss **Edward Louis Voss**



Bibles For Sale: Do you need a Bible? Our Piety Stalls have multiple copies of second-hand Bibles (*in excellent condition - they were School Class sets*) for sale for only \$5 each.



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/mFLx5PPywMQ> for **6pm Mass** at St Louis' or <https://youtu.be/ZWeSZoNL2Lw> 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'.



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 Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

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,
37 Dolphin St,
Aspendale
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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.

