



# 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.*

## Palm Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Our readings are: **MARK 11: 1-10; ISAIAH 50: 4-7; PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11; MARK 14: 1- 15: 47**

### PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,**  
520 Main St, Mordialloc  
& **St Louis de Montfort's,**  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrew Jekot**

### PARISH SECRETARIES:

**Susan Dornom**  
Monday, Thursday & Friday  
**Ann Fitzgerald**  
Tuesday & Wednesday

### PARISH HOUSE:

**9412 8432**

### PARISH OFFICE:

**9580 7981**

*Parish Office Hours:*  
Monday-Friday  
9am-4.30pm

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### Gospel Reflection:

This Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The liturgy invites us to share in the joy and celebration of the people who cry out in praise of their Lord. This is followed by the reading of the Passion, where we walk with Jesus through his suffering and death. This celebration seems to combine

stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. As Pope Francis states 'it somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love... but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment; the capacity for loyalty, but also for great abandonment and betrayal'.

Mark's Gospel provides us with the first written account of the Passion and provides the basic shape for the other evangelists to follow. What is distinctive in Mark's interpretation is the emphasis given to Jesus' suffering and sense of abandonment. Mark's Gospel is written around the year 70 CE. It was a time of great turbulence and the small Christian community in Rome is under threat. Since the year 64 CE the emperor Nero had begun a wave of persecution of Christians, and in the year 70 Roman armies finally captured and destroyed Jerusalem. It was a time when the faith of believers was being tested. They might well have felt that God has abandoned them. We might well feel this way at different times in our life too.

For Mark, Jesus' passion is also about his disciples and their failure. The only disciple who is commended is the woman who anoints Jesus. The disciples all sleep during Jesus' distress in Gethsemane, then they all desert him. And then there is Peter. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. During the gospel, we are challenged to reflect on how we too are like the disciples, like Peter- do we find it difficult to stand up for our faith?

As Christians, we know that this is not the end of the story but Mary Coloe PBVM suggests it would be wrong to hurry through this week and not enter into this dark and fearful place of abandonment. Many of us know this place. At some time in our life we too have voiced this cry of Jesus and found the heavens silent. This week we are to bring the memory of these times into our prayer with God. For in spite of appearances, in spite of the silence, God is here.

Jesus prays from his 'heart of darkness'. He speaks out his anguish to his God with words of protest and lament. In his prayer he draws to himself all who protest and lament, all who suffer unjustly, all who feel abandoned and reviled. May we feel God's presence in the silence and feel the Jesus love in His suffering.

**Jodie Marziano**



# Parish Events

**Project Compassion Boxes** are available in the Church foyer.

The theme this year is: *'Be More – aspire not to have more but to be more'*

Project Compassion Boxes can be returned to the Church at weekend Masses or to Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the work of Caritas.

**Update on Caritas in Bangladesh:** This week Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh experienced a devastating fire which burned down the homes of 45,000 of the camp's residents. Caritas featured two of the residents from this camp in their weekly videos for Project Compassion. Jamila and Halima were featured in Week 1 and 5 of Lent videos. Both Jamila and Halima's homes have not been impacted by the fire, however Caritas is working to assist those who have lost all of their material possessions. You can view these videos and others on the work of Caritas on their website: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



**Palm Sunday Walk For Refugees** is on this **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.



This is a wonderful annual ecumenical and community-wide march to demonstrate solidarity for all refugees around the world.

Some of our JAG members will be attending.

Details of the event can be found via the Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk/>



**Slavery Free Products:** When you choose your coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate this Easter, or anytime, look for a label that shows the product has been sourced ethically (that is not produced with the forced labour of children)



Look for: 'Fairtrade', 'Rainforest Alliance', 'UTZ Certified' or 'Cocoa Horizons' (*Lindt/Lindor are also acceptable*)



**St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group** extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to recite the Rosary in your own homes, on Tuesday evenings each week at 7:30pm. If this time is not convenient you are invited to recite the rosary at any time. Please join our Prayer Group in this devotion.

**Child Safety Survey for Volunteers:** The Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese is the group that oversees how parishes manage volunteers and ensure that all Child Safeguarding requirements are being followed. They work closely with our Child Safeguarding Team. The Professional Standards Unit are inviting all Parish volunteers to assist them by filling in a short survey before 16<sup>th</sup> April. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNRFLR9> or click on this QR code.



**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

## Child Safeguarding Team:

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



# Parish News:

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES: Bookings for Easter ceremonies are essential**

**Holy Thursday 1st April: 7.30pm** Mass of Lord's Supper at St Brigid's (Note: no morning Mass)

**Good Friday 2nd April: 10am** Way of the Cross at Beeson Reserve (near Edithvale Station)

**3pm** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at St Brigid's

**Holy Saturday 3rd April: 7.30pm** Easter Vigil at St Louis'

**Easter Sunday 4th April: 8am** Mass at St Brigid's

**9.30am** Mass at St Louis' **11am** Mass at St Brigid's



**Way of the Cross:** Once again we are joining with the other Christian Churches in this area to celebrate the **Way of the Cross** on **Good Friday** at **10am** at **Beeson Reserve, Edithvale** (near Edithvale Station). It may be useful to BYO chair. There is no need to book for this event – just come along.



**Special Collections This Week:** There are a couple of special collections this weekend:

**Holy Places Collection:** is taken up on **Good Friday**.

This special collection supports the upkeep of the Holy Places.



**St Vincent De Paul Collection:** is taken up at all the **Easter** Masses. The money collected will be shared between our Aspendale and Mordialloc Conferences and will be used to assist families in our area throughout the year.



**Church Working Bees:** Volunteers needed for two working bees to clean St Brigid's Church and St Louis' Church on **Saturday 3rd April**

**10am – 12noon.** Morning tea provided.

Many hands make light work and will give us clean Churches for Easter.



## Next Week's Roster:

<p><b>HOLY THURSDAY: 1st April 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass</b> Our readings are: <b>EXODUS 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26; JOHN 13: 1-15</b></p>	
<p><b>7.30PM MASS</b> <b>Commentator</b> Carmel Barker <b>Reader</b> Barry Wheeler <b>Welcomers:</b> Christine D'Cruze, Vanessa Fernandes, Elva Judd</p>	
<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY: 2nd April 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass</b> Our readings are: <b>ISAIAH 52: 13-53; HEBREWS 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9; JOHN 18: 1 – 19: : 42</b></p>	
<p><b>3PM MASS</b> <b>Commentator</b> Sr Reba Woodwiss <b>Reader</b> Sr Deidre Malone <b>Passion Narrator</b> Jane Standish <b>Passion Other</b> Peter Hannan <b>Welcomers:</b> Vanessa Fernandes, Carmel Barker, Gail Bell</p>	
<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY: 3rd &amp; 4th April 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass</b> Our readings are: <b>ACTS 4: 32-35; 1 JOHN 5: 1-6; JOHN 20: 19-31</b></p>	
<p><b>7.30PM MASS</b> <b>Commentator</b> Gerard Wagstaff <b>Readers</b> Elizabeth Newington, Sr Reba Woodwiss, Susan Dornom, Carmel Barker, Helen Healy, Patrick Jurd, Joanne Partleton, Sr Deidre Malone <b>Welcomers:</b> Marie Medicott, Joanne &amp; Gary Partleton</p>	<p><b>8AM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Liz O'Farrell <b>Commentator</b> Barry Wheeler <b>Special Minister</b> Glenice Laughlin <b>Welcomers:</b> Jane Standish, Carole &amp; Jack Guthrie</p>
<p><b>9.30AM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Julie Barnhoorn <b>Commentator</b> Niko Tovia <b>Special Minister</b> Deacon Hoang Dinh <b>Welcomers:</b> Anthony Barnhoorn, Susan Dornom</p>	<p><b>11AM MASS</b> <b>Reader</b> Mary Tai Kie <b>Commentator</b> Peter Hannan <b>Special Minister</b> Gail Bell <b>Welcomers:</b> Christine &amp; Les D'Cruze</p>



# **PLEASE NOTE** that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and 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.

# Palm Sunday:

## Recently Deceased:

Dina Leme (mother of Cristina Karvonidis)

**Anniversaries:** Marsha Anderson, Mary (May) Bell, Ann Fernandez, Thomas Hogan, Ken Bramich, Kathleen Crowe, Pat Direen, Kevin Laws, George Clark, Peter Dennis, Anna Iacono, Chris Rafter, Guiseppe Aparo, Francis Butler, Margaret Malone, Hazel Sweeney, Lance Forkgen, Jesus Manahan, Margaret (Peggie) Pashley, Baltazar Caday(snr), Dianne Marchant, Nicole Petersen, Sr Justine Power, Gwain Walker.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Helen Pedrazzini, Brian Smith, Peter Spencer, Salvatore (Sam) & Lilah Finocchiaro, John Meneses, Rosemary Hall, Liam & Patrick Perry, Maureen Hepburn, Bernadette Munro. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*



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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 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**



[www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**  
37 Dolphin St,  
Aspendale  
**9580 5169**



[www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)



**First Eucharist Masses:** There will be special extra Masses this weekend for the Year 5 children from both our schools who were due to receive their First Eucharist last year. This week there are Masses on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at **12.30pm & 2.30pm** at St Louis',

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## 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. You can still come along and add your name to the list but you may find the Mass is booked out so it is better to book first. 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*

STREAMING

**ONLINE**

LIVE

**Live Streaming of Masses:** Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses  
To view this week's Masses go to:

<https://youtu.be/Wuwuqs5kuw4> for **6pm Mass** at St Louis' or

<https://youtu.be/X7sWGx471Q> for **8am Mass** at St Brigid's

<https://youtu.be/Yg1Nna5D9sl> for **Holy Thursday Mass**

<https://youtu.be/OAPZL3wqbQs> for **Good Friday 3pm Service**

or go to our website [www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale)

or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.

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.

