



# 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.*

## **Pentecost Sunday – 31st May 2020**

This week's readings: **ACTS 2: 1-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3-7, 12-13; JOHN 20: 19-23.**

### **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:**

**9580 1018**

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

**9580 7981**

*Monday-Friday 9am-4.30pm*

### **PARISH EMAIL:**

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@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)**

### **PARISH WEBSITE:**

**[www.cam.org.au/  
mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale)**

### **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)**

**Gospel Reflection:** Jesus is the Messiah that the people have been longing for. Jesus is the breath of new life. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets and He is the re-creation of God's desire for humanity. The gospel today taps into that experience of the disciples who gather in the upper room in fear. They were no doubt feeling let down that not all people are receiving Jesus as Messiah and Lord. They were in fear that their message was not welcome. This fear was dissolved when somehow through this closed room, Jesus appears amongst them and breathes new life into them. This breath is the Holy Spirit, "Ruach" that is now with them, inside them, reminiscent of how the original creation came to be. Yes, John's gospel uses the theme of creation and the new creation as a way of understanding how God desires to be in relationship with us.

Rather than understanding this as a re-creation, Jesus comes into our world and our lives as bringing the present creation into line with the original design that God had for us and whereby our sin, that is, our missing the mark, has affected the original plan. Now forgiveness is offered as a response to sin. We are to go out and be people of forgiveness restoring peace back into God's plan. I invite you to take away from this Pentecost day the belief in a God who continues to breathe life into our hearts. It is this intimate expression of God's desire that we are of the same breath, a breath that is symbolic of a life giving force that we cannot live without. Breath from a God who never lets us down.

**Fr Andrew**



### **NEXT SUNDAY- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Next Sunday is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity in Year A:  
Our readings for next week are: **EXODUS 34: 4-6, 8-9;  
2 CORINTHIANS 13: 11-13; JOHN 3: 16-18**

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.

## Pentecost Sunday:

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Cuffley (cousin of Sue Waltho), Robert (Bob) Orchard (Chelsea)

**Anniversaries:** Tom Bibby, Eileen Headland, Val Simpson, Janet Angus, Ray Buxton, Eugene Julien, Moya Wain, Terri Page, James Pobjoy, Lucy Adams, Maria Atherton, Georgie Burrows, Tom O'Donnell, Bernence Gallagher, Peter Treacy, Gloria Brereton, Peter Freese, James Harrison, Peter Kellett, Patricia Sloan, Margaret Walsh, Bill Chick, Kath Rosen, Irene, Kathleen & Matthew Woods, Eluvia Cassano, Frances Pujol, Edward Peril.

**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Vin Costanzo, Maree Martin, Ben Quirk, Fred Hamilton, Helen Munro, Trish Wardle, John Nicholson, Lorraine Ingram, Helen Pedrazzini, Michelle Ives.  
(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)

**Happy Birthday** to **Peter Hannan** who celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday this week.



Congratulations and many happy returns.



**Happy Birthday** also to **Doris Colwell** who celebrates her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday this Sunday. Congratulations and many happy returns.

## Parish News:

**Restrictions Eased:** Restrictions have been eased again to allow **20 parishioners** to be present at Mass (plus officiators). If you wish to attend the recording of our Sunday Mass (which takes place on Thursday at 2.30pm – this week at St Louis') you must contact the Parish Office to book in. **Parish Office 9580 7981** or [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

Our usual Masses will resume this week from 2<sup>nd</sup> June but there is a limit of 20 parishioners allowed at each Mass and you must contact the Parish Office to book in. 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*

**Foster Care Crisis:** COVID-19 has pushed struggling families to the brink. More kids need foster homes than ever before. You can help urgently recruit, train and support foster carers for children in need by donating to **MacKillop Family Services**. Go to [www.mackillop.org.au](http://www.mackillop.org.au)

**Online Retreat:** *Many of us are having something of a desert experience during this time of Covid19 so to help us find God or at least hear God more clearly at this time a guided retreat may be of help for you.* Our Pastoral Associate, Bernadette Carr is offering an online retreat which starts **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** and runs each day until **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. The retreat starts online at 9am, after about 45mins there will be some reflection time followed by an hour or so online at 11am.  
If you are interested please email [bernadette.carr@cam.org.au](mailto:bernadette.carr@cam.org.au) by Sunday evening.



**School Enrolment Applications for Prep in 2021** at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's



Schools are **now open**. Contact the School Office for more information, application forms, details of virtual school tours etc.

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