



# 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.*

## Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) - Sunday 24 April 2022

Our readings are: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

### PARISH CHURCHES:

**St Brigid's,**  
520 Main St, Mordialloc

**St Louis de Montfort's,**  
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrew Jekot**

### ASSISTANT PRIEST:

**Fr Hoang Dinh**

### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Hoang,**  
**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

### PARISH COORDINATOR:

**Ann Fitzgerald**

### BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

**Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931**  
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9am - 4pm



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Parish Website



Mass Online

### PARISH LINKS:

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[melbcatholic.org/  
mordialloc-aspendale](http://melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale)

Live-streamed Mass

[m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass](http://m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass)  
[Saturday 6pm](#) and [Sunday 8am](#)

[m.stmaryofthecross.com/news](http://m.stmaryofthecross.com/news)

### Gospel Reflection

Of all four Gospels, John the evangelist's chief aim outlined in his Prologue is to bring non-believers, doubters and those with partial faith into full faith. Faith in Jesus is to acknowledge that He is from God, who is God in nature and shares a deep relationship with God, the Father.

To cut the Doubtful Thomas a bit of slack many people of our generation have reasons to be sceptics since we live in a period of rampant misinformation and disinformation campaigns. Furthermore, there have been scientific discoveries debunking many fundamentalist biblical claims such as the world was flat (Galileo proved otherwise) or the world is only 6,000 years old (millions of years rather). Science has in fact helped us discover more and more about our Creator and an exciting re-reading of the Sacred Scriptures!



*Happy are those who have  
not seen and yet believe*

There are stories in the bible that we shouldn't take literally and those that should be taken literally. The bible is overall a book of meaning and not a scientific book. Thomas had a scientist mindset, seeing is believing, but faith requires us to believe without seeing (whilst reverences science and refuses to buy into the mutually exclusive faith and reason).

Had Jesus appeared to everyone including those religious and political leaders he would have made things easier in terms of conversion and saved the apostles from persecutions! But faith doesn't work like that! Sure there were signs that helped people believe and there are signs that need to be seen through the eyes of faith!

*by Fr Hoang Dinh*

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather  
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

# Parish News

## Mass Updates

- Please note that there will be **NO Communion Service** on **Monday 25 April** as it is a public holiday for Anzac Day.
- **Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April** will be held in the **St Louis' School Hall** for the **Feast of St Louis de Montfort**. Mass will be celebrated with the whole of St Louis' de Montfort School and everyone is welcome.

## Collections over Holy Week - Thank you!

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the Special Collections over Holy week.

The Holy Places collection raised \$1,304, the St Vincent de Paul collection raised \$2,804 and the Project Compassion to date has raised \$1,540. **Your generosity is appreciated.**

## What is God asking of the Church today?

At our successful Divine Renovation/Alpha "Watch Party" held last month we listened to a discussion between Revd Nicky Gumbel, Fr James Mallon & Bishop Robert Barron. All attendees were asked - **"What is God asking me to commit to personally?"** A summary of these anonymous commitments can be viewed on posters in our church foyers.



**Baptisms this weekend!**

We welcome into our Parish family:

**Indie Jay, Caleb James, Alma**

*God has you in His hands on this special day. With every little step you take, He guides you on your way.*



**Thank You!**



**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) and donate online.



**Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**St Mary of the Cross Parish Prayer Group**

*"All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."*  
Acts 1:14

**SATURDAY 7 MAY 2022**

**Come join us in reciting the Holy Rosary.**  
**4:30pm - 5:30pm**



## Caritas Australia – Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Over 4.4 million people have been forced to flee their homes - including 1.5 million children. **It is estimated that 12 million people in Ukraine will need humanitarian assistance.** Your generous donation today can make a real difference to the lives of people still in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries. Please donate at [caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine](http://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine) or contact 1800 024 413.



## St Mary's BASP Trivia Night

The St Mary's BASP Trivia Night is on again on **Friday 6 May**, online of course! As always it will be a convivial night of brain-bending trivia and support a good cause. The trivia night is presented by St Mary's Hampton with the support of St Mary's Community Foundation, in support of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. For more details please go to [cohdig.co/trivia](http://cohdig.co/trivia).

## Parish News

### Flood Appeal – Society Of St Vincent De Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to **support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society** in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or by calling Queensland – (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales – (02) 9568 0262.



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia

For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of [Aid to the Church in Need](http://Aid to the Church in Need) (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the

pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today?

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion online training



ACU

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. **Classes start April 27.** For further information see our [website](http://website) or contact the Centre on (02)9701 4751 or [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au).

### Mount Eliza Social Justice Group

You are invited to The St. Thomas More Social Justice Group Forum on Affordable Housing for People on Very Low Incomes at the school gym on **Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm - 9.30pm**. John Baker - CEO Mornington Peninsula Shire, John McKenzie – Seaford Housing Action Coalition, and Russell Joseph – President Peninsula Community Housing Inc. will speak about this important local and Australia-wide issue. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to continue to discuss ideas over supper. On behalf of the Mount Eliza Social Justice Group.

**Forum on Affordable Housing for  
People on Very Low Incomes**

### The stained glass windows at St Brigid's Church are dedicated to the 58 & 59th Battalions.

*Lord, as you loved us so completely that you gave your  
only Son in sacrifice that we might live anew in you,  
grant eternal rest to those who gave of themselves in  
service and sacrifice for those they loved and cared for.  
In every way that we can gather today, may we  
remember them.*

*-Most Rev Peter A Comensoli-*



### Mass Of Thanksgiving For Health & Aged Care Workers

**Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne**

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.

### Mass To Commemorate Those Who Have Died During The Covid Pandemic

**Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne**

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online [surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF](http://surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF). The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

## Recent Deaths

Mary Camilleri (sister of Carmela Dimech)

## Anniversaries

Jose De La Luz Amaya Diaz, Grace Birch, Donald Booth, Patrick Buicke, Matteo Camerino, Frances Carrick, Mario Cortes, Salvatore Costanzo, Agostina Covello, Alice Dickinson, Donald Dunstall, Euria Gutierrez, Doug Hallam, Pierre Joshua, Shirley Le Breton, Georges Louis, Pam MacDonald, Edward (Ted) Maguire, Michael Maher, Doreen Power, Lily Rodrigues, Chris Ryan, Phil Ryan, Letty Saddler, Norm Smith, Harold Smith, Lon Vaisutis, Victor Vellozo, Pauline Watts, Winifred Wraight

## Healing Prayers Asked For

Maureen Hepburn, Srijana Shakya, Jan Mitula, Helen Pedrazzini, John Nicholson, Jason Turner, Serena Zienau, Amelia Terry, Michele Ives, Minnie Joseph, Odette Ward, Pat McDonald, Sam Finnochiaro, Lisa Downing, Sophia Bicos, Mary Jane Duffy, Ian Anderson

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

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
- Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432  
Fr Hoang Dinh ... 03 9412 8432  
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849  
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799  
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522  
Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049  
Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184  
Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

## Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

| 3rd Sunday of Easter - Sunday 1 May 2022                                          |                                           |                           |                              |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41, Rev 5:11-14, John 21:1-19                          |                                           |                           |                              |                               |
|                                                                                   | 6p.m. (A)                                 | 8.00a.m. (M)              | 9.30 a.m. (A)                | 11a.m. (M)                    |
| <b>Reader</b>                                                                     | Patrick Jurd                              | Barry Wheeler             | Niko Tovia                   | Tim Plant                     |
| <b>Commentator</b>                                                                | Carmel Grace                              | Graham Jones              | Lisa Tuke                    | Beverley Plant                |
| <b>Special Minister</b>                                                           | Sonia Williams                            | Marlene Tangso            | Ron Schneider-Loos           | Helen Rocks                   |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                                                                  | Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn                 | Jane Standish & Volunteer | Berna Wake & Maureen Wraight | Vanessa Fernandes & Volunteer |
| <b>Welcomers' please note this is a 'cuppa' weekend, we appreciate your help.</b> |                                           |                           |                              |                               |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                                                                  | Susan Dornom                              | Fred Burns                | Tony Allday                  | Glenice Laughlin              |
| <b>Counters</b>                                                                   | Joe Corda, Nelson Popley and Debra Joseph |                           |                              |                               |

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love is everlasting.**



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### PARISH MASS TIMES

#### WEEKENDS:

##### Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

##### Sunday

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

#### WEEKDAYS:

**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 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

### 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)



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our Parish



If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office

**Our Parish Mission**



**Love God, Love Others,  
Make Disciples**