



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.*

6th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 22 May 2022

Our readings are: Acts 15:1-2,22-29, Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23, John 14:23-29

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

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Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

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

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
Saturday 6pm and **Sunday 8am**

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection - Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29

Today we recognise 'World Communications Day - Listening with the ear of the heart'

When we think of communications, most of us look at it from the point of view of the person who is speaking. We think about the best ways to address our audience. In his message for World Communications Day this year, however, Pope Francis looks at communication from the perspective of the person who is addressed. His theme is listening. He reminds us that communication is a two-way process, involving a speaker and a listener. Communication is effective when each partner has an opportunity to speak and to listen.



When we focus on listening rather than speaking we notice things that might otherwise escape us. We recognise how strong in all of us is the desire to be listened to and understood. Pope Francis speaks of the universal and "boundless desire to be heard". This passionate desire explains in part why people find social media so appealing, and how destructive its effects can be. It gives ordinary people who would otherwise never find people to listen to them the opportunity to speak and be heard. Unfortunately, they will find themselves not listened to, but judged, mocked and condemned without a hearing. It does not help people to communicate but only to shout at one another. The result is that people then confine their communication to people with whom they agree. They do not seek the truth but trade in their own version of it.

Pope Francis sees listening as a gift that we need to nurture, not something that we do naturally and can take for granted. Nor does taking it in turns to speak guarantee that we shall listen to the other person. In our homes as well as in public conversation in Parliament, newspapers and on television, communication can degenerate into serial monologues in which no one listens and all go away dissatisfied.

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

Gospel Reflection - Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29 continued...

Good listening does not take place only through the ears but also through the heart. We treasure what we hear in our hearts, making space in silence to be touched and surprised by what we hear and so to enter the other person's world and life with compassion.

We often speak of God's Word and imagine God's communication as one in which God speaks and we listen. Actually, in our relationship with God, God spends most of the time listening, hoping we might leave a silent space when we are open to hear God's still voice.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that God speaks through Jesus' words. So, listening means keeping and treasuring Jesus' message. Jesus also reminds us that the Spirit makes Jesus' words and actions in the Gospel come alive. He also reminds us that a central feature of our listening to God's Word is that it brings peace. Words that come from and feed anxiety are not from God.

Homily notes prepared by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ for the Australian Catholic Media Council.

By Michelle Barron

Parish News

Opening our churches outside of Mass times

Do you have a spare hour or two to buddy up with another to open our churches outside of Mass times? Many of us know how happy we are to come across an open church where we can drop in and pay a visit, spending some time in quiet prayer in the presence of our Lord. If you can serve in this way, please contact berna.wake@cam.org.au



Scripture and Friendship Group

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 24th May**. We will meet at Ann's home in **Aspendale at 10am**. A time for a cuppa, a chat and discussion / reflection on the Sunday's gospel in friendship and faith. This group is open to all — come and see. For more info contact Ann - 0425712741 or Carmel - 0425773608.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

A two year hiatus from this process due to Covid means it is now time to resume this process. Anyone who would like to be part of this very rewarding journey of walking with adults who are seeking to become Catholics and members of our parish, please contact me: Fr. Andrew andrew.jekot@cam.org.au *No qualifications required other than a desire to share your faith journey with others.*



Save the Date - Wednesday 25 May, 7 - 8.30pm - Special online Guest Speaker presented by JAG

Sherry Balcombe - Manager of Australian Catholic Ministry, Victoria

Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world. Where are we? Where are we going? What kind of future Australia do we want to leave our children and descendants? A time to reflect and space to think about actions in the future. **Register in advance for this online presentation and discussion:**

caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF

Vocations | Seminary Enquiry Day

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 28 May**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner. If you would like to attend or nominate someone you know please contact the Parish office.

vocationsmelbourne.org

Longbeach Parishes Luncheon

The Longbeach Parishes (St Mary's of the Cross and St Joseph's) luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 25 May** at Ace's Restaurant in Springvale Rd / corner of Hutton Rd. All are welcome to attend but please advise Pat Adams on 0448-866-020, or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733 for bookings.



Parish News

'Tending Our Winter Heart: Live-in Weekend Retreat'

On **Friday 10 June, 4pm - Sun 12 June, 4pm**, we invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful surroundings of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$300 including accommodation and catering. **Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation**, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne



Join us for THE SEARCH - a new & impactful video-based series coming to our parish

THE SEARCH is part of the digital Catholic streaming service Formed.org developed by the acclaimed Augustine Institute.

THE SEARCH leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach. **THE SEARCH** guides viewers through a crescendo of seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith.

Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

THE SEARCH is best experienced with others. We will be offering this seven-part series for all parishioners to join, **commencing Tuesday 7 June from 6.30-8pm at St Louis**. We will begin with a light meal, followed by the 30 minute video and then we will discuss together in small groups. If you are looking for answers and wanting to deepen your faith, **THE SEARCH** is for you! The dates for the sessions are: 7 June, 21 June, 28 June, 5 July, 12 July, 19 July and 2 August. **Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk, all are welcome!**

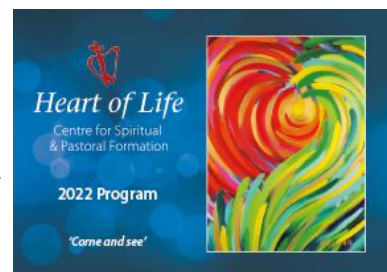


Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow

ACN has launched its "Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow" global campaign. For 75 years, the benefactors of Aid to the Church in Need have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Please read and reflect on their stories and discern to help us, spiritually and financially, to form the priests of tomorrow. These young men never cease to pray for the benefactors who assisted them on their journey. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do. Visit aidtochurch.org/seminariansglobal

Heart of Life is a centre for spiritual and pastoral formation

Come join our 'Taster Session' Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom. Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via trybooking.com/BZAWV, or email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.



Congratulations Year 4 Students

We congratulate the Year 4 students from St. Brigid's school who received the Eucharist for the first time last Sunday afternoon. **Congratulations also go to 2 of the 4 classes from St. Louis' school** whose special First Eucharist celebrations are this Sunday and the other 2 classes on Sunday the 29th May. We continue to pray for these children and their families.

We welcome and thank Fr. Peter Matheson for assisting with some masses this weekend and the following weekend during this time of First Eucharist celebrations.

Recent Deaths

Geraldine Brunner (sister of Rodger Smith)

Anniversaries

Faust Alphonso, Dianna Atherton, Margarette Chung Yew, Rosario Costanzo, Brian Cuffley, Eileen Dart, Gaetano DiBenedetto, Vincent Fernandes, Scarlett Forde, Laurence McCann Hudson, Michele Inguanti, Dulcie Kulman, Branka Kuzmar, Olive Maguire, Jane Mannix, Mireille Martin, Ted Munro, Don Newcombe, James S Noonan, Robert (Bob) Orchard, Dorothy Partleton, Bill Perry, Carl Perry, Emily Perry, Les Perry, Winston Perry, John Pompei, Frank Rankin, Hilda Sequiera, Barry Skehan, Lucia Soupe, John Wain

Healing Prayers Asked For

Peter Hopkins, Bridie Duggan, Dermot Duggan, Peter Grove, Sharon Stevenson, Rachel Stone Lynch, 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, Danielle Spencer

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and have read and signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Copies are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office.

For 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

The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday 29th May 2022

Readings (Year C): Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Julius Lau	Frances North	Lisa Tuke	Vikki Fitzgerald
Commentator	Julie Barnhoorn	Angela Meo	Brenda O'Leary	Mark Carrazzo
Special Minister	Pauline Parker	Marlene Tangso	Felice Cortese	Jaun Wilson
Welcomers	Anthony Barnhoorn Ann Brennan	Wence & Paula Rodrigues	Maureen Wraight Rosemary Miller	Jack Meyer Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Anthony Barnhoorn, Helen & Kelvin Rocks			
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

O God, let all the nations praise you!



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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
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sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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

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