



# 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.*

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 12 September 2021

Our readings are: **Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35**

### PARISH CHURCHES:

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

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

### PARISH PRIEST:

**Fr Andrew Jekot**

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &  
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## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reflects the importance of understanding who Jesus was and what His mission was. He knew that He came to Earth in order to love and care for others, but that ultimately God's plan was for Him to suffer and die. His closest followers did not understand how victory could come through death, but Jesus recognized that glory would come through suffering. We rejoice that because of His death, we have eternal life.



Jesus speaks of following him and taking up the cross. He means that we will have to endure the suffering and the difficult times if we are to be his followers. We've all experienced it: life was wonderful and everything seemed to be going along smoothly. Your career and relationships were moving forward with no conflicts or stress. Your family members were healthy. You knew you were loved, and you were surrounded by your loved ones.

And then, it happened. The pandemic struck. A phone call reporting an accident or death. Your child or parent has become sick. A job has been lost. Whatever it was, things changed for you and your family. The situation in Afghanistan. There was no going back to before.

I imagine that Peter and the Apostles experienced that same sinking feeling when they heard Jesus say that he would have to suffer and die. After all, things had been going so well for Jesus and his friends as they traveled from town to town, teaching the crowds and healing the sick.

As we embrace the cross and accept the consequences of following Jesus the Christ, we can find comfort and strength in the knowledge that the cross was not the end for Jesus and it is

not the end of our story either. Jesus conquered death. The Resurrection transforms the cross — his and ours — into a sign of hope and life.

**by Michelle Barron**

## PARISH NEWS:

### PARISH MASSES: MASSES CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK!!

Due to the state wide **extended lockdown**, there will be no Masses this week. Mass will be livestreamed from **St Louis'** at **6pm** on **Saturday** and will be available online from any time after this. Go to [youtu.be/RVE6gjLAHTg](https://youtu.be/RVE6gjLAHTg) or the parish website [melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale](https://melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale) or search **YouTube** for **'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'**.

*\*\*\*Stop Press. There has been a lifting of the restriction that the same 5 people are required for the live streaming of mass each week. You will see some different faces in the next few weeks. Thank you to Carmel and Mick Barker for their willingness and endurance! . Fr. Andrew \*\*\*\**



**Scripture & Friendship Group** — Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is this week on the **14<sup>th</sup> of September at 10am - 11.30am** and because of the current restrictions it will be **via Zoom**:

[us02web.zoom.us/j/84738229211?pwd=bjB2YVpRUepTZ2Z0Ymd3WG1CNWdVdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84738229211?pwd=bjB2YVpRUepTZ2Z0Ymd3WG1CNWdVdz09)



**Zoom Coffee with Fr. Andrew** — Are you free for a coffee or tea this Thursday (16th September) at 10.30am? I would love some company. Tell me about your most exotic coffee or tea blends.

[us02web.zoom.us/j/82221923296?pwd=TVk4TzBLNUV6QlZoQkZmNk5wYlpFZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221923296?pwd=TVk4TzBLNUV6QlZoQkZmNk5wYlpFZz09)

**Priest Retirement fund — Fathers Day appeal** Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be held, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website. This can be done via direct debit, credit card or Paypal. Please go to [cam.org.au/foundation](https://cam.org.au/foundation).

**Sincere thanks for your support of the Priests Retirement Foundation**



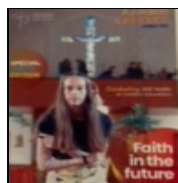
**Lockdown Light** — Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

- **Podcasts for Christian living: Unity in marriage (part 1)** — In this podcast, Catholic counsellors, Dr Bob Schuchts and Jake Khym discuss how marriage is a union of two broken people, and yet when the love of God is invited in, unity is made possible. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2](https://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2)
- **Getting to know your Bible: Exploring the Gospels**

As Christians, we have four accounts of the life of Jesus, called Gospels. How should we read them?

**Getting started:** This video by a Franciscan priest looks at how it's possible to understand different Gospel accounts and stories about Jesus. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2](https://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2)

**Going deeper:** This year, we are reading Mark's Gospel at Mass. This video provides an introduction into the crafting and structure of the Gospel and the portrait of Jesus presented. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2](https://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2)



**Australian Catholics Magazine Spring 2021 Edition** Please pick up a copy of the Spring 2021 Edition of the Australian Catholics Magazine. These have been placed outside both St Brigid's and St Louis' in a box near the newsletter for collection. The magazine has some interesting articles for your lock down reading, on 'Hope in community' and 'St Mary of the Cross MacKillop'



**Safeguarding Sunday - 12th Sept** — This weekend we highlight the issue of Child Safety. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people in our community. Remember that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Our Safeguarding Team is working to ensure we are a Child Safe Parish. Even during lockdowns they have been meeting monthly and doing Risk Assessments for all our Parish activities so we have procedures and policies in place to protect our children. If you volunteer for any of the Parish ministries you must have a current Working With Children Check linked to our Parish. You will also need to have read and agreed with our Code Of Conduct. Our Safeguarding Team will be following this up to ensure all volunteers are compliant with this requirement. For more information go to the Safeguarding section of our Parish website or contact one of our Safeguarding Team. To see the Church's response go to:-

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday).

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### **Safeguarding Prayer —**

**Gracious God**, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**

