



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.*

Corpus Christi – Body & Blood of Christ – 6th June 2021

Our readings are: **EXODUS 24: 3-8; HEBREWS 9: 11-15; MARK 14: 16, 22-26**

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
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Ann Fitzgerald
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**[www.melbcatholic.org/
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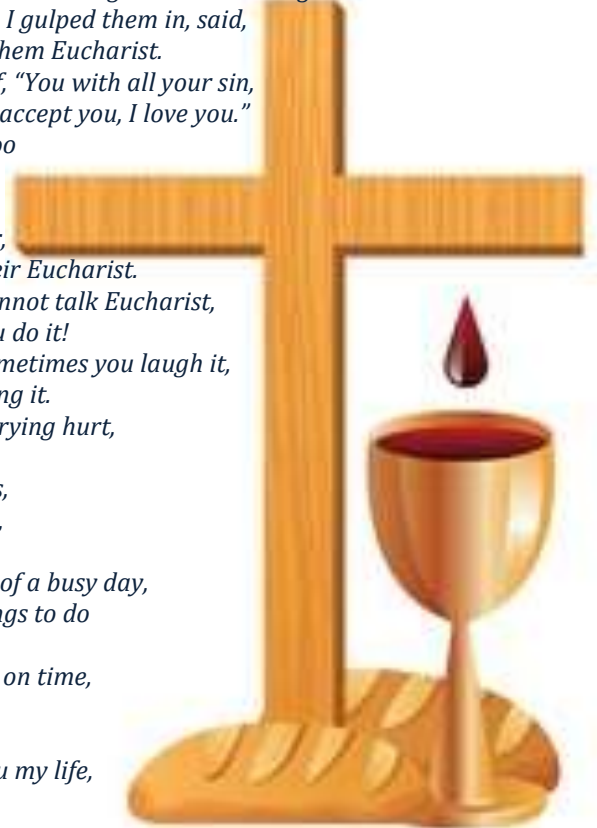
Gospel Reflection: *from Jodie Marziano*

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ otherwise known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant. While we are unable to physically receive these gifts in the Mass currently, we spiritually receive the gifts through our relationships with God and others in our lives.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*) and to recognise the visible signs of the invisible grace of God in our everyday lives. It reminds me of the following;

Eucharist

*He was old, tired, and sweaty, pushing his homemade cart down the alley,
stopping now and then to poke around in somebody's garbage.
I wanted to tell him about Eucharist, but the look in his eyes, the despair on his face,
the hopelessness of somebody else's life in his cart, told me to forget it.
So I smiled, said "Hi!"—and gave him Eucharist.
She lived alone, her husband dead, her family gone, and she talked at you, not to you;
words, endless words, spewed out. So I listened— and gave her Eucharist.
Downtown is nice, lights change from red to green and back again.
Flashing blues, pinks, and oranges. I gulped them in, said,
"Thank you, Father"—and made them Eucharist.
I laughed at myself and told myself, "You with all your sin,
all your selfishness, I forgive you, I accept you, I love you."
It's nice—and so very necessary too
—to give your- self Eucharist.
Tired, weary, disgusted, lonely,
go to your friends, open their door,
say, "Look at me"—and receive their Eucharist.
My God, when will we learn you cannot talk Eucharist,
cannot philosophize about it— you do it!
You don't dogmatize Eucharist; sometimes you laugh it,
some- times you cry it, often you sing it.
Sometimes it's a wild peace, then crying hurt,
often humiliating, never deserved.
You see Eucharist in another's eyes,
give it in another's hand held tight,
squeeze it in an embrace.
You pause Eucharist in the middle of a busy day,
speak Eucharist with a million things to do
and a person who wants to talk.
For Eucharist is as simple as being on time,
and as profound as sympathy.
I give you my supper,
I give you my sustenance, I give you my life,
I give you me,
I give you . . . Eucharist.
(Author unknown)*



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: In order to help prevent the spread of Corona Virus **ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED** for the next week. Recorded Masses will be available to view online via our Parish website www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale

Parish Events:

JAG Guest Speaker Night: Our Justice Action Group (JAG) invites you to come along to their upcoming special Guest Speaker Night.



Do not miss the opportunity to hear **Senator Lidia Thorpe** speak to our community on:
Wednesday 18th August 7-8.30pm
at **St Louis' Church**.

Lidia Thorpe is a Senator for Victoria a proud Gannai Gunditjmarra and Djab Wurrung woman, lifelong activist and fighter for human rights, social justice and the environment.

Lidia is Victoria's first Aboriginal Senator in the federal parliament.

Lidia Thorpe grew up in the Collingwood Housing Commission flats, the granddaughter of one of the founders of the Victorian Aboriginal

Health Service, and is a life-long activist. She has raised three children, is a survivor of domestic violence, and completed her university education as an adult. Her professional background includes work in public policy, advocacy, small business, government and NGOs, always with a focus on activism and social justice. Senator Thorpe's presentation is certain to be thought provoking and inspiring. All are welcome, please come along.



JAG Meeting: Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) invites you to join them via Zoom for their next meeting at **7.30pm** on **Wednesday 9th June**.

All JAG members will be sent a Zoom link to this meeting.

If you would like to be included in this JAG meeting please contact Sandy at:

sandy.lindfield@bigpond.com



Scripture & Friendship Group: meet on **2nd & 4th Tuesday** of each month and their next gathering is this week on **Tuesday 8th June 10am - 11.30am** and because of the current restrictions it will be **via Zoom**. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85458924561?pwd=TkJwSjNYd0FCTmpqL280Y0ZjYnN5QT09>

All welcome to join to discuss and share the relevance of the Sunday Gospel to our daily lives.

For more info contact: **Ann Brennan 0425 712 741** or **Carmel Barker 0425 773 608**



St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group will resume meeting and praying the rosary together after all the 'Open the Doors' meetings have finished which will now be later than the June date previously advertised.

Archbishop's Pentecost Letter: 'Take the Way of the Gospel - Re-imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities'

This letter is an invitation to come together and discern our common mission for the future. Copies of Archbishop Comensoli's Pastoral Letter are available in the Church Foyer or go to:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishop-comensoli-releases-pastoral-letter-at-pentecost>



Chaplaincy Appeal: We encourage you to donate to **CatholicCare's Chaplaincy Appeal** which supports Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth justice centres and those living with HIV/AIDS. Donations can be made using the envelopes in the Church foyer or online at www.ccam.org.au



Parish News:

Opening the Doors – Christ's Love at the Centre of our Parish

Due to the current restrictions imposed by the Victorian government as a result of the latest Covid outbreak in Melbourne the last two of our "Opening the Doors" Parish Renewal presentations will be re-scheduled.

New dates will announced when restrictions are lifted.

I do hope that you will join me for these important presentations.

Even if you haven't been able to make it to the first two weeks, please do come along as we will provide a recap when we next meet,

We are now half way through our 4-week series of presentations on our parish renewal.

In **Week 1** we reviewed where the Catholic Church is at in Australia and what has been happening in our own parish.

In **Week 2** we shared where our Church and Parish is being called, a return to the Great Commission that Jesus gave to his disciples over 2000 years ago:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded of you."
(Matthew 28:19-20)

We are called to love God, love others and make disciples, this is our parish mission.

In **Week 3**, we will outline the 5 Foundations for healthy, fruitful parish growth, and explain the process going forward.

In the **final week** we will bring everything together, with a clear plan of action that invites your participation. Even if you haven't been able to attend the first two weeks, I encourage you to attend the remaining two weeks. Please do join me

Fr Andrew



Next Week's Roster:

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 12th & 13th June 2021: READERS - please see Father before Mass

Our readings are: **EZEKIEL 17: 22-24; 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-10; MARK 4: 26-34**

6PM MASS **Reader** Ann Brennan
Commentator Jenny Ferguson
Special Minister Deb Poynton
Welcomers: Julie Buick, Joanne Partleton

8AM MASS **Reader** Barry Wheeler
Commentator Sr Deidre Malone
Special Minister Marlene Tangso
Welcomers: Odette Budge, Jane Standish

9.30AM MASS **Reader** Maureen Wraight
Commentator Phillip Morris
Special Minister Mary Nayna
Welcomers: Trish & Barry LeBrocq

11AM MASS **Reader** Gail Selwyn
Commentator Peter Hannan
Special Minister Peter Wain
Welcomers: Louise Breslin, Lucy Cameron

Counters: Aspendale: Mary & Serge Nayna **Mordialloc:** Glenice Laughlin, Debra Joseph

New Roster: for Readers, Special Ministers, Counters and Welcomers for the next few months will be available next week.

Special Thanks to our team of **volunteer welcomers** who are helping to ensure we are complying with all the current health regulations and keeping our Parish Covid Safe.

Would you like to help out with this important role? Please contact the Parish Office.



PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be omitted from this roster. Volunteers 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. If you have any concerns about any Child Safety issues 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

Corpus Christi:

Recently Deceased:

Marie Garlick (wife of Barry Garlick)

Anniversaries: Eluvia Cassano, Frances Pujol, Sheila Bailey, Patricia Miller, Maria Rodolico, Joyce Sims, Deborah Williams, Daniel Farren, William Magee, Zita O'Kane, Bob Saunders, William Coghlan, Mario Deluca, Ronnie Jackson, Pauline Jones, Theodore Lazaro, Margaret McHaffie, Bernard Noonan, Anne Scanlan, Ken Atherton, Natalie Cass, Pat Dundon, Vita (Maria) Rapisarda, Elizabeth Zerdoner, Debbie Dawkins, James (Jim) O'Meara, Brian Sayers, Gary Wilde.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Lindsey Edwards, Laura Bruder, Liam Campbell, David Marshall, Helen Pedrazzini, Peter Spencer, John Meneses, Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Bernadette Munro, Maureen Hepburn, George Caruana. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*

First Eucharist Masses: There were two more special First Eucharist Masses scheduled for this Sunday for some of the Year 4 students at St Louis' School. These Masses have been postponed due to the current lockdown. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they wait patiently to receive this sacrament for the first time.



Online Schooling: All our schools have returned to online classes due to the current restrictions. We thank our teachers and parents for all the hard work in enabling online learning and also for looking after our vulnerable students and the children of essential workers.

Parish Masses:

MASSES CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK.



Due to extension of the **lockdown** in Melbourne for another 7 days there will be no Masses this week.

Mass will be livestreamed from **St Louis'** at **6pm** on **Saturday** and will be available to be viewed online from any time after this.

Go to <https://youtu.be/RiYI9CvmV4M> or to our website www.melbocatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale or search You Tube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.

It is hoped that Masses will resume next weekend.

TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE.



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PARISH MASS TIMES:

WEEKENDS: *(QR Coding essential)*

Saturday:

6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday:

8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

11am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

WEEKDAYS: *(QR Coding essential)*

Monday (Corpus Christi)
9.15am - St Louis'

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis'

Wednesday 9.15am - 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

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

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



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.

