



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.*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 29 August 2021

Our readings are: **Deut 4:1-2, 6-8-18; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

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 &
Kristian Tangso**

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Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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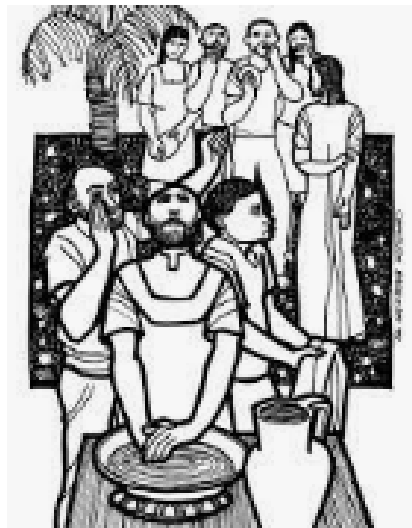
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REFLECTION:



This week we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. An issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders.

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

This is what Jesus criticised in his fellow Jews: you think you are good people by observing all the traditions about external things without caring about their spirit. For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity. Jesus proclaims a religion that is a religion of the heart. He is not interested in external things, for these cannot defile a person, but what lies in our hearts is the source of our actions.

Reflection Continued: The distinction between the way of life of the Pharisees and the deeper meaning given by Jesus is clearly stated. We can become very shallow if we only fulfill the 'obligations' of society and pay no attention to where our heart is. God tells us that we are important, that we are loved by Him, and helps us to live that deeper life and so appreciate the gifts below the surface.

Today's Gospel message is also reinforced by the voice of the Apostle James, who tells us, in brief, what *true religion* is meant to be, and he says: pure religion is "to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (Jas 1:27). "To visit orphans and widows" means to practice charity toward neighbours, beginning with the neediest, frailest, most marginalized people. They are the people whom God takes care of in a special way, and he asks us to do the same. Jesus is impressing upon us the need to act upon his word. It is not enough to honour him with our lips. One can argue with words, but deeds speak for themselves. This is reiterated by Apostle James, "let me be a doer of the word, and not a forgetful hearer. If I am a doer that acts, I shall be blessed in my doing."

Mary Coloe PBVM asks 'What about us today? When we hear the Word of Scripture in the Liturgy, do we just listen to it or do we hear the deep challenge to put this Word into action in our lives?' How are we responding to Jesus and James as they urge hearing and observing the ways of God. Deeds, not words, are required. Are we genuine, active Christians? **by Jodie Marziano**

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 to be viewed online from any time after this. Go to <https://youtu.be/jDH3w--6hFw> go to our website www.melbcatholic.org/mordialloc-aspendale or search

YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew'.



Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon – As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises. In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even

hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights. Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have expressed their solidarity with the local Afghan community and their families back home. 'Afghans hold an important place in the hearts of Victorians, especially at this difficult time'.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bishops-of-victoria-express-solidarity-with-afghan-community>.
Caritas Australia - End poverty, Promote justice and Uphold dignity



Baptism Coordinator – I thank **Deb Poynton** for accepting to take on this role as the parish Baptism Coordinator. All enquiries regarding this sacrament will be handled by Deb. Her contact details are now on the front page of the newsletter.



PARISH NEWS:



Social Justice Sunday – We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August**. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845. The Statement is available on our parish website.

Pondering Grief – On **Saturday 4th September at 10am-3.30pm** the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation is hosting a reflection event via zoom. Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experience and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$60. Bookings



Opening the Doors to Christ's love – I would like to announce the members of the Inaugural Senior Leadership Team (SLT). I am grateful to **Berna Wake, Trish Angliss and Kristian Tangso** who have indicated their interest in this role. The role is a 12 month appointment working for one day a week with the hours spread over a number of days. This team will be the driving force who will support me in seeing the ongoing progress of moving from a maintenance to a missionary based parish. A description of what the SLT roles involve have been mentioned during the Opening the Doors presentations. Information about the SLT work and progress will be communicated to the parish constantly. The Parish Pastoral Council's role will be revisited and announcements about their role will be shared in weeks to come. – **Fr. Andrew**



Coffee and Wine with Fr. Andrew: Bring along a glass of wine or a hot drink for a catch-up via Zoom this Tuesday evening 7.30pm 31st August. Let's say goodbye to winter together!!!!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84128654328?pwd=QWt0cmJPSDIPQTJBbFk2WUVNVXZyQT09>

Baptisms – Due to the current covid restrictions baptism's that were scheduled for **Sunday the 29th of August at St Brigid's Mordialloc** have been postponed to a later date.

"Lockdown suggestions and the Gratitude Challenge are listed on the parish website"

Next Week's Roster:

23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 4th & 5th September 2021: Our readings are: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31 - 37			
6PM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister Welcomers:	8AM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister
9.30AM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister Welcomers:	10.30AM MASS	Reader Commentator Special Minister Welcomers:
Counters:			

Masses and Communion Services are CANCELLED this week

22nd ORDINARY SUNDAY:

Recently Deceased:

Bernadette Munro (Sr Anita's sister)
Ray Dickinson (Chris Dickinson's Brother - St Louis')
Bronek Zukowski (Aspendale Gardens)

Anniversaries:

Ken Balm, Henry Mellan, Eileen O'Brien, Margaret Roberts, Antonietta La Sala, Dorothy O'Keeffe, Ricardo Vilca, Daniel P Farren, Benita Schneider-Loos, Megan Tomasetti (Levvey), Charles Barkley, Jose Mari Manahan, Maria Merlino, Sebastiana Musumeci, Joseph Rochford, Sr Susan Shannon, Les Woodhead, Bernard Bourke, Evan Jenkins, Margaret Jenkins, Charles Nichols, Julien Pigeot, Venera Barbagallo, Bernard Cleary, Eveleigh Vickers, Dr Janos Bogнар, Marcella Doran, Clara Dundon, Linda Jamieson, Jack Lanaway, Alan Brereton, Agnes Bugden, Kathleen Mary Doherty, Margaret Dow and Lena Saccio

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Bobby Bajram, Sue Kelly, Josie Tobin, Olivia Wright, Jarrod Le Brocq, Peter Waltho, Antonio Delprete, Lindsey Edwards, Laura Bruder, Liam Campbell, Patricia Carrazzo, David Marshall, Helen Pedrazzini, Peter Spencer, George Caruana, Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Lilah Finocchiaro and, Maureen Hepburn. *(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)*



Please note that all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and should have read and signed a copy of our Child Safety Code of Conduct. Copies are available at the Church or on our website. For any concerns about Child Safety issues please contact our Child Safeguarding Team listed below:

Fr Andrew Jekot 9412 8432	Susan Dornom 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss 0421 604 849	Louise Breslin 0415 963 799
Joanne Partleton 0413 133 184	Deb Poynton 0403 471 931
Judy Dickinson 0407 865 522	Robyn Worsnop 0412 814 592



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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:

9.15am - St Louis', Aspendale

Tuesday 10am - St Louis', Aspendale

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis', Aspendale

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

BAPTISM BOOKINGS

through Parish Office

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,

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Mordialloc

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

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Aspendale

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



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

TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS