



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

Feast of Christ the King 24 November 2024

Readings for Year B: Daniel 7: 13-14 Apocalypse 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37



Are we seeking His Kingdom?

In today's Gospel, Jesus stands before Pilate and is questioned about His kingship. Pilate's perspective is rooted in the world's understanding of power and authority, but Jesus reveals that His Kingdom is not of this world. His reign is not based on earthly politics, but on truth, love, and the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

Jesus invites us to recognize that His Kingdom is a Kingdom of justice, peace, and mercy, where truth is the foundation. By acknowledging Christ as King, we are called to live according to His values, not the fleeting values of this world.

As we approach Christ the King, let us reflect on how we live out His truth in our daily lives. Are we seeking His Kingdom above all else? May our hearts be open to His voice, so that we may follow Him faithfully as citizens of His eternal reign.

Michelle Barron
St Louis Primary School Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching Leader

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.



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Parish News



Advent Small Groups

Our Advent small groups will begin in the week of 25 November. An opportunity to discuss and reflect on the weekly Advent Readings. Everyone is welcome to sign up for one of the four groups at the Welcome Desk.



*Serve Ministers
Thank You
Luncheon*

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
PARISH HOUSE, MAIN ST
MORDIALLOC
12.00 - 2.00 PM

A chance to say thank you to all our wonderful Serve Ministers who help to make St Mary of the Cross such a welcoming and missionary parish. If you are a welcomer, help with a cuppa, give communion, sing in the choir, or do one of the many jobs that help our parish to run more smoothly, please join us for a light luncheon to be held in the Parish House grounds.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK FOR CATERING PURPOSES
PLEASE BYO CHAIR

Mens' Fellowship Group

Our end of year dinner is being held at **7pm on Friday 29 November at Chelsea Inn (Chinese) 232 Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights**. BYO alcohol only. All men welcome.

RSVP by **Fri 22 Nov**. Please text your name to 0411 075 631 or email: ajallday@optusnet.com.au

Vinnies Let's Do Christmas Lunch

Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to: **Let's Do Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 3rd December, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer**. Enjoy a Christmas themed lunch and carols performed by St Louis de Montfort School Choir. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk for catering purposes. All parishioners welcome.

Christmas Gifts that nurture the faith - on sale in the church foyers 30 Nov/1 Dec & 7/8 Dec & at our Advent Retreat (7 Dec)

Children's Bibles. The children's Bible is designed to help children (and adults) understand the greatest story of all time, from Adam and Eve to Jesus and the Apostles so that they appreciate how the stories connect to tell the one big story of our salvation. Also available are Catholic student diaries and Children's Rosary booklets. All proceeds from this sale will go to support the great work of the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**.



Sacred Art. Australian sacred artist, Kristian Tangso, will be selling prints of her original artworks, as well as prayer cards, mugs, Christmas cards, tags, baubles and candles. She greatly appreciates your support on her journey as a Catholic artist and her mission to lead many souls on the path of Beauty. Commissions are welcome in 2025.

Feel free to reach out to her via email on love.kristianjoy@gmail.com.

Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking (ACRATH)

The ACRATH calendar, first published in 2015 creates awareness of human trafficking globally and here in Australia and will be available for sale at \$10 each in the church foyers from mid -December.

Catechesis Class of 2024

This weekend we celebrate and pray for all the children in our Catechesis program who received First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation this year. Congratulations to Evie, Mia, Jasmine, Harley, Aaron, Harrison, Felix and Stefano.

Thanks to the team of Elizabeth, Carmel, Jenny and Gail who led them on their journey towards a deeper relationship with Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit continue to be present and guide them in their lives.

SAVE THE DATE

Advent Retreat

At St Brigid's church Sat 7 Dec 9.00am to 12.30pm. Come and take a prayer-filled break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas.

Anointing Masses

Tues 17 Dec 9.15am at St Louis.
Wed 18 Dec 10am at St Brigid's.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wed 18 Dec 7.30pm at St Brigid's.



News and Announcements



Baptism Celebrations - This Weekend

We welcome and pray for the following children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St Louis' on Sunday 24 November at 12.30pm.

Lachlan Frank, Marco Agostino Rex, Finn Anthony, Isla Ann and Lewis Anthony.

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



The Letter - A message for our earth

The Parish Earthcare team would like to thank all those who attended our special screening. If you missed it but would still like to watch this moving documentary here is a link to YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII&t=1925s>

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

Advent starts next week and the Christmas Trees will go up in our Churches. Our Mordialloc & Aspendale Vinnies Conferences invite you to donate non-perishable food items suitable for Christmas hampers which will be distributed to needy families in this area. Suggestions - Christmas treats, lollie's & chocolates, nuts & savoury nibbles, sweet & savoury biscuits, coffee, Milo, teabags, long-life milk, soft drinks, breakfast cereals, jams & spreads, bathroom & cleaning products. Vouchers and cash donations are also welcome. Please place items under the trees by **15 December**. Donations can be made online at www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 1812.

Thank you for your generosity.

Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul can call: 1800 305 330.

16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign led annually by UN women. It runs every year from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day). During the 16 Days of Activism, communities around the world join the call to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls, with a different focus each day. The JAG Domestic and Family Violence Team has prepared a prayer for each day. These are published in a booklet which will be available at all masses this weekend, on the parish website and via Facebook. Please join us in prayer for these 16 Days.

Share the Dignity

Help make Christmas brighter for women and girls in need by making up a bag of essential items for victims of Family Domestic Violence or homelessness. If you are able to make up a bag, please drop it off to one of



our church foyers by **1 December** and we will get them to the collection point at Bunnings. Fill up a good used or new handbag with items for a Mum, Mum and baby or Teenager.

There will be brochures in the foyer that list what can be included in the bags.

Use this link for more details or to make a donation **<https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/about/faqs>**



Justice Action Group Christmas Function

The JAG Christmas function will be held on **Wednesday, 11 December at 6:30pm**. The venue is Longbeach Chelsea RSL. Please let Judy Lamb know if you will be attending. Partners are most welcome. RSVP to Judy by 4 December to confirm our numbers. **judith@jml.net.au**

Parish Groups

St Louis Gardening Group

There will be a working bee on Monday (25/11) from 10.30am. Bring along some tools to tackle the weeds.

Kidz Zone

Will be available this weekend at all masses except 8am for children 5 to 12 years.

Prayer Ministry

An opportunity to have our prayer team pray with you, after all masses this weekend.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 30 NOV/1 DEC 2024

30 Nov/1 Dec 2024	1 st Sunday of Advent Readings (Yr C) Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 12, 4: 2 Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Marg De Vries	Debra Searle	Bernie Stuart	Marie Medlicott	Carmel Barker	Tom Hughes	Jan Hughes
8.00am (M)	Graham Jones	Tony Aloysious	Stephen Pooley	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Gerard Wagstaff	Maureen Wraight	Martin Newington	Alison Krishnadas	Rosemary Miller	Niko Tovia
11.00am (M)	Jennifer Rodrigues	Nola Petraitis	Juan Wilson	Peter Wain	Peter Hannan	Les D'Cruze	Christine D'Cruze
Counters	Group 2	Helen and Kelvin Rocks					

Recently deceased: Bianca Jones (Beaumaris in Thailand)

Anniversaries: Wendy Murren, George Kampf, Elsie Eddington, Joe Pecora, Babuji P.Y., Fermina Praddads Quilala, Julie Van de Garde, Lynette Gedling, Norina Castenetto, Yvonne Schneider-Loos, Elizabeth Ryan, Mary Lamb, Kenneth Balm, Derek Fernandez, Angela Angelone, Irene Wilson, Kevin Fernandez, Marie Cassidy, Lyell Renton, Glenda De Palo, Marie Elda Silarsah, Kathleen Cleary, Damien Jackson, Andy McManus, Maria Zagami, Jack Eddington, Joyce Newcombe, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Tess Rankin, Marie Temple, Errol Porter, Hazel Agnes Jellis, Louise Cotegah, Brenda Dorothy Payne, John Cincotta, Elizabeth Pigeot, Mary Foster, Didier Lubin, John Wallace, Christian John Kalis, Michael James Healy (snr), Michael Popley, Frank Chatelier, Mary Popley, Ingrid Ensil.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Nancy Selby, Sr Anita Le Clerq, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesols, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Marie Ella Bednarski, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Odette Ward, Louise Hawes, Holly Bowles.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

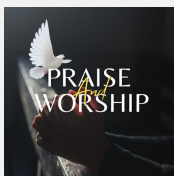
GROWING IN COMMUNITY & BELONGING AT ST MARY OF THE CROSS



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 5 - 12-year-olds.
 4th weekend of the month. All masses except 8am.



PRAYER MINISTRY
 Intercessory prayer.
 Last weekend of the month - all masses.



PRAISE & WORSHIP
 3rd Friday of the month
 7.30 - 8.30pm.
 Alternates between each church.

FORMED

**This Week on FORMED -
 St Andrew the Apostle
 Catholic Saints**

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St Andrew he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Jesus, Andrew and his brother Peter, left everything to follow Jesus. He provides a great example to all Christians.

Go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
 St Brigid's Sunday 8am
 St Louis Sunday 9.30am
 St Brigid's Sunday 11am
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
WEEKDAY MASSES
 St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service, St Louis Tuesday 9.15am, St Brigid's Wed 10am, St Louis Thurs 9.15am, St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
 St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm
RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
 St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

CONTACT US

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people & adults at risk in our community.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

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