



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.

3rd Sunday of Advent - Sunday 11 December 2022

Our readings are: Isaiah 35:1-6,10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11 Year: A

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 Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,

Berna Wake, Trish Angliss

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

PARISH HOUSE:

03 9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

[Saturday 6pm](#) and [Sunday 8am](#)

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

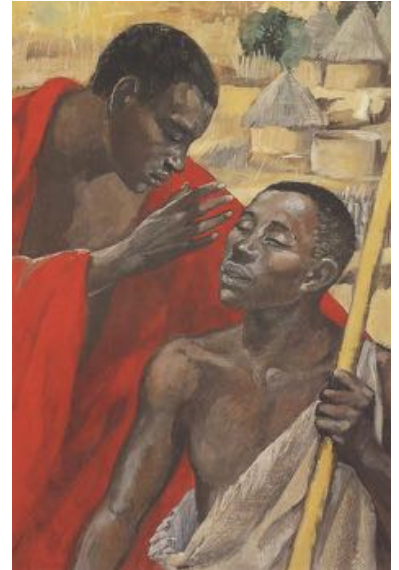
Gospel Reflection- Jesus cures the man born blind

This Sunday is called the Sunday to Rejoice.

This weekend we light the pink or rose coloured candle on our Advent Wreath.

The opening antiphon this Sunday encourages us with these words of hope, 'rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.'

In our gospel this Sunday, John is in prison. From his cell, he hears what Jesus is saying and doing. He sends his own followers to Jesus to ask if he is the one the people have been waiting for. Never one to give a simple or straight answer, he asks John's friends to tell him what they see themselves; the blind



see, the lame walk, the lepers are healed, the good news is proclaimed to the poor and even the dead raised to life. This is the Kingdom that Jesus came to establish and these are the signs of that kingdom. It is worth reminding ourselves that it was the rich, the powerful and those in authority who could not or would not welcome Jesus. Perhaps he was a threat to them, like John. But it was the poor who welcomed Jesus. It was the blind who saw him, it was the deaf who heard him, and it was the lame and crippled who followed him. They were neither threatened nor afraid of Jesus. The Jesus that came to the deaf, blind, poor and crippled in the gospel, is the same Jesus that comes to us, not only at Christmas but every day of our lives. Like those in the gospel, we too can choose whether to welcome him or to ignore him. He offers an invitation and waits for our response. The birth of Christ is celebrated at the darkest part of the year. Christ comes to enlighten not only our world but to enlighten each of our own personal lives as well.

Adapted from Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Tanya Stefanec (St Louis' de Montfort primary school)

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

Parish News



CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6pm Mass at St Louis' School Oval
- 8.00pm Carol singing followed by 8.30pm Mass in St Louis' Church
- 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.30am Mass in St Louis' Church
- 10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

Christmas Mass Times

End of Year School Masses

This coming Wednesday at 10am we hope that the St. Brigid's school community will join us for mass to celebrate the end of the school year (weather dependent).

St. Louis' school community will have their end of year mass this Thursday at 9.15am.

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Mercy Connect Melbourne is recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approx 1/2 a day per week for 4 school terms. Working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis for details - somml@bigpond.com or [9326 1895](tel:93261895).

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

St Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to place donations of non-perishable items suitable for Christmas hampers under the Parish Christmas trees. The hampers will be packed and distributed by SVDP to those in need in the Mordialloc & Aspendale area. Suggested items are sweet & savoury nibbles, beverages & soft drinks, jams & spreads or toiletries & cleaning products.

Gift vouchers and cash donations are welcome. Donations can be made at www.vinnies.org.au or [call 13 18 12](tel:131812).



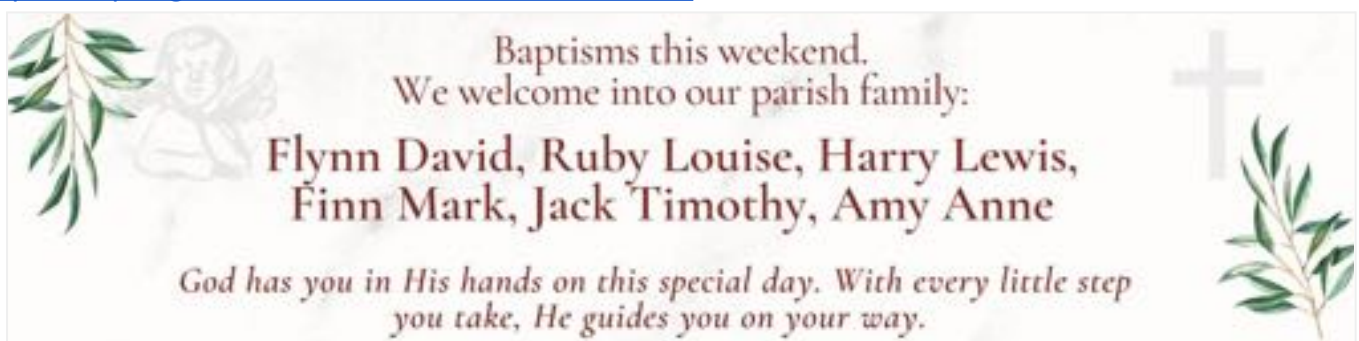
Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards The 2023 Columban Calendars (\$10 each) and SVDP Christmas Cards (\$3.50 for a pack of 5) can be purchased from the piety stalls after the weekend Masses.

Chelsea & District Inter-Church Council Christmas Carols, Ecumenical Service

This FREE EVENT will be held on **11 December at 6.30pm - 8.30pm**, LF Payne Hall, Station St, Chelsea. All are welcome! Gold coin donation appreciated, and refreshments can be purchased afterwards.

Council to Homeless Persons - Christmas Meal Services 2022

Each year, Council to Homeless Persons publishes a list of free meal services taking place around Victoria during the festive period. It aims to provide people without a home or those doing it tough with some options to enjoy a meal at Christmas. You can find the list of venues offering this service at <https://chp.org.au/article/christmas-meal-services/>



Baptisms this weekend.
We welcome into our parish family:

**Flynn David, Ruby Louise, Harry Lewis,
Finn Mark, Jack Timothy, Amy Anne**

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

Choir Practice for Christmas Eve 8pm & Midnight Masses

Singers & musicians all welcome

Practice times at 7.30pm:

St Brigid's 14 December & St Louis' 21 December

Contact Trish 0421 604 849 for more info

Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

Will be offered on Tuesday 20 December at St Brigid's Church at 7pm.

All welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVE MINISTERS CALLOUT

Our Christmas Masses allow us to welcome many guests & visitors.

Can you help to create a joyful, welcoming experience by serving in one of our ministry roles at one of our Christmas Masses?

We are looking for Welcomers, Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans & Parking Attendants (St Louis').

Sign-up sheets are located at our Welcome Desk or feel free to call the Parish Office on 9580 7981.

Cathedral concert: 'A Christmas Celebration'



St Patrick's Cathedral is celebrating the spirit of Christmas with carols across space and time, including an Acknowledgement of Country through music. A family concert of traditional and modern Christmas favourites, featuring Brass, organ and choir in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick's Cathedral will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

Performance will include audience participation, a children's segment and 'special guest' appearance. Tickets: \$25 at door or via trybooking. Children 15 years and under, admitted free. For any queries, email music@cam.org.au.

Please join for a cuppa after mass at all masses this weekend

Recently Deceased

Bonnie Wilkinson (St Louis' - Rosary 1:30pm & Funeral Mass 2pm on the 15th of December)

Anniversaries

Sebastian D'Imperio, Thomas Aspery, Bill Bateson, Ivy Bateson, Michael Bateson, John Beable, Bill Bristow, Carmel Cantwell, Dot Cartmar, Frank Cleary, Gwen Mary Coghlan, Vera Corda, Camillo Costanzo, Maria Teresa Costanzo, Pasqualina Costanzo, Cath Cuffley, Doris Genovese, Roy Glenister, Ernest Goss, Jack Guthrie, Merie Jaspers, Adrian Jones, Lawrence Keil, Gladys Kennedy, Tess Lanigan, John May, Rosario Messina, Mary Morris, Rita O'Farrell, Martha Peries, Ross Pickles, Sr Dorothy Renton, Jack Riordan, Fred Rosenbrock, John William Ryan Snr, Bill Seymour, Robert Slattery, Michael Smith, Peter Soulsby, Peter Toner Snr, Frank Waltho, David Whelan, Lorna Woodhead

Healing Prayers Asked For

Sophia Bicos, Valentine Johans, Simon Dart, Pat Hyland, Josephine Wood, Ray Martin, Maureen Hepburn, Brenda Cortese, Andy Flack, Giulie Waddell, John Nicholson, Carly Gordon, Lindsey Edwards, Minnie Joseph, Amnin Bukic, Helen Pedrazzini, Serena Zienau, Michele Ives, Ian Ryan, Sharon Stevenson, Sam Finnochiaro, Melvyn Porte, Graig dePalo, Margaret Beesley, Vielia McClean, Craig Martin

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	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

4th Sunday Advent - Sunday 18th December 2022 Readings (Year A): Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24				
17th & 18th Dec	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Bernie Stuart	Barry Wheeler	Michael Barker	Stefanie Carino
Commentator	Ann Furlong	Tony Aloysious	Gerard Wagstaff	Adam Whatmore
Special Minister	Marie Medlicott	Jack Guthrie	Mary Nayna	Donna Cardamone
Welcomers	Sonia Williams	Volunteer	Berna Wake	Tung Phan
	Julie Buick	Berna Wake	Trish Le Brocq	Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Debra Joseph, Nelson Popley, Joe Corda			
Sacristan	Susan Dornom	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change

Lord, come and save us. Alleluia.

Our Parish Mission  **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples**

 If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office

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 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

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
9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

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

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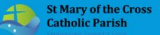
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CALLING ALL 4-10 YR OLDS
JOIN US EVERY 4TH WEEKEND DURING MASS

Face Mask Strongly Recommended



Let's take care of each other

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