



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.*



Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December 2022



Our readings are: Isaiah 9:1-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 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

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Christmas Day Gospel Reflection

What does Christmas Day mean to me, our family and community? The four weeks of Advent period is preparing us to receive Jesus' coming. It is not just a celebration of a historical event of Christ that came more than two thousand years ago. It was a fulfilment of God's promise of a sign through prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7: 14) speaks of 'a virgin conceives a child and gives birth to a son, and calls him 'Immanuel,' which means "God is with us."



Joseph and Mary must travel all the way from Galilee to Bethlehem, because of the decree for a census given by Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus. Mary was pregnant with a child, and it was time that she gave birth to a baby boy in Bethlehem, the city of king David. Jesus was born in the line of king David; he was not born in a palace. He was born in a manger because there was no room in the inn.

In the dark night, we see the light of God appear among us, our saviour Jesus Christ was born in a simple and humble manger. The wood that holds our God, who comes to be one of us, who learns everything from his parents and learns to be obedient to God to begin his mission for the sake of our salvation.

The birth of our saviour in a humble wooden manger, has brought him into a humble life as a carpenter. Jesus' life has been associated with wood. A wooden manger that received his birth; and he offered himself on a tree, by shedding his blood for all humanity.

Let us make room for Jesus in our hearts? Jesus asks us to love God and love our neighbours. Do we make room for others whom we can see and reach? Let us be more inclusive, like Jesus welcomes sinners. We welcome all who want to know Jesus. Let us be the hands, the legs, and the body of Jesus. Let others see Jesus in us. Let others experience the goodness of Jesus on us. Let us bring Jesus to people around us, especially those who have not known him.

Fr Ignatius Tan Assistant Priest

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

Parish News

Live Streaming

For the rest of December and January holiday season, only the 8am weekend mass will be live streamed: m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass.

Masses This Week

Monday 26/12 No communion service;

Tuesday 27/12 Mass Cancelled;

Wednesday 28/12 Mass @ 10am St. Brigid's,
Funeral Service for Ian Ryan 11.30am St. Brigid's;

Thursday 29/12 Mass @ 9.15am St. Louis';

Friday 30/12 Mass @ 9am St Brigid's (time change) & Requiem mass for Dorothy Kellow @ 10.30am St. Brigid's.

Blessings Quarterly Magazine

Available on our parish website, via our digital newsletter and printed copies in church foyers this weekend. Catch up on all the news in our parish.

Face Masks are recommended and available in the church foyer.



Recent Deaths

Jean Mary Phillips (Mordialloc), Henry Rech, Dorothy Kellow (Mordialloc), Joseph Pompei (Mordialloc)

Anniversaries

Veronica Arthur, Sebastiano Barbarino, Jean Barber, David Birch, Susse Cassar, Elvina Braganza, Thelma Bromley, Sam Cassano, Vincenzo Colantone, Mario Costanzo, Muriel Cramer, Daniel Crowe, Max D'Astoli, Audrey D'Cruz, Dorothy de Monte, Phyllis Dynes, Joan Juliff, Simone Ellul, Pietro Gazzo, Olwen Griffith, Colin Harding, George Kendrick, Robert Lasrado, Harry Lavery, Veronique Lynch, Robert Martin, Luileen McGrath, Michael Melbourne, Theresa Morrison, Mario Nasello, Mary O'Brien, Kerry O'Keeffe, Peter Raihely, Albert Leo Payne, Denis Raihely, Nancye Raihely, Rovira-Durán,, Millie Register, Lance Riordan, Gus Roomer, Llorenç, Gus Roome, Alberta (Betty) Ryan, Giusepina Solito, Stefano Solito, Bill Sparey, Max Stooke, Marietta Tan Guek Eng, Angela Vuat, Bernadette Tedford, Marietta Woodhouse

Healing Prayers Asked For

Sue Kelly, 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, Sharon Stevenson, Sam Finnochiaro, Melvyn Porte, Graig dePalo, Margaret Beesley, Vielia McClean, Craig Martin

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training. Copies of the policy 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	



Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.



Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples



Please note the Parish Office will be closed from 30 Dec and reopen 27 Jan. Urgent calls will still be attended to. Thank you for understanding!



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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

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

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Support
our Parish



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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

