



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.*

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6 February 2022

Our readings are: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

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 Hoang Dinh

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
Kristian Tangso**

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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Deb Poynton

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PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:

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PARISH EMAIL:

**mordiallocaspendale
@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

**www.melbcatholic.org/
mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection

"Master ... we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets."

Our experiences often shape how we view things in life. Repeated failures prevent us from having an optimistic forecast about future events. Even after repeated attempts, we ask, *when will we get our lucky break?*

How often do we read in the Gospel when a person is totally defeated that Jesus comes and turns their life around? During times of success it is more difficult to allow God to transform our lives. In the case of the fishermen, had their night of hard work been successful there would be no need for Jesus to enter into their lives. It is the lives of the defeated, dejected and downcast that Jesus came for. In saying this, which one of us is totally free from our shortcomings and the events of life beyond our control?

After following Jesus' instructions, the fishing crew's lives reached a turning point, they recognised God's intervention and recognised their own limitations, for Peter said **"Leave me, Lord: I am a sinful man."** But Jesus didn't stop there; he assured him with these words **"do not be afraid..."** then Jesus invited him to a life changing and life giving vocation. **"...from now on it is people you will catch".**

During the week we celebrated the feast day of St Brigid's. Her incredible life was filled with many stories of miracles and challenges. It was her faith and commitment to God that inspired many generations of women in their vocation to religious life and life of service. We're thankful for their contribution to our community over the many years.

This weekend's Gospel and the feast of St Brigid's is a timely reminder for us to reflect on the events in our lives through the eyes of faith that has given us renewed hope, faith and love.



St Brigid of Kildare

by Fr. Hoang

Parish News

All are welcome for Mass in St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

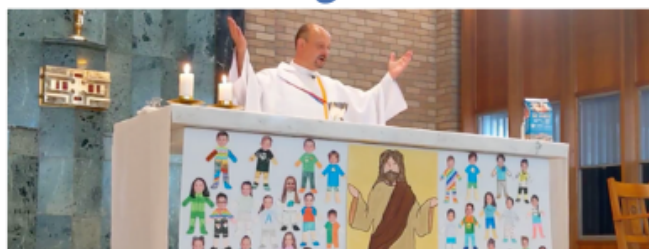
The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube and search for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

Mandatory Masks and Check In



A reminder to all who attend mass, **mask wearing is a mandatory requirement** for everyone. By doing so we are caring for ourselves and for others that gather at mass. Masks are available in the foyer of the church if you happen to forget. Please record your attendance at mass either via the QR code process or manually with the Welcomers. We appreciate your support in keeping our community safe.

Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



Opening the Doors to Christ's love – a quick summary on video – [click here](#)

The video is also available on our [Parish Website](#).

Thank you and Farewell to The Brigidine sisters

The **11am mass on Sunday 6th February** will be a thankyou and farewell mass for the Brigidine sisters. We thank the sisters for their inspirational contribution to our community.



Opening our Churches for personal prayer

Many of us will remember popping in "to pay a visit" to the church. For many this may have been to St Francis' on a trip to the city. As a missional parish our goal is to be open to everyone, and that means having our churches open more often. Can you and a buddy serve God in this way? Perhaps 1-2 hours on a weekday/Saturday? If this is something that interests you, please contact Berna Wake from our Parish Leadership Team via berna.wake@cam.org.au.



Food For Friends

As part of our Care Ministries our Parish is planning to launch a new initiative early 2022. "Food for Friends" parishioners create delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community who at times might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. New members are welcome. The team has already prepared some meals which have been frozen and are available now. Do you know someone, a family, couple or single who might appreciate this? If so please contact Ann Brennan at 0425 712 741.

Upcoming Roster



Roster

The **draft roster** for March, April, May and June 2022 will be emailed out next week, if you are away during this period of time, wish to be added to the roster or do not wish to be on the roster please let the parish office know **by Tuesday the 8th February**.

New Volunteers are most welcome!

All volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children linked to the parish and certain volunteer roles require a current Police Check.

We are excited to announce that we have registered as a Catholic Earthcare Parish

In 2015, Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' was published, imploring us to care for our common home. To escalate the implementation of Laudato Si', Pope Francis has now established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with 7 Goals for us to work towards. The Catholic Earthcare Parish Program provides a process to assist us on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. The first step is to identify and celebrate what we are already doing to care for creation. You will find information in the church foyers and if you would like to help us implement this program, please contact Julie Buick jmbuick@bigpond.com



Parish News

Works on St. Brigid's Church tower

Weekday masses on Wednesday and Friday resume this week at St. Brigid's even though there are further delays with the works on the tower.

Parish Outdoor Prep level Welcome Mass & Picnic

Mass at 10.30am at Braeside Park on **Sunday 27th February**. All are welcome!



Catechist Program

Our 2022 Parish Catechist Program begins on **Tuesday 15th February** and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on **Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm**. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program in 2022 are asked to please contact: Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish Office 9580 7981.

The St Mary of The Cross prayer group meets regularly to pray the Rosary.

If you would like to join us in prayer, we meet twice a month on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Tuesday of every month.



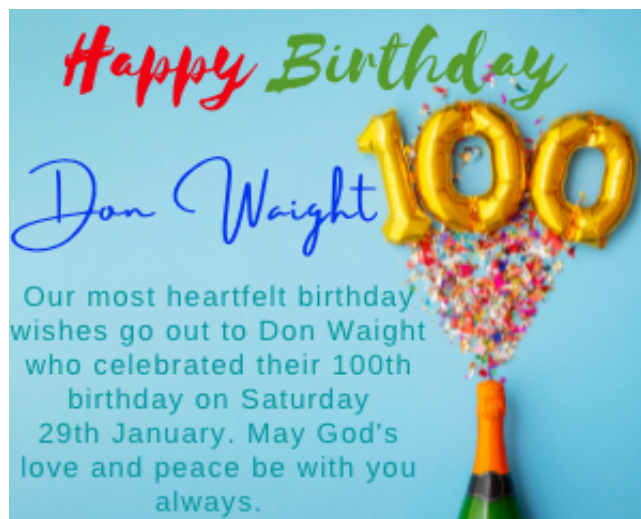
Our next meeting will be

15th February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need.

Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE
MENTONE CAMPUS OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022

Enrolments open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2024.
 Everyone welcome to view the College.
[Bookings: www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au)
 Tour bookings are essential.

Mentone Campus 2 Mentone Parade, Mentone VIC 3194
Bentleigh East Campus 156 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East VIC 3165
 P: 03 9582 5999 E: stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Next Week's Roster

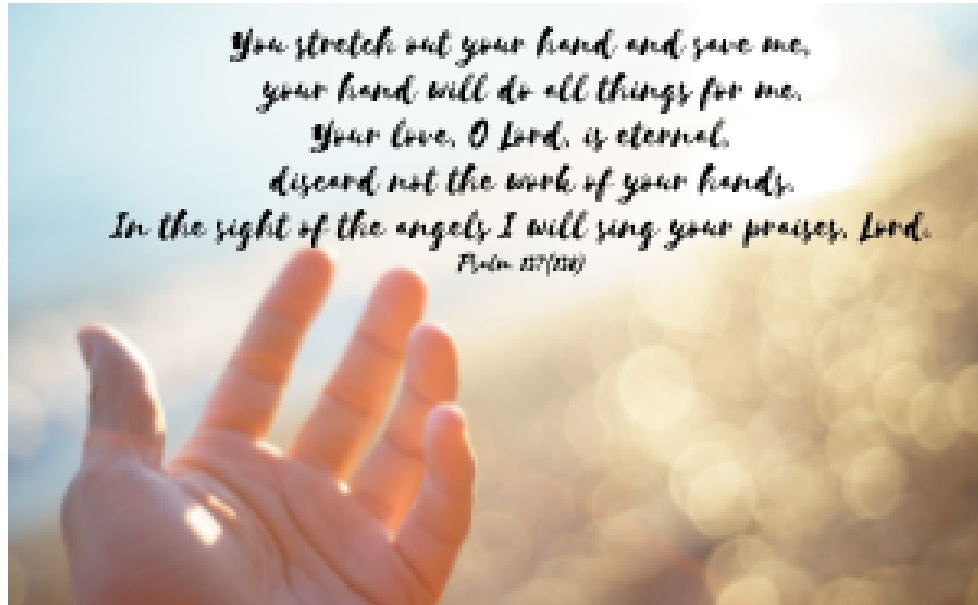
6th Sun in Ord Time	Readings (Year C): Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20, Luke 6:17,20-26			
12 th & 13 th Feb 2022	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Tanya Jhoomun	Stefanie Carino	Phillip Morris	Gail Selwyn
Commentator	Jenny Ford	Angela Meo	Maureen Wraight	Dianne Wain
Special Minister	Bernie Stuart	Barry Wheeler	Judy Dickinson	Volunteer Please
Welcomers	Julie Barnhoorn Anthony Barnhoorn	Wence Rodrigues Paula Rodrigues	Joe Corda Niko Tovia	Vanessa Fernandes Volunteer Please
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom		
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Pam Hannan

Anniversaries

Francisca Diaz Amaya, Ronald Aquilina, Antonia Attar, Olive Bellamy, Paul Brennan, Eleanor Burns, Bill Carey, Margaret (Anne) Cox, Kay Cresswell, John Earp, Mary Foley, Carmel Franklin, Peter Hodgkinson, Peter Kelly, Arthur Malone, Faye Mattea, Pamela Murphy, Aileen O'Donnell, Jennifer Rix, John Smith, Emanuele Tovia, Sofia Tovia, John Tuagalu, Mary-Kate Velten

Healing Prayers Asked For

Caterina Vince, Srijana Shakya



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

All Parish volunteers require:

- Current Working With Children Check a
- Read & signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Available on our Parish Website & at our Parish Office

Any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot	03 9412 8432	Judy Dickinson	0407 865 522
Susan Dornom	0413 979 049	Joanne Partleton	0413 133 184
Trish Angliss	0421 604 849	Deb Poynton	0403 471 931
Louise Breslin	0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop	0412 814 592



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 (Communion Service)

9.15am - St Louis',

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

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

9580 5169

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

[catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)



Support
our Parish



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

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Kulin Nation who have walked upon and cared for this country for thousands of years. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders, past, present and emerging.



Our Parish Mission

**Love God, Love Others
Make Disciples**