



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.*

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C – Sunday 5 December 2021

Our readings are: **Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, Luke 3:1-6**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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Tuesday-Friday

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@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

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

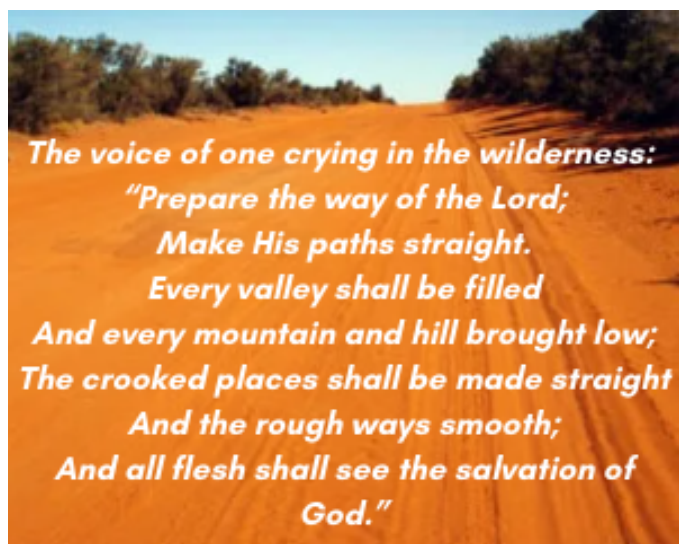
Gospel Reflection - 2nd Sunday of Advent

In ancient times, when a king was going to visit a city, he would send before him someone to herald his coming, someone to announce that he would be arriving soon. The herald would go around the city, and go before the leaders of the city, telling them all, "The king is coming. He will be here any day. So clean up your lives. Make sure you are all in obedience to the king's commands so that you will not be punished when he arrives."

This herald also served as a city inspector. He would go around the city and make a list of things that needed to be fixed. He would tell them, "Clean up your city. Sweep your streets. Get rid of all the garbage lying around. Round up any criminals to make the city safe. Fix the roads; make them smooth and straight. Make sure the town is gleaming. Make sure the city is fit for a king to ride through." It was an embarrassment for that city, and the people of the city, if they were not prepared when the king did arrive. It was also an insult to the king if they had not prepared properly for his arrival. If he came, and they were not prepared, he might mete out some judgment and punishment upon the city and its rulers.

In this week's gospel from Luke we hear - The King is coming, and He has sent a herald to announce His imminent arrival. The king, of course, is Jesus Christ. But the herald "the one who will pronounce His coming" is John the Baptist. John has come as a herald to make sure that the king's subjects are well prepared for the king's coming. John has come to prepare the way.

And John prepares the way by doing what a herald does: he proclaims a message. In other words, he preaches. It is a proclamation of God's message that the people need to repair their lives and prepare for Christ's coming. He does this by calling the people to repent and be baptized.



By Marylene Douglas

Parish News

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church

With the recently relaxed government restrictions, there are no density limits applying to our churches. The only restriction is that mass attendees must be **fully vaccinated**. I am grateful to our Welcomers who are doing an outstanding job making sure that the Covid safe plan is adhered to. The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).



Opening our Churches for personal prayer

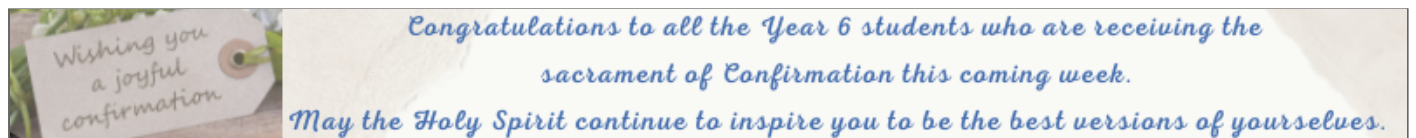
With our "**Opening the Doors**" Parish Renewal plans, we would love to have our Churches open more often. Ideally Monday-Saturday, requiring teams of 2, in a 3 hour block, 9-12pm and 12-3pm. If this is something that interests you, please contact Berna Wake from our Parish Leadership Team via berna.wake@cam.org.au.

Serve in our Hospitality and Care Ministries

Can you help out as a welcomer with upcoming liturgies? **All Confirmation liturgies** are covered - thank you. **Baptism liturgies** on 12th December at St. Brigid's & 26th December at St. Brigid's. **Also** we are seeking a few extra Special Ministers to **visit aged care homes**. If you're able to help with any of these roles please email mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Choir Practice

There will be a choir practice each **Wednesday (8th, 15th and 22nd Dec)** at **St Louis Church** at **7.30pm** in preparation for the 8.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Trish for further enquiries 0421604849.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers and Mass

We invite all who can, to place **donations of non-perishable food items** suitable for Christmas hampers under the Christmas trees in our churches. St Vincent de Paul will make up and distribute these to needy families in our community. Gifts Vouchers are most welcome or cash donations can be made online at vinnies.org.au or call 13 1812. Anyone who needs assistance from St Vincent de Paul please call 1800 305 330.

The St Vincent de Paul Southern Central Council is holding a special **Festival Mass on Tuesday 7th December** at **7pm** at **St Brigid's**, Mordialloc. Bookings essential via rohans@svdp-vic.org.au. See noticeboard for more details or contact Susan on 0413 979 049.

Advent Challenge

Please join our Advent Challenge coordinated by our very own Kristian Tangso, member of the parish leadership team. Join our parish [Facebook page](#) and receive a daily challenge during Advent.



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Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group gathers **every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm - 9pm at St. Louis' church** up to and including the 14th December. All are welcome to come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, worship, rosary and intercessory prayer. The prayer intentions that are placed in the St. Mary of the Cross prayer box will be prayed for. On Saturday the **11 December 2021 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm** the Parish Prayer Group is holding an hour of Prayer and the Rosary including Adoration. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm Mass on St Louis' School Oval,
8.00pm Carol singing followed by 8.30pm Mass in St Louis' School Hall,
11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8.30am Mass in St Louis' School Hall,
10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

Christmas Roster Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers for the Christmas Rosters across all masses. We require Readers, Commentators, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Counters and Sacristans please. If you're able to assist please sign up on the clipboard located in both church foyers.



Advent Twilight Retreat

Once again we are offering an opportunity for parishioners to attend an Advent Retreat as part of their preparation for Christmas. The **Advent Retreat will be on Thursday the 16th December from 6pm to 9pm** at St Louis de Montfort's Church. The Retreat begins with a meal. There is a charge of \$10 to cover costs to be paid on the night. We need to know exact numbers for catering so we ask that please contact the parish office or put your name down on the list in the

church foyers if you would like to attend.

Congratulations to Fr. Hoang Dinh!

The parish would like to extend prayer and blessings to [Fr. Hoang who was ordained on Saturday morning](#). Many of us were able to be there in attendance and celebrate with him. Fr Hoang will be the main celebrant at all the masses next weekend (11/12 December) and there will be a cuppa after every mass that weekend. Contributions towards a gift for Fr. Hoang can be made at the Welcome Desk in the church foyer.



Next Week's Mass Roster

3rd Sun Advent	Readings (Year C): Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18			
11 th 12 th Dec 2021	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Patrick Jurd	Graham Jones	Lisa Tuke	Helen Rocks
Commentator	Helen Healy	Joan Healy	Gerard Wagstaff	Nola Petraitis
Special Minister	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marlene Tangso	Judy Dickinson	Donna Cardamone
Welcomers	Ann Brennan Julie Buick Joanne Partleton	Carole & Jack Guthrie Jane Standish	Maureen Wraight Niko Tovia Louise Breslin	Paula & Wence Rodrigues Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Mary & Serge Nayna	Aileen Dynes		
Sacristan	Susan Dornom	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

Recent Deaths:

Angela Davis (St Brigid's)
Judith Murphy (St Brigid's)
Gillian Griffiths (St Brigid's)

Anniversaries:

Emily Braganza, Gerry Elboz, Michael David Elbrish,
John Newington, Salvatore Perotta, Tony Brennan, David Corda,
Brendan Evans, Marguerite Hamilton, Ronald Moore,
Ruth Naicker, Conor Hughes, Fr Pat Laws, Tony Bova,
Angelo Cortese, William Fitzgerald, Marino Lacson, Peter Youl,
Gloria Caleo, Edward Dziadek, Fr Jim English, Frank Logan,
Guiseppe Miano, Jane Morillion, Florence O'Donnell,
Rendel Roberts, Marjorie Ryan, Eugene Bowles, Carmenu Dimech,
Tony Labonté, Tony McNicholas, Gladys Craig, Merie Jaspers,
Lawrence Keil, Tess Lanigan and Peter Soulsby

Healing Prayers Asked For:

John Nicholson, Maura Scully, Carly Gordon, Sue Kelly,
David Marshall, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico, Jarrod Le Brocq,
Antonio Delprete, Lindsey Edwards, Laura Bruder, Liam Campbell,
Patricia Carrazzo, Peter Spencer, George Caruana, Jan Mitula,
Helen Pedrazzini, Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Lilah Finocchiaro
and Maureen Hepburn.



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

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

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

**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**