



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 – Saturday 25 December 2021

Readings are Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday 26th December 2021

Readings are 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 12-21; Luke 2:41-52



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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2021 has been a year like no other. Another year filled with unrealised dreams and desires, plans that went array and people who couldn't see each other for extended periods of time. Our churches, like that original Bethlehem Inn, were closed and turned people away when they most needed

to gather, our special and significant occasions replaced with phone calls and zoom chats. Even now we are reluctant to come to mass at Christmas time because we aren't confident that we will not be exposed to Covid. Whatever way we celebrate Christmas this year, we are invited to remember that our God, Emmanuel, the God who is with us, has already come into our world and into our hearts. Can we take this hope and joy into 2022 and be Jesus' hope and joy to others? Can we never lock the doors of our hearts to a God who knocks every day and longs to know everything about us? Can we allow this Good News to be the Glory of God in the Highest Heaven as we receive God's peace in our hearts?

Our celebrations are not in isolation as we are conscious that many people are struggling with personal hardships during this Christmas time. Our prayers go out to them because they too are the people that Jesus has come to visit. Together, it is now time to celebrate in your special and appropriate way the God who has been with us in our unique and challenging year.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of me and the parish. Through your continued financial support of the parish and your support for each other through the phone and video calls. This parish has not gone into "caretaker mode" whilst in lockdown but we have harnessed the opportunity to take our parish into a "missionary mode" that deals head on with all that Covid has thrust upon it. May you have a Blessed Christmas. Fr. Andrew & Fr. Hoang

*'In the town of David
a saviour has been
born to you'*



PARISH NEWS

Live Streaming of Mass

The [8.30pm Christmas Eve Mass](#) is being live streamed and available for viewing on our YouTube channel. For the rest of December and January holiday season, only the [8am weekend mass](#) will be live streamed. I thank Phil Hills and his team (Saturday 6pm masses) and Alan Dinon (8am masses) for their time and dedication to this important ministry. Anyone who would like to be part of this ministry, please see Fr. Andrew.

The Brigidine sisters are leaving our parish

I have been notified by the leaders of the Brigidine congregation that the community of sisters based in Mordialloc (Srs. Reba Woodwiss, Deidre Malone, Lia Commandeur & Michelina Grixti) will be leaving for new homes on the 11th January. This is a significant moment in the parish's life as the Brigidine Sisters have been a presence in the parish for decades and will be sorely missed. It is up to the rest of us to make sure that the Brigidine charism continues in our community. The sisters will be invited back for a proper and fitting farewell early February Date to be announced. - Fr. Andrew.

Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic

Mass at 10.30am at Braeside Park on **Sunday 15th February**. All are welcome!



Recent Deaths

Peter Scarborough (Lucy Cameron's cousin)

Anniversaries

Veronica Arthur, Sebastiano Barbarino, Jean Barber, David Birch, Thelma Bromley, Susse Cassar, Vincenzo Colantone, Mario Costanzo, Daniel Crowe, Max D'Astoli, Audrey D'Cruz, Dorothy de Monte, Phyllis Dynes, Nello Fabris, Milena Fabris, Mario Facin, Olwen Griffith, Colin Harding, George Kendrick, Robert Lasrado, Harry Lavery, Veronique Lynch, Luileen McGrath, Michael Melbourne, Mary O'Brien, Kerry O'Keeffe, Jack Plant, Denis Raihely, Nancye Raihely, Peter Raihely, Gus Roomer, Llorenç Rovira-Durán, Fred Rosenbrock, Alberta (Betty) Ryan, Giusepina Solito, Stefano Solito, Bill Sparey, Max Stooke, Marietta Tan Guek Eng, Bernadette Tedford, Angela Vuat and Marietta Woodhouse

Healing Prayers Asked For

Joan Hanlon, Jenny Doran, John Nicholson, Maura Scully, Carly Gordon, Sue Kelly, David Marshall, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico, 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

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



Please note the Parish Office will be closed during January. However urgent calls will still be attended to.



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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