



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

3rd Sunday of Advent 15 December 2024

Readings for Year C Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Isaiah 12: 2-6 Luke 3: 10-18



How can I do my part in Advent?

This is the season of a million preparations. We spend time and money getting ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate Christmas. However, this weekend's readings ask us to consider more seriously the part of Advent that prepares our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. We need to ask ourselves what do we need to do to get ready for Jesus?

This Advent, we are called to practical service for the world. The Pope suggests that we should each consider: 'what can I do concretely during these days as we draw near to Christmas? How can I do my part?' We might therefore turn our efforts to doing something, however small, to serve our Lord. With actions suited to our own time and place and situation, our faith should take on some 'concrete commitment', and in doing so bring a little bit more justice and joy into the world.

Today, at the midpoint of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. We are joyful in the knowledge that Jesus is coming and in bringing that joy to others by keeping a generous spirit and heart! How are you going to serve God and others this Advent?

Marylene Douglas
Learning Leader St Louis Primary School & Religious Education Leader

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.



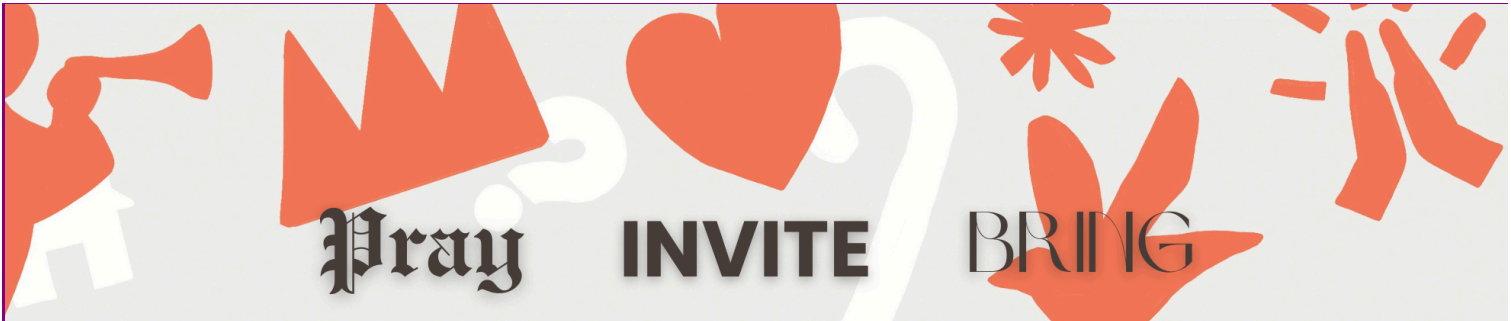
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Pray

INVITE

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The Third week of Advent: The priest wears pink, or rose, on this third Sunday of Advent. Known as “Gaudete,” (rejoice) Sunday, the pink candle in the Advent Wreath is a reminder of the explosive power of the season. Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus’ arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.



Pray Invite Bring

We encourage all parishioners to pick up one of our Christmas postcards, which you can give to family and friends with a gentle invitation to attend one of our Christmas masses. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience our welcoming community. Let’s all pray this Christmas, that our visitors and ourselves will experience the love of our Saviour Jesus during this season.



Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve

6pm at St Louis’ School Oval (Carols from 5.30pm)

8.30pm at St Louis’ Church (Carols from 8pm)

Midnight Mass at St Brigid’s (Carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass at St Louis’ Church

10.30am Mass at St Brigid’s Church

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.”

Formed Advent and Christmas content

Have you signed up for **Formed**? If you are not aware, Formed is Netflix for Catholics. There is something for everyone: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming. Great Christmas content too. Go to the back page to sign up for free.

This week on Formed **Adventus: A spiritual pilgrimage**

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Uncover the beauty of the Holy Land where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ’s coming, so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Sacrament of Anointing Masses

The sacrament is administered to give strength and comfort for both physical and spiritual healing. All are welcome, feel free to bring a family member or friend. The dates are **Tuesday 17 Dec 9.15am at St Louis’ and Wednesday 18 Dec 10am at St Brigid’s.**



Second Rite of Reconciliation

The sacrament is a communal liturgical celebration, often celebrated during Advent. The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the priest at an appropriate point around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. The sacrament will be offered for all on **Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm at St Brigid’s.**

News and Announcements



Vinnies Christmas Collection and Christmas Hamper Donations

There will be a special collection at all our Christmas Masses. Thank you for helping those in need. Thank you for the generous parishioner

contributions for our Vinnies Christmas hampers, which will be so appreciated for those in need in our community, particularly during the Christmas season.

Vinnies Calendars & Christmas Cards - available from our piety stalls. 2025 Columban Calendars (\$10) and St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$3.50 (5 pack).

Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking (ACRATH) 2025 Calendars

The ACRATH calendar, creates awareness of human trafficking globally and here in Australia and will be available for sale at \$10 each in the church foyers this weekend.



Baptism Celebrations - This Weekend

We welcome and pray for **Toby George James** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St Brigid's on Sunday 15 Dec at 12.30pm.

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

*Thank
you!*

Thank you to everyone who purchased one of the Children's Bibles, diaries and Rosary books over the past 2 weekends. Sangeetha was able to raise \$400 which she will donate to the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**.

New Thanksgiving envelopes

Please pick up your new envelopes. The new envelopes start this weekend **14/15 December**.

You may now have a new number on your envelopes after our latest campaign. Please throw out your old envelopes once you have picked up your new ones. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Gifts that make a difference

PALMS (Paulian Association Lay Missionary Secretariat) is a non-profit organisation that supports communities in need through international assignments, short-term trips and training. Are you looking to give a really special gift this year? Something that makes a tangible difference?

Palms has the shop for you!

Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese gifts for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect gift here!

Just scan the QR or go to palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop



Catholic Mission

Give thanks to our parish for our support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal. Through our contribution of \$943.00, we have empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses to share a message of hope and compassion with communities around the world.

Fr Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj - 20th January

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary, and Eric Siraj, Hospital Administrator, will talk on their work in Hyderabad, Pakistan at 7:00 pm on **Monday 20th January in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell Street, Mentone**. The evening has been arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross and all are welcome. To assist with catering it would be helpful to advise johnberuldsen@gmail.com, 0429 693 030, if you plan to attend.

Parish Groups

Music Ministry

Choir Practice - Christmas

We are rehearsing for all our Christmas masses on

Tuesday nights from 7.30pm at St Louis' church.

All welcome.

Call Trish on 0421 604 849

Flower Ministry

We are looking for more volunteers for both churches. Please contact the office if you would like to join the team.

Gardening Groups

A big thanks to our wonderful gardening crew, who have weeded, dug and planted up St Louis church garden this year.

A great group effort. Thanks also to all the gardening crew at St Brigid's who have weeded and maintained the beautiful gardens.

You all do such a wonderful job of beautifying our church grounds.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 21/22 DECEMBER 2024

21/22 Dec 2024	4th Sunday of Advent Readings (Yr C) Micah 5: 1-4 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-44 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Julie Barnhoorn	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Marg De Vries	Bernie Stuart	Monique Bruce
8.00am (M)	Barry Wheeler	Tony Aloysious	Chris McAleer	Marlene Tangso	Angela Meo	Odette Budge	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Elizabeth Newington	Martin Newington	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Mary Nayna	Alison Krishnadas	Rosemary Miller	Niko Tovia
11.00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Adam Whatmore	Peter Wain	Helen Rocks	Volunteer	Wence Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues
Counters	Group 5	Anthony and Julie Barnhoorn					

Recently deceased: Cath Gothard.

Anniversaries: Camillo Costanzo, Jack Guthrie, Vera Corda, John William Ryan Snr, Ross Pickles, Bill Seymour, Frank Cleary, John May, Martha Peries, Henry Rech, Carmel Cantwell, Fred Rosenbrock, Michael Smith, Bill Bateson, Ivy Bateson, Michael Bateson, Dot Cartmar, Pasqualina Costanzo, Gladys Kennedy, Thomas Aspery, Lorna Woodhead, David Whelan, Cath Cuffley, Sebastian D'Imperio, Joseph Pompei, Golbert D'Cruz, Julian Murphy, Francis Lebler, Craig Blair, Emily Aquilina-Saliba, David Porter, Quinston Lucas, Maria Ruzyla, Dorothy Wilma Kellow, Fr Desmond Cameron, Brett Drinan, Gerardine Kerlin, Richard Rebeiro, Albert Rodrigues, Marilyn Schneider-Loos, Frank Garlick, Salvatore Aparo, Edward Dunn, German Alberto Mansilla, Nuno da mata Vaz Serra, Margot Poynton, Nuno Vaz Serra, Beverley Plant, Mariano B. Sumayao, Sean Passagne, Ed Riordan, Brian Murphy, Anne Sleeth.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Nancy Selby, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesols, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Virginia Hindall, Penny Proctor, Gail Bell.

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
St Brigid's Sunday 8am
St Louis Sunday 9.30am
St Brigid's Sunday 11am
Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:
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WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service
St Louis Tuesday 9.15am,
St Brigid's Wed 10am,
St Louis Thurs 9.15am,
St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm

RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

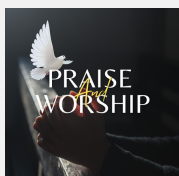
Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. All masses except 8am.



Prayer Ministry
Intercessory prayer.
Last weekend of the month - all masses.



Praise & Worship
3rd Friday of month
7.30 - 8.30pm.
Alternates between each church.

Pastoral care

If you would like a pastoral visit, Helen is available to drop by for a chat or to organise some help if required.

Please contact the office at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Contact us

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

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