



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.*

Jesus Christ the King - Solemnity in Ordinary Time Year B - Sunday 21 November 2021

Our readings are: **Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

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**Berna Wake, Trish Angliss &
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Gospel Reflection

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King.

The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the

most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

The ways of Jesus are different. He is a 'king' of nonviolence, forgiveness, unconditional love and service. Indeed, his whole ministry had emphasised and embodied non-violence as God's way for the world.

What would the world be like if everyone on earth did the will of God? What part do you play in bringing to this world the Kingdom Jesus has in mind? Are you playing your part? If so, how? If not, why not? It takes courage to play your part. When have you done something courageous for the Kingdom of Jesus? What happened? When have you had the chance, but not the courage you needed?

By Wendy Sullivan



Parish News

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church *****STOP PRESS*****

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. No need to book for mass. Proof of double vaccination upon entry is required. The celebration of Mass will still be live-streamed from [6pm on Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).



JAG Online Auction

JAG's (Justice Action Group) Online Silent Auction raising funds for BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project) was once again a huge success, **raising \$6,886** (Auction sales: \$3,758 & Donations \$3,128). Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by donating goods for auction, bidding & buying items, or making donations. Donations can always be left in the JAG Jar in our church foyers.

Join Sr Reba on **Wednesday the 23rd November after Mass at the convent** to write letters to Govt MPs advocating compassionate policies for refugees and victims of human trafficking. All are welcome.

Opening our Churches for personal prayer

With our **"Opening the Door's"** Parish Renewal plans, we would love to have our Churches open more often. Ideally Monday-Saturday, in 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.



Memorial Book

We launched the Parish Memorial Book on Tuesday 2nd November on the Feast of All Souls. The book will be displayed near the altar and will be present for all masses in November, the month of remembering all those who have died.

Scripture & Friendship Group

Scripture Friendship Group would like to thank everyone who has joined us on Zoom for this year. We have been able to spend special time together discussing how the gospel message relates to our everyday lives and have grown together in friendship. **We will not meet on 23rd** but are gathering together on 30th November for a morning tea break up.

Serve in our Hospitality and Care Ministries

Can you help out as a welcomer with upcoming liturgies? **Confirmation liturgies** on Tuesday 7th December at St. Louis' 5pm and 7pm; Wednesday 8th December at St. Louis' 5pm and 7pm; Thursday 9th December at St. Brigid's 7pm. **Baptism liturgies** on Sundays at 12.30pm on 21st November at St. Brigid's; 5th December at St. Louis'; 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

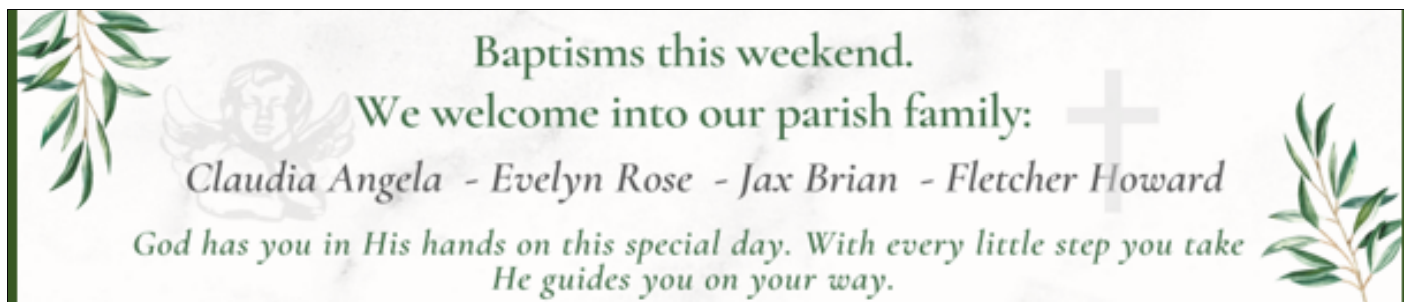
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

With Advent starting on 28 November, we invite all who can, to place donations of non-perishable food items suitable for Christmas hampers under the Christmas trees in our churches. Our two St Vincent de Paul conferences will make up hampers to distribute to needy families in our community. Suggestions - Christmas Treats, Lollies & Chocolates, Sweet & Savoury Nibbles, Coffee, Milo, Teabags, Long-life Milk, Soft Drinks, Breakfast Cereals, Jams & Spreads and Cleaning Products. Gifts Vouchers are also welcome. Cash donations can be made online at www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 1812. Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul please call: 1800 305 330

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**Our annual donation in
support of Movember will be
collected at the weekend
masses held on the
27th & 28th of November.**

Parish News



First Eucharist and Confirmations for children of the catechist program

This Sunday at the 9.30am mass, we celebrate 2 children; Amber and Elijah making their First Eucharist, and 10 children; Rafael, Archie, Savannah, Cassandra, Indigo, Tayla, Catherine, Mia, Leo and Jacob receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. It has been a challenging year for the catechist program but the team under the leadership of Elizabeth Newington have done a great job.

We pray for and celebrate with these families this weekend.

First Reconciliation

Please remember in prayer the Year 3 children from St. Brigid's and St. Louis' schools who will be making their First Reconciliation this week.



Priesthood ordination

We are arranging a bus to take parishioners to Deacon Hoang Dinh upcoming priesthood ordination, 10am on **Saturday the 4th December at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. All fully vaccinated parishioners are welcome. The return trip will cost \$15 per person. *Please note payment confirms your place on the bus.* The **first pick up departs from St Louis' school car park at 08h00am** and a **second pick up will be made outside the Parish House at 08h15am**. We depart St Patrick's at 12h30 for the return trip. *If you would like to join us please email mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au for payment arrangements.*



We hold you in our prayers, Hoang.

Letters from Grade 1 St Louis' Primary School Children

The Grade 1 children from St Louis' primary school have written letters to the parishioners. If you would like a letter please pick one up from the welcome centre at both churches.

Next Week's Mass Roster

1st Sun Advent	Readings (Year C): Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36			
27 th 28 th Nov 2021	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Marie Seddon	Barry Wheeler	Martin Newington	Bernadette Bouvier
Commentator	Marg De Vries	Sr Deidre Malone	Elizabeth Newington	Nola Petraitis
Special Minister	Pauline Parker	Jack Guthrie	Ann Furlong	Peter Wain
Welcomers	Adrienne Kennedy	Stefanie Carino	Joe Corda	Robyn Worsnop
	Carmel Barker	Anthony Antoniou	Niko Tovia	Vanessa Fernandes
	Sonia William	Jane Standish	Rosemary Miller	Helen Rocks
Counters	Joe Corda	Nelson Popley	Debra Joseph	
Sacristan	Susan Dornom	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Claire Barrile, Helen Bibby, Russell Brilliant, Barry William Brown, Alfredo Cardamone, Brian Carroll, Nell Conway, Bertram Cramer, Anton Deckker, Elisabeth Gerlach, Augusto Godeassi, Judith Gray, Joyce Greene, Ellen Francis Jones, Johanna (Joan) Jones, John Layton Jones, Gaston Joseph, Thomas Edward Kelly, Rita Kerlin, Rosa Levidis, Maggie Madtha, Gert Marshall, Jack Marshall, John McGinley, Pius Mendonca, Maria Mota, Frank O'Connell, Patrick O'Dowd, Antonio & Sarina Paola, Pina Pecora, Mary Poda, Leticia Semeniano, Colin Smith, Alwyn Summerton, Charlie Vassallo, Jack Vines, Frank Vojnic and Laurie Worsnop

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Carly Gordon, Liz O'Farrell, Chester Ryan, Sue Kelly, David Marshall, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico, Jarrod Le Brocq, Sue and Peter Waltho, 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:

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129 Albert St,

Mordialloc

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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**