



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.*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – Sunday 14 November 2021

Our readings are: **Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32**

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
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@cam.org.au**

PARISH WEBSITE:

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

Gospel Reflection

Dylan Alcott was named as Victorian of the Year and is now a candidate for Australian of the Year. An amazing athlete, paralympian, philanthropist, media commentator and advocate. Someone who is championing awareness as a voice for the disabled. Closer to home, it was so close that someone we know nearly received Senior of the Year. Our own Sr. Brigid Arthur. She was in the top four for Victoria but missed out. All the nominees are heroes who are making a difference in our world and giving hope to people where hope is reduced. Apparently Sr. Brigid wasn't too fazed about being nominated for Victorian Senior of the Year but if it helped her cause, that is, assisted the refugees, then she was happy to accept the nomination. Sr. Brigid, like many others, brings hope to those where they cannot see beyond the here and now.

Jesus, in the gospel, challenges the people to focus on all that is long lasting. All that is here and now is only ever temporary but there will be a time when justice is upheld and a time for the truth to be fully revealed. The apocalyptic language depicting the end time with the sun darkened and the moon losing its brightness accentuates the point that our lives are transient but joining forces with God means that life will be ongoing.



Jesus uses the image of the fig tree with its new leaves and supple twigs as a sign that summer is

near. Jesus would have a hard time finding a sign in Melbourne to indicate that! Just look at this week! But he is saying that the people need to stand firm and live lives of integrity and meaning and live in a way that bears fruit.

We have to live in the here and now knowing that we are a people who await an age to come. By focusing on Jesus, we become shining stars to others. We too bring an element of hope and optimism to those who most need it.

By Fr Andrew Jekot

Parish News

Restrictions have Eased! We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.

We can have **150 fully vaccinated parishioners** attend Mass. No need to book. 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](#).



Our new Parish Welcome Stands

When you next come to church please drop by our new Welcome Stands in our two Church Foyers. At our weekend Masses one of our friendly welcomers will gladly assist you with information including new parishioner registrations, information on the sacraments, parish groups, our "Opening the Door's" Parish renewal plans, Justice Action Group Charter and much more.

JAG Online Auction

It's still not too late to donate to this fundraiser for the [Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project](#). The BASP team is working very hard to assist people struggling in these difficult times. Cash Donations can be left at the parish or paid online into the St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc / Aspendale Special Purpose Account: BSB 083-347, Account number: 458723577. **\$5690 raised so far - well done!!! Thank you to everyone who supported the auction.**



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 email](#).

Serve Ministry Briefings

A big thank you to the over 200 people who attended our recent Serve Ministry Briefings. Over 15 sessions, there was much enthusiasm and many positive inputs. Many ideas are already being actioned. Everyone is welcome to serve God and our Parish, no role is too big or too small. Please pick up a copy of our Serve Ministry Booklet from our Welcome Stands in the Church foyers.



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.

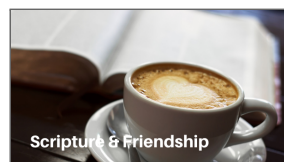
Rosary Group

Rosary evenings will be starting again weekly on Tuesdays. The first one will be this coming **Tuesday 16 November from 7.30 - 9.30pm at St Louis**'.



Scripture & Friendship Group

Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month and their next gathering is on the **23 November at 10am - 11.30am at St Louis**'.



Priesthood ordination

Deacon Hoang Dinh has finally been given a date for his upcoming priesthood ordination. 10am on **Saturday the 4th December at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. We await confirmation about how many can attend the ordination. Hopefully there won't be any restrictions on numbers other than the double vaccination requirement.

We hold you in our prayers, Hoang.



Welcomers needed

As we come out of lockdown and return to masses, I am grateful to the many who assist with the welcoming of parishioners to the masses. Assisting parishioners to "check in" for mass is crucial and without your generosity of time this would be problematic. Thank you for being rostered on for the weekend masses. *I do require welcomers to assist with some 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

Parish Prayer Group are gathering **Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm at St. Louis' church**. 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 (don't worry they are in a locked box and not read out individually). *Please note that any liturgy in the church, according to government regulations, can only include those who are fully vaccinated.*



'Advent Anticipation' (in-person reflection event), Saturday 27 November 2021, 10am-3.30pm. We invite you to join us for a day of prayer, offering time to make space for anticipation and hope. This is an opportunity to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands. Led by Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay [via website](#), [email](#) or tel 9890 1101.



Next Week's Mass Roster

Christ the King - READERS - please see Father before Mass
Scripture Readings: Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

<u>20th & 21st Nov 2021</u>	<u>St Louis' 6 pm Mass</u>	<u>St Brigid's 8 am Mass</u>	<u>St Louis' 9.30 am Mass</u>	<u>St Brigid's 11 am Mass</u>
Reader	Jenny Fergusson	Frances North	Brenda O'Leary	Sr Reba Woodwiss
Commentator	Julius Lau	Jane Standish	Gerard Wagstaff	Vikki Fitzgerald
Special Minister	Carmel Barker	Sr Deidre Malone	Brenda Cortese	Gail Bell
Welcomers	Ann Brennan Berna Wake Joanne Partleton	Carole Guthrie Jack Guthrie Odette Budge	Maureen Wraight Niko Tovia Mary Nayna	Lucy Cameron Vanessa Fernandes Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Anthony Barnhoorn	and	Helen & Kelvin Rocks	
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin

Recent Deaths:

Elaine Barker (Jeanette Youl's sister)

Anniversaries:

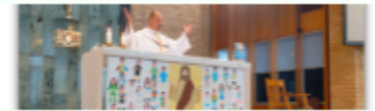
Guy Anquetil, Frank Arundell, Margaret Booth, Eucaristica Borg, Harry Bugden, Xavier Camilleri, Nella Costanzo, Bernadette De Maskens, George Dowker, Ellen Dowling, Alfred Ellul, Marie Evans, Arthur Griffith, Barbara Hall, Lorraine Iwanow, Faava Kwan-Him, Clare Lang, Leslie Laughlin, Alan Lee, Margaret Mellan, Pina Merlo, James Moloney, Maria Mota, Madaline O'Reilly, Kenneth Osborne, Paul O'Toole, Antonio Paola, Sarina Paola, Barry Rainer, Concetta Rizzo, Ryan Robertson, Tammy Sullivan and Bill Whyte

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Liz O'Farrell, 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.



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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 Mass)

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



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**