



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 - Sunday 4 December 2022

Our readings are: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12 Year: A

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 Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

PARISH HOUSE:

03 9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

**m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass
Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am**

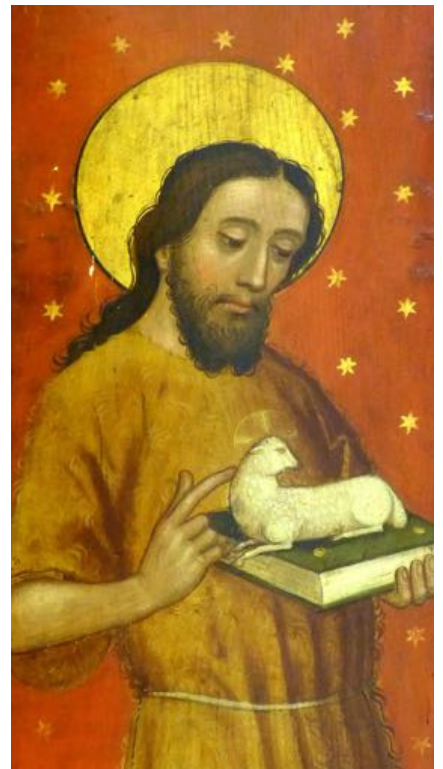
Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: *"I am baptising you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* (Matthew 3:11).



In this reading, John makes it very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: *"the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals"* (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

Adapted from [Loyola Press Catholic Resources](#)

**We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.**

Parish News



CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6pm Mass at St Louis' School Oval
- 8.00pm Carol singing followed by 8.30pm Mass in St Louis' Church
- 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.30am Mass in St Louis' Church
- 10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

KSC Longbeach Bursary

Applications for the 2022 Longbeach Bursary are now open. Year 10 Parish students who intend completing Years 11 and 12 are eligible. This bursary aims to encourage a Christian way of life and assist families with educational expenses. **Applications close on Monday 5 Dec.** For further information contact [Keith Reiter on 0417350733](mailto:Keith.Reiter@ksc.edu.au) or [Les Garrad on 0417347592](mailto:Les.Garrad@ksc.edu.au).

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

St Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to place donations of non-perishable items suitable for Christmas hampers under the Parish Christmas trees. The hampers will be packed and distributed



by SVDP to those in need in the Mordialloc & Aspendale area. Suggested items are sweet & savoury nibbles, beverages & soft drinks, jams & spreads or toiletries & cleaning products. Gifts vouchers and cash donations are welcome. Donations can be made at www.vinnies.org.au or [call 13 18 12](tel:131812).

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

The 2023 Columban Calendars (\$10 each) and SVDP Christmas Cards (\$3.50 for a pack of 5) can be purchased from the piety stalls after the weekend Masses.

Christmas Roster Volunteers

Christmas Volunteers are needed across all Masses - *Readers, Commentators, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Sacristans and Parking attendants*. If you're able to assist please sign up on the clipboard located on the welcome desks or contact the parish office.

Chelsea & District Inter-Church Council Christmas Carols, Ecumenical Service

This FREE EVENT will be held on **11 December at 6.30pm - 8.30pm**, LF Payne Hall, Station St, Chelsea. All are welcome! Gold coin donation appreciated, and refreshments can be purchased afterwards.

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Mercy Connect Melbourne is recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The commitment is approx 1/2 a day per week for 4 school terms. Working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis for details - somml@bigpond.com or [9326 1895](tel:93261895).



Choir Practice for Christmas Eve
8pm and Midnight Masses

Come along and join us to help celebrate the birth of Jesus. Singers and musicians all welcome.

Choir practice will be held at St Louis 7 Dec,
St Brigid's 14 Dec & St Louis 21 Dec
on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Contact Trish 0421 604 849 for more info.



JAG Raffle

Congratulations to our JAG raffle winners:



- \$150 Gift Card (Yellow D52) - Edward Joseph
- Orchid (Blue V42) - Bonnie Wilkinson
- Orchid (Apricot N37) - John B.
- Christmas cake (Pink J56)– Olivia Andreotti

Many thanks to all who supported this raffle. A total of \$869 was raised for BASP.

Scripture and friendship group



The Scripture and friendship group is having their Christmas break up lunch on **Tuesday 6th of**

December at 12 noon, at 47 Gothic Road Aspendale. All are welcome, especially those who have been part of the group throughout the year. For further information please contact [Ann on 0425 712 741](tel:0425712741) or [Carmel on 0425 773 608](tel:0425773608).

You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger. **At Home:** *Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program (January 7 – 11)* will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council. **Overseas:** *Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15)* will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training. Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or [call 02 9560 533](tel:029560533) or [0422 472 567](tel:0422472567).

Cathedral concert: 'A Christmas Celebration'



St Patrick's Cathedral is celebrating the spirit of Christmas with carols across space and time, including an Acknowledgement of Country through music. A family concert of traditional and modern Christmas favourites, featuring Brass, organ and choir in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick's Cathedral will be held on **Sunday, December 18, 2022 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm**. Performance will include audience participation, a children's segment and 'special guest' appearance. Tickets: \$25 at door or via trybooking. Children 15 years and under, admitted free. For any queries, email music@cam.org.au.

FREE FOOD HAMPERS

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER FROM 11AM

FOODBANK DRIVE THRU

DANDENONG: CHOBANI WAREHOUSE

EPPING: MELBOURNE MARKET

CARS ONLY

NO QUESTIONS ASKED!

FOODBANK.ORG.AU

Happy 60th Anniversary
Eddie and Sue Duhau

*May God continue to bless you both
in your commitment to each other.*

Recently Deceased

Judith Trowbridge (St Louis')

Valerie Troup (St Brigid's)

Laurie Pickett (St. John Vianney's - Nada's husband)

Anniversaries

Tony Bova, Eugene Bowles, Emily Braganza, Tony Brennan, Gloria Caleo, David Corda, Angelo Cortese, Gladys Craig, Carmen Dimech, Gerry Elboz, Edward Dziadek, Michael David Elbrish, Fr Jim English, Brendan Evans, William Fitzgerald, Matthew Haar, Marguerite Hamilton, Conor Hughes, Tony Labonté, Marino Lacson, Fr Pat Laws, Rachelle Lynch, Philomena Lazard, Frank Logan, Thomas Mathai, Joan May, Peter Youl, Tony McNicholas, Guiseppe Miano, Ronald Moore, Jane Morillion, Ruth Naicker, John Newington, Rita O'Brien, Florence O'Donnell, Salvatore Perotta, Rendel Roberts, Marjorie Ryan, Jill Sulzberger

Healing Prayers Asked For

Sophia Bicos, Bonnie Wilkinson, Valentine Johans, Simon Dart, Pat Hyland, Josephine Wood, Ray Martin, Maureen Hepburn, Brenda Cortese, Andy Flack, Giulie Waddell, John Nicholson, Carly Gordon, Lindsey Edwards, Minnie Joseph, Amnin Bukic, Helen Pedrazzini, Serena Zienau, Michele Ives, Ian Ryan, Sharon Stevenson, Sam Finnochiaro, Melvyn Porte, Graig dePalo, Margaret Beesley, Vielia McClean, Craig Martin

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 and have read and signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.
Copies are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office.
For any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

3rd Sunday Advent - Sunday 11th December 2022				
Readings (Year A): Isaiah 35:1-6,10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11				
10th & 11th Dec	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Marg De Vries	Joan Healy	Lisa Tuke	Nola Petraxis
Commentator	Pauline Parker	Angela Meo	Ann Furlong	Judy Lamb
Special Minister	Michael Barker	Stephen Pooley	Alison Krishnadas	Helen Rocks
Welcomers	Carmel Barker	Odette Budge	Jon Searle	MaryAnn Farren
	Berna Wake	Barry Wheeler	Niko Tovia	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom			
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

Welcomers' please note this is a 'cuppa' weekend, we appreciate your help.
Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.

If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Our Parish Mission  **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples**

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

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 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

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

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



Support
our Parish



KIDZ ZONE  **CALLING ALL 4-10 YR OLDS**
JOIN US EVERY 4TH WEEKEND DURING MASS

Face Mask Strongly Recommended



Let's take care of each other

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