



# 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.*

## 4th Sunday of Advent Year C – Sunday 19 December 2021

Our readings are: **Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44**

### 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**  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

### BAPTISM CO-ORDINATOR:

**Deb Poynton**  
debannp64@gmail.com  
0403 471 931

### PARISH HOUSE:

**9412 8432**

### PARISH OFFICE:

**9580 7981**  
**Parish Office Hours:**  
9am-4.00pm  
Tuesday-Friday

### PARISH EMAIL:

**mordiallocaspendale  
@cam.org.au**

### PARISH WEBSITE:

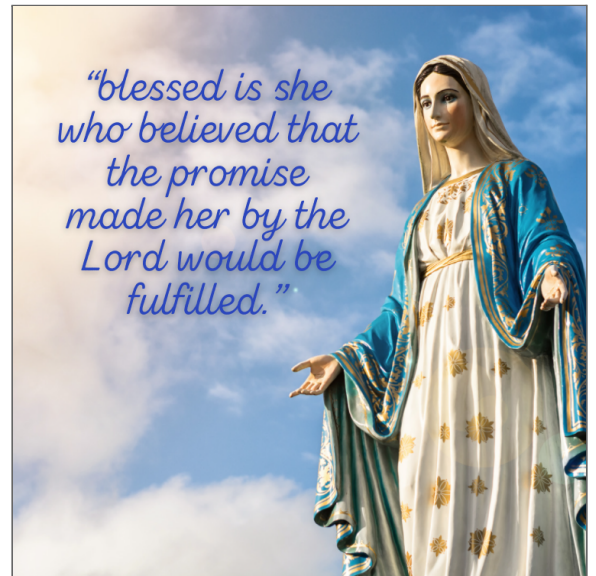
**www.melbcatholic.org/  
mordialloc-aspendale**

### Gospel Reflection

"blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled" God's promise to deliver a Saviour etches close to reality through two unlikely characters, Mary a young virgin and Elizabeth a barren elderly woman. The meeting of two very significant women in Luke's Gospel brings together two incredible stories of faith.

Never would they have thought the plan of salvation would involve their participation whom society considers to be very ordinary women. They are anything but ordinary when we consider how they met the challenges of raising their respective child. Mary travelled with Joseph tirelessly from one town to another, across to Egypt to escape Herod's persecution. Elizabeth on the other hand, in her advanced age raised John the Baptist.

God's divine plan of salvation continues to work in every person's life no matter how humble their status may be. Their faith in God is their strength to persevere. In whom God chooses to carry out his plan are strengthened by His grace. While God chose Mary and Elizabeth to fulfil particular roles, we too are to bring Christ to people in our own ways. Whether we are young or young at heart our faith can be expressed concretely in the hospitality of encounters with the vulnerable such as the elderly, children, and so on. As Elizabeth said, "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Look, the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy", a greeting or a visit from someone who carries the spirit of charity and love can bring enormous joy to those we meet.



*by Fr Hoang Dinh*

## Parish News

### All are welcome for Mass in St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish.

There are no restrictions for those attending mass. Proof of vaccination status is NO longer required. All that is required is a record of your attendance at mass either via the QR code process or your names written manually on the list by the Welcomers. The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

### Mass at St Brigid's & St Louis'



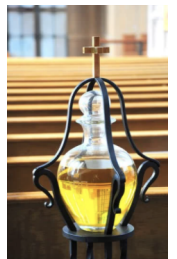
### The Brigidine sisters are leaving our parish



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

### Anointing of Sick at weekday mass

The sacrament of anointing will be offered at mass next Tuesday (9.15am St. Louis') and Wednesday (10am St. Brigid's). Please let others know if they would like to be anointed and contact the parish office for any assistance with transport to the mass.



### Opening our Churches for personal prayer

Many of us will remember popping in "to pay a visit" to the church. For many this may have been to St Francis' on a trip to the city. As a missional parish our goal is to be open to everyone, and that means having our churches open more often. Can you and a buddy serve God in this way? Perhaps 1-2 hours on a weekday/Saturday? If this is something that interests you, please contact Berna Wake from our Parish Leadership Team via [berna.wake@cam.org.au](mailto:berna.wake@cam.org.au).

### Choir Practice

There will be a choir practice next **Wednesday (22nd Dec)** at **St Louis Church** at **7.30pm** in preparation for the 8.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Trish for further enquiries 0421604849.



### Advent Challenge

Please join our Advent Challenge coordinated by our very own Kristian Tangso, member of the Parish Leadership Team. Join our parish [Facebook page](#) and receive a daily challenge during Advent.



### Food For Friends

As part of our Care Ministries our Parish is planning to launch a new initiative early 2022. "Food for Friends" parishioners create delicious home-cooked meals for people in our community who at times might appreciate the thoughtfulness of a meal made with love. New members are welcome. The team has already prepared some meals which have been frozen and are available now. Do you know someone, a family, couple or single who might appreciate this? If so please contact Ann Brennan at 0425 712 741.

## Parish News

### Calendars & Christmas Cards

The 2022 Columban Calendars (\$10) & St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards (\$3.50) are for sale after all weekend Masses.

### Christmas Roster Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers for the Christmas Rosters across all masses. We require Readers, Commentators, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Counters and Sacristans please. If you're able to assist please sign up on the clipboard located in both church foyers.

| Christmas Roster  | 6pm Christmas Eve<br>St Louis' Oval                                              | 8:30pm Christmas Eve<br>St Louis' Hall                           | Midnight Mass<br>St Brigid's                                      | 8:30am<br>Christmas Day<br>St Louis' Hall                   | 10:30am<br>Christmas Day<br>St Brigid's                 |
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| Readers           | Jenny Ferguson                                                                   | Ann Furlong                                                      | Sr Deidre                                                         | Martin Newington                                            | Judy Lamb                                               |
| Commentators      | Julie Buick                                                                      | Julie Barnhoorn                                                  | Joe Alphonso                                                      | Marg Devries                                                | Kristian Tangso                                         |
| Special Ministers | Louise Breslin<br>2 volunteers<br>required please                                | Anthony Barnhoorn<br>Joanne Parlteton<br>Maureen Wraight         | Sr Reba Woodwiss<br>Ann Furlong<br>1 volunteer<br>required please | Ann Furlong<br>Mary Nayna<br>1 volunteer<br>required please | Evelyn Chan<br>2 volunteers<br>required please          |
| Welcomers         | Monique Bruce<br>Louise Breslin<br>Deb Poynton<br>1 volunteer<br>required please | Carmel Barker<br>John Bainbridge<br>Pauline Parker<br>Berna Wake | 4 volunteers<br>required please                                   | Rosemary Miller<br>3 volunteers<br>required please          | Vanessa<br>Fernandes<br>3 volunteers<br>required please |



## Christmas Mass Times

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

## 1st and 2nd Jan 2022 Mass Roster

| Feast of Epiphany                        | Readings (Year C): 1 Samuel 20:22, 24-28, 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52 |                                              |                                                  |                              |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2022 | 6p.m. (A)                                                                   | 8.00a.m. (M)                                 | 9.30 a.m. (A)                                    | 11a.m. (M)                   |
| Reader                                   | Bernie Stuart                                                               | Joan Healy                                   | Martin Newington                                 | Lucy Cameron                 |
| Commentator                              | Volunteer required                                                          | Barry Wheeler                                | Elizabeth Newington                              | Volunteer required           |
| Special Minister                         | Michael Barker                                                              | Fred Burns                                   | Ron Schneider-Loos                               | Peter Wain                   |
| Welcomers                                | Ann Brennan<br>Julie Buick                                                  | Carole Guthrie<br>Jack Guthrie<br>Angela Meo | Maureen Wraight<br>Rosemary Miller<br>Mary Nayna | Paula & Wence<br>Helen Rocks |
| Counters                                 | Bern & Geoff Terrell                                                        | Susan Dornom                                 |                                                  |                              |
| Sacristan                                | Marie Medicott                                                              | Fred Burns                                   | Tony Allday                                      | Glenice Laughlin             |

## Recent Deaths:

## Anniversaries:

Sr Mary Vera A.C., Salvatore Aparo, Emily Aquilina-Saliba, Fr Desmond Cameron, Sam Cassano, Muriel Cramer, Brett Drinan, Edward Dunn, Simone Ellul, Frank Garlick, Pietro Gazzo, John Illott, oan Juliff, Gerardine Kerlin, Jim Kerlin, Des Lourey, Robert Martin, Aloysius Mendonça, Nicholas Morillion, Theresa Morrison, Brian Murphy, Mario Nasello, James O'Donnell, Edmond O'Sullivan, Sean Passagne, David Porter, Margot Poynton, Richard Rebeiro, Ed Riordan, Lance Riordan, Albert Rodrigues, Marilyn Schneider-Loos, Anne Sleeth, Margaret Smith, Mariano B.Sumayao, Guiseppe Taranto, Gordon Adrian Wagstaff and Albert Weiss

## Healing Prayers Asked For:

Joan Hanlon, Jenny Doran, John Nicholson, Maura Scully, Carly Gordon, Sue Kelly, David Marshall, Josie Tobin, Mimmo Rodolico, Jarrod Le Brocq, 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:**

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|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| 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 |



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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 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:**

**St Brigid's School,**

**129 Albert St,**

**Mordialloc**

**9580 4518**

[www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)

**St Louis de Montfort's School,**

**37 Dolphin St,**

**Aspendale**

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[www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)



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

**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**