



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

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

The Holy Family - 31 December 2023 / Happy New Year - January 2024

Our readings for Mass today are from Year B: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Hebrews 11: 8,11-12,17-19, Luke 2: 22-40

PARISH CHURCHES

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
St Louis de Montfort's,
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PARISH PRIEST

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH COORDINATOR

Ann Fitzgerald

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius, Trish Angliss,
Berna Wake

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

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ONLINE BULLETIN

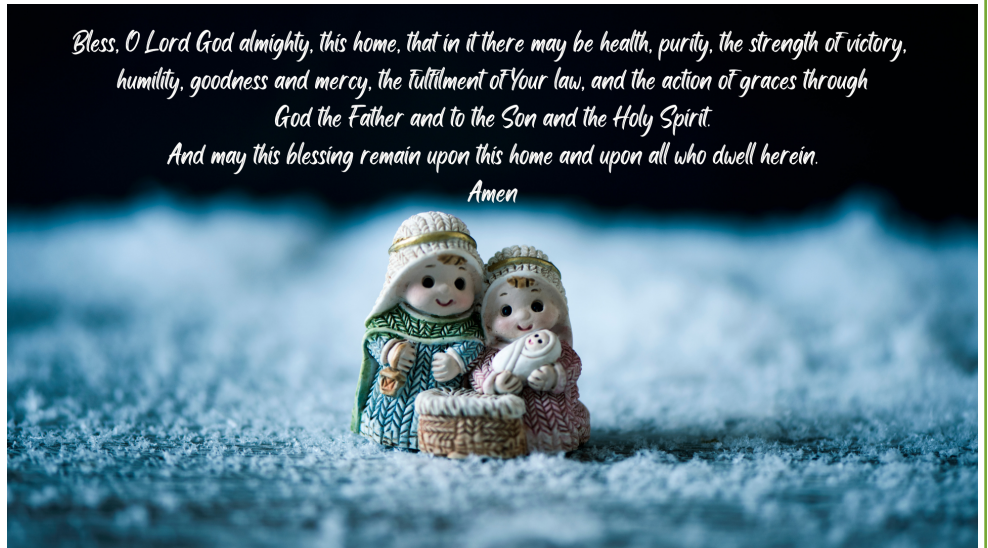
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

*Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory,
humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfilment of Your law, and the action of graces through
God the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.
And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein.
Amen*



The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family Year B focus on the importance of family. The first reading tells of the wisdom and justice in honouring fathers. The second reading tells us how to live together as families. In the gospel Joseph and Mary take the infant Jesus to Jerusalem for the ritual of purification. There they meet Simeon and Anna, who both speak about Jesus' future.

As the new year approaches, we can say Happy New Year to each other, but in our hearts we might be concerned about what the new year will bring. But we have been given a promise and a gift for the new year. Like Mary, we can reflect from a place where our minds, our bodies, our emotions, and our spirits all meet. It is a place of truth and honesty. Do we reflect on our future and what it will mean to us to be a member of God's family?

"As we begin the New Year, we place ourselves under the protection of the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change crosses into resurrections." Pope Francis

Reflection adapted from young-catholics.com



PARISH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

JANUARY SERVE MINISTERS' ROSTER AND ROSTERS DECEMBER 2023 to MARCH 2024

The latest Serve Ministries roster has been emailed out to all volunteers. If you require a printed copy please collect one from the welcome desk.

If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and leave a message with the Parish Office.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Our readings are from Year B: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2: 1 - 12								
6th & 7th Jan	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Debra Searle	Bernie Stuart	Gail McGillivray	Marg De Vries	John Bainbridge	Ann Furlong	Susan Dornom
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Angela Meo	Jack Meyer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Barry Wheeler	Carol Guthrie	Odette Budge	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Lesley Bailey	Phillip Morris	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	N/A	Maureen Wraight	Norma Taylor	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Jennifer Rodrigues	Nola Petraitis	Louise Breslin	Peter Wain	Peter Hannan	Graham Jones	Robyn Worsnop	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 1 - Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares							
2nd ORDINARY - Our readings are from Year B:								
13th & 14th Jan	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer (Cuppa Weekend)		Sacristan
6pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Jenny Ford	Anthony Barnhoorn	Gail McGillivray	Ann Furlong	Monique Bruce	Sonia Williams	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Stefanie Carino	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Marlene Tangso	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Irene Crowe	Brenda O'Leary	Alison Krishnadas	Ron Schneider-Loos	N/A	Joe Corda	Jon Searle	Susan Dornom
11:00am (M)	Judith Lamb	Paula Rodrigues	Peter Wain	Gail Bell	Philippa Pecora	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 2 - Anthony Barnhoorn, Kelvin & Helen Rocks							
3rd ORDINARY - Our readings are from Year B:								
20th & 21st Jan	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Sacristan
6pm (A)	Michael Barker	Jenny Ferguson	Marie Medlicott	Pauline Parker	Sonia Williams	Danny Carey	Annette Brilliant	Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Chris McAleer	Stephen Pooley	Barry Wheeler	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Angela Meo	Pamela Shanley
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Lisa Tuke	Mary Nayna	Felice Cortese	N/A	Rosemary Miller	Berna Wake	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Peter Hannan	Vikki Fitzgerald	Michelle Meachen	Donna Cardamone	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze	Glenice Laughlan
Counters	Group 3 - Nelson Popley, Deborah Joseph, Joe Corda							
4th ORDINARY - Our readings are from Year B: Deut 18: 15 - 20, 1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35, Mark 1: 21 - 28								
27th & 28th Jan	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer (Cuppa Weekend)		Sacristan
6pm (A)	Lesley Bailey	Joanne Partleton	Bernie Stuart	Marg De Vries	Julius Lau	Jan Hughes	Tom Hughes	Marie Medlicott
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Frances North	Jack Meyer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Jane Standish	Carol Guthrie	John Guthrie	Vo Johnson
9.30am (A)	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furong	N/A	Joe Corda	Norma Taylor	Tony Allday
11:00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Jennifer Rodrigues	Glenice Laughlin	Louise Breslin	Peter Wain	Gail Bell	Vanessa Fernandes	Tung Phan
Counters	Group 4 - Bernadette & Geoff Terrell, Susan Dornom							

Prayer Ministers will be available after Mass on the 27th & 28th January. **Prayer Minister Roster - 6pm** Bob Ward & Carmel Barker, **8am** Josie & Tony Aloysius, **9:30am** Felice Cortese & Berna Wake, **11am** Nicky Winters & Ellen Young

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Baptisms in January!

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

*Madeleine Arno, Barney Joseph, Memphis November
Aria Diana Rose, Sophie Olivia*

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

JANUARY & FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ Monday 1st January (NYD) Mass at St Brigid's at 10am,
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd January normal weekday Mass timetable resumes with 9.15am Mass at St Louis',
- ❖ Prayer & Rosary will continue through January prior the Friday 11:30am Mass at St Brigid's,
- ❖ Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will recommence on the 2nd February,
- ❖ Monday St Louis' Communion Service will recommence on the 5th February.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS CONTINUES

We will continue to offer both our 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass from St Louis' and our 8am Sunday Mass for St Brigid's as live streamed Masses for those who are unable to attend Mass. Please visit

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass



PARISH CATECHIST PROGRAM 2024

Our 2024 Parish Catechist Program for First Eucharist, Confirmation and First Reconciliation will begin on **Tuesday the 20th of February**, 4pm-5pm and runs until the end of November. This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving their Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers. Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program are asked to please contact: Elizabeth 9512 1155 or the Parish 9580 7981.

FOR YOUR DIARY - LENTEN SCRIPTURE SMALL GROUPS

Lent 2024 starts on **Wednesday, February 14th** and ends on Thursday, March 28th. Our parish will again be offering our small groups program to reflect and discuss the Lenten scriptures. Small groups are an opportunity to gather around the person of Jesus in his Word and to share our faith and life with one another. As we share our thoughts, feelings, and lived experiences and pray with one another, we are drawn closer together into genuine community. In that place, we come to see how Jesus is working with each other through the Holy Spirit. Our Lenten small groups will be offered: Tuesday 10am at St Louis', Wednesday 10.30am at St Brigid's, Wednesday night at 7.30pm (home venue TBC) and Thursday 7.30pm online. They will run for one hour each week during Lent.



WATERING PLANTS AT ST LOUIS' CHURCH

At St Louis' church there are many plants scattered around the church foyer, near the parish office and in the parish meeting room, which will require watering whilst the parish office is unattended during January. We are looking for volunteers to water the plants after Mass on either Saturday or Sunday. A watering can has been placed near the parish office and this can be filled up from the parish meeting room tap. The plants will be grateful for the drink.



Please note the Parish Office will be closed over Christmas and reopen 30 January 2024. Urgent calls will still be attended to. Thank you for understanding!



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



ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY 2023

Jean Aldridge, Lydia Alphonso, Jorte Alvarado, Gregorio Aparo, Tommasina Arico, Peter Arnold, Marie Atherton, Noel Bailey, Norm Baker, Maria Barbarino, Graziela Barone, Geoffrey Birch, Margaret Blackie, David Borg, Anna Bradbury, Art Wilde, Anthony Brennan, John Breslin, James Burke, Andrea Burns, Jane Buttigieg Anna Maria Camerino, Polly Camilleri, Carl Erbs, Concetta Campagna, Gianni Caretti, John Carino, Pamela Carnegie, Peter Cassidy, Lidia Da Luz Rodrigues, Wad Dunn, Kevin Daniels, Noel D'Argent, Nigel David,, Arun Costa, Amelania De Guzman, Margaret Doran, Joyce Dover, Walter Dow, Michael Doyle, Mary Drenen, Edward Drinan, Bertie D'Souza, Letitia D'Souza, Delia (Theresa) Duffy, Elaine Dunn (Young), Maria Egan, Julia Elkins, Shaun Elwood, Christine Ewert, John Facci, Maria Failla, Vincent Feehan, Jamie Fennessy, Lorna Powell, Catello Ferraiuolo, Tracy Finarelli, Maria Finnochiario, James Floria, John Kenny Ford, Lorraine Fordham, Carmenu Franco, Angelo Francolini, Brigida Francolini, Ryen Galdes, Martin Gannon, Cordeliar Gomez, Allan Goudge, Anne Griffin, Richard Howe, Laurie Halloran, Peter Heffernan, Merlyn Avril Hendricks, Jacqueline Hermon, Bert Watkins, Vera Hodgkinson, Miroslav John, Sean Jones, Mary (Molly) Hutchinson, Phillip Hutchinson, Carmelina Inguanti, Joan Jackson, Herbert Jansz, Len Weaver, Mary Whitney, Rita Kane, Jackie Kavanagh, Ruth Mary-Anne Keble, Nellie Turner, Emma Labonté, Rosa Laria, Dulcie Lazaroo, Therese Leach, Marcella Maguire, Thelma Mann, Jim Marshall, Tony Martin, Gaetano Masini, Russell Mason, John Mathews, Lazzaro Mattia, Karen May, Elaine McCormack, Rae McDonald, Jason McLaren, Peg McLaren, James McQuillan, Bishop Francis Micallef, Ida Morianos, Michael Morris, Bridget Murphy, Cathal Murray, Bryan Muschialli, Peter Nam, Patrick Noonan, Kevin O'Connor, Susan O'Keeffe, Mary O'Neill, Peter O'Reilly, Michael O'Sullivan, Darryl Page, Annamma Paily, Mani Paily, Judy Palmer, Albertine Pascal, Elvis Pearle, John Pedrazzini, Aloy Peries, Jack Phillips, Merrill Phillips, Hubert Popley, Dustin-John Popley, Keith Porter, Dan Powell, Maurice Purcell, Rita Rebeiro, Amaro Rebello, Kathleen Reiter, Urbana Reixach, Peter Ritchley, Violet Roberts, Rose Robinson, Angelo Trettel, Donnamaree Rocks, Lidia Rodrigues, Carmen Rodrigues, Kay Rosenbrock, Michael Rowe, Crystal Rozario, Rodney Rozario, Lawrence Ryan, Luisa Salmeron, Orlando Saraulli, Harry Shallvey, Gladys Sheriff, Andrew Sims, Patrice Skipworth, Dorothy Smith, Gordon Snelgrove, Brigida Solito, Stefna Solito, Brendan Stanton, Ronald Stone, Judith Sullivan, Norman Taylor, Annie Wright, Rufino Torres, Angela Valentie, Steven Watkinson, Andrew Wiltshire, Andrew Wiltshire, Fr John Woodcock

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR

Fernanda Barbarino, Peter Hopkins, Naldi Junaldi, Kath Kidd, Thomas Jacobs, Serge Nayna, Olive Rankin, Pam Ulbricks, Sally McGloin, Eugene Roberts, Peter Waltho, Rita Popley, Judy Callmac, Sophia Bicos, Ian Hughes, Gerard Augustine, Sr Anita Le Clercq, Christine Wagstaff, John Nicholson, Brenda Cortese, Philip Maynes, Graham Owen, Sam Finocchiaro, Michael Bell, Julie Griffith, Serena Zienau, Josephine Wood, Nellie Julian, Michelle Ives, Minnie Joseph, Darren Rankin, Danielle Spencer, Paul Morillion, Fili Schumacker, Valerie O'Hara, Pam Lane

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6pm Mass (St Louis')

Sunday: 8am Mass (St Brigid's)

Sunday: 9.30am Mass (St Louis')

Sunday: 11am Mass (St Brigid's)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 9.15am Communion
Service (St Louis')

Tuesday: 9.15am Mass (St Louis')

Wednesday: 10am Mass (St Brigid's)

Thursday: 9.15am Mass (St Louis')

Friday: 11.30am Mass (St Brigid's)

RECONCILIATION

Friday - 12pm St Brigid's,

Saturday - 5.30pm St Louis'

KIDZ ZONE

4th Weekend of the month

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 10.30am at St Brigid's

PRAYER GROUP AND ADORATION

1st Saturday of the Month: 4.30pm to 5.30pm at St Louis'

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

3rd Friday of the Month: 7.30 to 8.30pm alternating church each month

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and completion of the Safeguarding Essentials training.
Copies of the policy 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

Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432

Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799

Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184

Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592



**Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the
Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respect to Elders,
past, present and emerging.**

