



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.*

First Sunday of Advent, Year C – Sunday 28 November 2021

Our readings are: **Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

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**

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mordialloc-aspendale**

Gospel Reflection - 1st Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year.

The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are waiting, preparation, and justice.



Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the temple. Jesus speaks to his disciples about the need to be aware and engage in prayer as they wait for the coming of the 'Son of Man.'

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, He indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise there will be no more anxiety or difficulties. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a perfect world and nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound tragic but when people woke to hear Jesus talking in the temple they found strength and comfort in his words. In our lives, we may experience hardship and encounter circumstances that cause despair; however through prayer we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us.

By Michelle Barron

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. The celebration of Mass will be live-streamed from [6pm on Saturday](#) and [8am Sunday](#). Go to YouTube for 'Catholic Mass with Fr Andrew' or the [parish website](#).

Opening our Churches for personal prayer

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



Serve in our Hospitality and Care Ministries

Can you help out as a welcomer with upcoming liturgies? **All Confirmation liturgies** are covered - thank you. **Baptism liturgies** on Sundays 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, Jams & Spreads and Cleaning Products. Gifts Vouchers are most welcome or cash donations can be made online at www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 1812. Anyone who needs assistance from St Vincent de Paul please call 1800 305 330.



St Vincent de Paul Mass

St Vincent de Paul Southern Central Council is having a special Festival Mass on **Tuesday 7th December at 7pm** at St Brigid's, Mordialloc. The celebrant for the Mass is the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Ireland. The Mass is a welcome Mass for the Bishop, a Commissioning Mass for the new Southern Central Council President, the Regional Council, the Conference Presidents and new members of the Southern Central Council. Bookings essential via rohans@svdp-vic.org.au. See noticeboard for details or contact Susan on 0413 979 049.

Calendars & Christmas Cards

The 2022 Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are now available from the Piety stalls after all weekend Masses. The calendars are \$10 each & Christmas Cards are \$3.50 each for a pack of five cards.



Priest retirement fund Special collection

This **collection** is usually taken up on Father's Day but will now be taken up on the **weekend of 4/5th December**. Please give generously to "care for those who cared". The fund aims to support sick and retired priests.



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. Exciting and prayerful!



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Priesthood ordination - Yes the bus trip is going ahead!!!!

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. Payment beforehand preferred or on the bus. *Please note payment confirms your place on the bus.* The **first pick up departs from St Louis' school car park at 8am** and a **second pick up will be made outside the Parish House Mordialloc at 8.15am**. We depart St Patrick's at 12.30pm for the return trip. Please sign up on list in church foyer or email mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au **Final numbers required by Tuesday 30th November**

Advent Reflection Book

The Diocese of Wollongong have published a **Daily Advent Reflection booklet, entitled 'Blessed'**. It is a beautifully presented full-coloured pocket size resource containing short daily reflections. Copies available at the welcome Desk or from the Parish Office for only \$5 each.



Weekday Weeding Warriors at St Brigid's Church

We are getting together this **Monday 29 November at 9am** to do a tidy up of the grounds at St Brigid's Church followed by morning tea. It is a social occasion, join us. Bring your favourite gardening tool and don't wear your Sunday best!



Scripture & Friendship Group

Scripture Friendship Group would like to thank everyone who has joined us on Zoom 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. Our next gathering together will be on the **30th November for a morning tea break up**.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group gathers **every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm - 9pm at St. Louis' church** up to and including the 14th December. 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.

Next Week's Mass Roster

2nd Sun Advent	Readings (Year C): Baruch 5:1-9, Phillippians 1:4-6, Luke 3:1-6			
4 th 5 th Dec 2021	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Ann Furlong	Jane Standish	Len Scott	Beverley Plant
Commentator	Carmel Grace	Barry Wheeler	Niko Tovia	Tim Plant
Special Minister	Joanne Partleton	Stephen Pooley	Ron Schneider-Loos	Michelle Campbell
Welcomers	Julie Barnhoorn Anthony Barnhoorn Annette Brilliant	Paula Rodrigues Angela Meo Odette Budge	Rosemary Miller Maureen Wraight Mary Nayna	Lucy Cameron Louise Breslin
Counters	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom		
Sacristan	Marie Medicott	Fred Burns	Tony Allday	Pam Hannan

Recent Deaths:

Brian Grace (Rosemary Grace's husband - St Brigid's)

Anniversaries:

Rita Kerlin, Pearl Amor, Yolanda Arce, Sebastiano Barbarino, Isabel Bramich, Nerina Brown, John Campbell, Jack Colwell, Brian James Davie, Seamus Doherty, Janice Drew, Toni Egan, Tom Evans, Denis Flanagan, Reg Garbelotto, Matthew Haar, Flo Holbery, Anne Hoyne, Beryl Alma Johnson, Ryan Kerlin, Effie Lobo, Rachelle Lynch, Joan May, Mariann McDonnell, Arthur Mortimer, Kevin Murphy, Edith Newington, Walter Newington, Willie Reilly, Pat Robertson, Patricia Rochford, Doug Saunders, Soledad Setia, Jill Sulzberger, Edwin Wood and Les Woodhead

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Maura Scully, Carly Gordon, 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:

St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St,

Mordialloc

9580 4518

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St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

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[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

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**