



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.*

1st Sunday of Advent - Sunday 27 November 2022

Our readings are: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44 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

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9am - 4pm



Contact Us



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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 Matthew's Gospel, we hear 2 stories of being on the alert so as to avoid disaster or trouble – the disaster of being swept away in a flood or the trouble of being robbed by a burglar. These unfortunate, negative experiences in no way give us the sense of joyful anticipation that the Season of Advent tries to bring to our attention. Being on the alert and preparing for something important is really the message for us. It reminds me of a scene from the movie Home Alone in which the little boy Kevin—accidentally left behind when his family took a trip to

Paris—is peering out an open window, overhearing two burglars saying that they'd be coming back to rob Kevin's house around 9pm that night. Now Kevin knows when they are coming and so he spends the rest of the day setting up one booby trap after the next to foil the thieves who, indeed, show up promptly at 9pm. If you know when a burglar is coming, you get ready and watch, Jesus says. But then in the very next verse Jesus encourages our own readiness and watchfulness on account of the fact that we do not know when he will return. Knowing when something is going to happen makes you watchful. However, I believe the point is that we have to assume that the burglar could come any night and so we have to always be prepared. Jesus teaches us how to stay awake and stay ready for when He returns. His teaching gives hope to the tired and weary, and even though we don't know when, we live in faithful hope of His coming.

How do we prepare for Jesus' coming? We must get our hearts ready. Jesus, will come again someday. It could be any time, we must be ready! If this was the moment we had to face Jesus, would we be proud of our thoughts, words, and actions in this life? If we are aware that at any time, Jesus can take our last breath away, we would spend every moment loving God and the people around us. We must work hard every day to turn away from what isn't loving and kind, and begin to prepare our hearts for Jesus this Christmas.

"Behold, I am coming soon. Long for me, wait for me, hope in me, and be ready. Stay awake."

So keep awake – we have wonderful work to do.

Marylene Douglas - St Louis' de Montfort primary school

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

Parish News

Rite of Acceptance

We have 5 people who have responded to the call to join our parish as Catholics. We welcome **Feodor Frukhtman, Mandy Hammond, Nikky & Brett Hill & Jon Searle**. They have been journeying with us the last couple of months alongside our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) team - *Tony & Josie Aloysius, Carmel Barker, Vikki Fitzgerald, Judy Lamb & Bernie Stuart*. We will formally welcome them into the process at the 9.30am mass this Sunday through the Rite of Acceptance. More details about our catechumens and candidates will feature in the next edition of Blessings.



Catechist Thanksgiving family mass

We welcome back our catechist families who will be attending the 9.30am mass this Sunday. It has been another fruitful year for our catechetics program under the leadership of Elizabeth Newington. Thank you Elizabeth and thanks to your team of catechists.

JAG Raffle

The final 2022 JAG fundraiser Raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after weekend Masses and the raffle will be drawn on 30 November. Monies raised will be donated to the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP). **There are four prizes to be won** - a \$150.00 Coles Myer gift Voucher, one of two orchid's and a homemade gluten free Christmas cake (serves 12). **FINAL WEEKEND TO BUY TICKETS!**

Collection This Weekend

A collection will be taken up for Movember this weekend. Funds raised will go towards supporting Men's health.



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 or Les Garrad on 0417347592.

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 volunteer 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.

Please join us for Kidz Zone on Sunday at 9.30am St Louis', Aspendale

Please note there will only be one session running this weekend.

Child Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

All SMOTC Serve Ministers (Volunteers) are required to do the online Essential Safeguarding Training. To access the training you need your WWCC number and email address. For those who need help there will be a help session held at **St Louis' on Wed 30th Nov at 7pm** or complete it online at safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s.



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

Christmas Mass Times

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

Advent starts this weekend and as is our custom at St Mary of the Cross, parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable food items suitable for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. Please place items under the Christmas trees at both churches. ***Some 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 online at www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 18 12. The hampers will be distributed by St Vincent de Paul to those in need. Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul can call 1800 305 330.



Happy 80th Birthday - Barbara Cronin
May God continue to bless you and surround you with family and friends!!



Christmas Roster Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers for the Christmas Rosters 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.

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

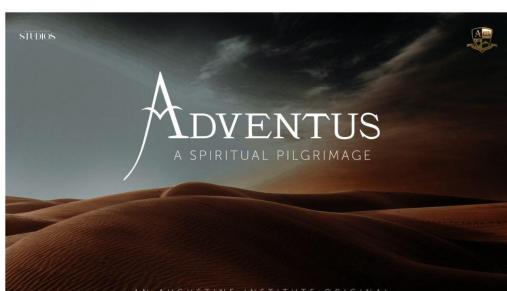
The 2023 Columban Calendars (\$10 each) and SVDP Christmas Cards (\$3.50 for a pack of 5 cards) can be purchased from the piety stalls after the weekend Masses.

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.

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
You can sing at both Masses or just one
Practice will alternate between St Louis and St Brigid's starting on
Wed 23 Nov at St Louis at 7.30pm
Contact Trish 0421 604 849



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This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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Recently Deceased

Elisa Villar (Jenny Meneses' mother)

Anniversaries

Pearl Amor, Yolanda Arce, Sebastiano Barbarino, Isabel Bramich, Alma Brennan, Nerina Brown, John Campbell, Jack Colwell, Edwin Wood, Brian James Davie, Angela Davis, Anton Deckker, Seamus Doherty, Janice Drew, Toni Egan, Tom Evans, Denis Flanagan, Reg Garbelotto, Judith Gray, Gillian Griffiths, Flo Holbery, Anne Hoyne, Rita Kerlin, Beryl Alma Johnson, Ryan Kerlin, Effie Lobo, Maggie Madtha, Willie Reilly, Soledad Setia, Mariann McDonnell, Pius Mendonça, Arthur Mortimer, Judith Murphy, Edith Newington, Walter Newington, Patrick O'Dowd, Les Woodhea, Pat Robertson, Patricia Rochford, Doug Saunders

Healing Prayers Asked For

Sophia Bicos, Bonnie Wilkinson, Valentine Johans, Simon Dart, Pat Hyland, Josephine Wood, Ray Martin, Maureen Hepburn, Fred Hamilton, 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, Vielie 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

Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432

Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849

Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799

Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568

Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522

Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049

Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184

Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592

Next Week's Serve Ministers' Roster

2nd Sunday Advent - 3rd & 4th December 2022

Readings (Year A): Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

26th 27th Nov	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Julius Lau	Frances North	Brian Martin	Peter Hannon
Commentator	Tanya Jhoomun	Angela Meo	Gen Martin	Nola Petraxis
Special Minister	Pauline Parker	Barry Wheeler	Rob Schneider-Loos	Judy Lamb
Welcomers	Tanya Jhoomun Fam.	Wence & Paula	Norma Taylor	Tung Phan
	Danny Carey	Rodrigues	Rosemary Miller	Robyn Worsnop
Counters	Anthony Barnhoorn, Helen & Kelvin Rocks			
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Vo Johnson	Tony Allday	Glenice Laughlin

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



Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Our Parish Mission



Love God, Love Others,
Make Disciples



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Catholic Parish
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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



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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

