



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

First Sunday of Advent - Year A – 30th Nov & 1st Dec 2019

Our readings for this week **ISAIAH 2: 1-5; ROMANS 13: 11-14; MATTHEW 24: 37-44**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

& St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

DEACON:

Brian Muling

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Sr Bernadette Carr

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9580 1018

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9580 7981

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Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection:

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year (Year A), featuring the gospel of Matthew. Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation. The need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable today when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. We should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.



Tom Lindeman

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.

Parish Events



ADVENT: This week we begin the season of Advent – the start of the new liturgical year – Year A. For the new year we are trialing a new look Parish Bulletin. Let us know what you think.



Masses Of Anointing: There are two special Masses of Anointing during Advent on: **Tuesday 10th Dec 9.15am-St Louis' & Wednesday 11th Dec 10am-St Brigid's**
If anyone needs help with transport please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

Advent Reflection Book: There are still copies of the Daily Advent Reflection booklet entitled **'The Way'** published by the Diocese of Wollongong. It is a beautifully presented full-coloured pocket size resource containing short daily reflections. Copies available in the Church foyer for only **\$4 each**.

Calendars & Cards: 2020 Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are available in the Piety Stalls at both our Churches after all weekend Masses. Calendars are **\$9 each** and Christmas Cards are **\$5 per pack (8 cards in a pack)**.



St Vincent De Paul: Advent starts this week and the Christmas tree is up. As is our custom for this time of the year you are invited to place donations of non perishable food items suitable for Christmas hampers under the tree.

This year we are asking you to bring gifts of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**.

Hope: donate the gift education

Peace: donate the basic essentials

Joy: donate the gift of entertainment

Love: donate Christmas treats

Our two St Vincent de Paul conferences will use these donations to make up hampers to distribute to needy families in this area.



There are Donation Bags, Envelopes and lists of suggested items for the hampers available in the Church foyer. Please take one and help spread some Christmas cheer to some of our local families in need.



Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul Society can call: **1800 305 330**



2019 Baptism Masses: Families who had a child baptised in our Parish in 2019 were invited to come to Masses this weekend 30th Nov & 1st Dec, and receive a special blessing. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.

Christmas Rosters: Readers, Special Ministers are needed for all the Christmas Masses. Please fill in your availability on the sheets in the foyer so a roster can be drawn up.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Mass times are:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

6pm Mass in St Louis' School Hall
Carols at 5.30pm

8.30pm Mass in St Louis' Church
Carols at 8pm

Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church
Carols at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY:

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

Special Collection for Mo-ember:

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the special collection for **Mo-ember** last week. Total collected was **\$954**

Next Week's Special Collection:

There is a special collection at all Masses next weekend for **Melbourne Overseas Mission**.



Parish Groups:

St Louis' School & Tennis Club Working Bee:

Saturday 7th Dec at St Louis' at 9am.

There is a working bee to tidy the Tennis Club & School Shed & Garden Area.

Tennis Club will provide a BBQ & drinks for the workers.



St Louis' School Family Picnic & Carols:

Friday 6th Dec at St Louis' School Hall.

Prep Concert 9.30am,

Christmas Well Being Market from 3pm

BYO Picnic with Christmas Carols

plus Activities for children: 4.30pm-7pm

All welcome



COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sat 30 th Nov	Baptism Blessing Mass 6pm*
Sun 1 st Dec	First Sunday of Advent Baptism Blessing Masses*
Fri 6 th Dec	St L School Family Picnic & Carols
Sun 8 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent Anointing Mass 9.15am*
Tue 10 th Dec	Anointing Mass 10am*
Wed 11 th Dec	St L End of Year School Mass
Thu 12 th Dec	St B End of Year School Mass
Fri 13 th Dec	Men's Group Dinner Meeting
Sun 15 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent St L Yr6 Graduation Mass 6pm
Mon 16 th Dec	St B Yr6 Graduation Mass 7pm
Tue 17 th Dec	

Longbeach Knights Of The Southern Cross (Aspendale/Chelsea):

Yr 11/12 Bursaries: The **Jack Guppy Bursary** is awarded to a Year 10 Student for Catholic Education entering Yr 11 in 2020 then Yr 12 in 2021. The value of this Bursary is \$250 payable to the school for each year. Applications close on 15th December 2019 and can be forwarded to: Chairman of Longbeach KSC, Mr. Keith Reiter, 11A Wellwood Rd, Bonbeach.



Thursday Social Group: The Knights of the Southern Cross' Past, Present & Future Friendship (PP&FF) Social Group are now to be known as the First Thursday Social Group and their next event is dinner at **Michelangelo's Aspendale** at 6:30pm on **Thursday 5th Dec**. All welcome. To book contact **Pat Adams 0448 866 020** or **Keith Reiter 0417 350 733**.

RCIA Group: We ask you, the Parish of St Mary of the Cross, to keep our RCIA group (**Christina, Bec, Stuart, Jo, and Andrea**) in your prayers as their journey towards, becoming full members of our Church continues. Please continue to make them all welcome.



Other Local & Archdiocese Events:

Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch: Don't be alone this Christmas Come and share lunch with others at **St Joseph's Parish Hall, 362 Station St, Chelsea** on **25th December 11.45am - 2pm** Call **9772 2211** to book a seat

Community Carols: Chelsea Inter Church Council is once again holding their **Community Carols** event on **Sunday 8th December** at **L F Payne Hall, Station St, Chelsea 6.30 - 8.15 pm** All welcome



Lourdes Day Mass: Saturday 7th Dec at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

A blessing of the sick will follow the Mass using water brought from the spring at Lourdes.

Holding The Light: Ecumenical Service of Remembrance for Australian women and children killed by domestic or relationship violence during 2019. This annual event is on **Sunday 1st Dec 3-4pm at St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne**

The Voice from Assisi: An evening of Christmas Music & Readings with **Friar Alessandro** on **Sat 7th December** at 7.30pm at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne**. Entry free or by donation Bookings essential. Go to: www.voicefromassisi.org.au

Recently Deceased: Isabelle Bramich (mother of Jenny Cogley), Carmen Vella (Josie Blair's aunt)

Anniversaries: Sebastiano Barbarino, Nerina Brown, Brian Davie, Tom Evans, Ryan Kerlin, Kevin Murphy, Edwin Wood, Patricia Rochford, Jack Colwell, Anne Hoyne, Reg Garbelotto, Pearl Amor, Beryl Johnson, Effie Lobo, Pat Robertson, Soledad Setia, Les Woodhead, Matthew Haar, Rachelle Lynch, Jill Sulzberger, Emily Braganza, Gerry Elboz, Michael Elbrish, John Newington, Salvatore Perotta, Peter Toner, Tony Brennan, David Corda, Brendan Evans, Marguerite Hamilton, Ruth Naicker, Carles Duch-Roses, Maria Camps, Ingrid Rovira-Castells.

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Penny Chater, Beryl Osborne, Trish Wardle, Kevin Reed, Minnie Joseph, Bernadine O'Meara, Richard Williams, Ron Sincock, Vera Morgan, Bob Orchard, Helen Pedrazzini, Dorothy Taylor, Maddie Bateman Duffy, Geoffrey Colwell, Trina Wilson, Sue Waltho, Gail Hamilton, Kay Rosenbrock, Mary Jane Duffy.
(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)

Wedding Anniversaries: Congratulations to **Carole & Jack Guthrie** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week and will receive a special blessing at 8am Mass. Congratulations also to **Trish & Colin Amor** who will receive a special blessing at 9.30am Mass for their 60th Anniversary.



NEXT SUNDAY- 7th & 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 35: 1-6, 10;**
JAMES 5: 7-10; MATTHEW 11: 2-11

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: READERS - please see Father before Mass

6PM MASS

Reader Pauline Parker
Commentator Lisa Tuke
Special Ministers Julius Lau, Debbie Poynton, Marie Seddon, Sonia Williams, Bernadette Stuart

9.30AM MASS

Reader Marj Reed
Commentator Trish Amor
Special Ministers Brian Martin, Maureen Wraight, Judy Dickinson, Brenda & Felice Cortese,

8AM MASS

Reader Sr Deidre Malone
Commentator Melissa Ellia
Special Ministers Fred Burns, Marlene Tangso, Barry Wheeler, Liz & Paul O'Farrell

11AM MASS

Reader SrReba Woodwiss
Commentator Lucy Cameron
Special Ministers Gail Selwyn, Peter Hannan, Mary Cassar, Sr Reba Woodwiss, Peter Wain

COUNTERS: **Aspendale:** Mark Barnhoorn, Jan & Tom Hughes
Mordialloc: Carole & Jack Guthrie

NURSING HOMES:

Sandy Lodge: Trish & Barry
Mercy Place Nixon: Giulie & Vinh
Bayside: Philippa & Evelyn
Elly Kay: Vo Johnson
Parkdale House: Juliana & Olga



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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 12noon - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

EXPOSITION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday 9.45am - St Louis',

Friday 10.30am - St Brigid's

BAPTISM BOOKINGS
through Parish Office
9580 7981

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St Brigid's School,

129 Albert St,

Mordialloc

9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,

37 Dolphin St,

Aspendale

9580 5169

www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



THANKSGIVING: 24/10/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,870	\$1,390
Average:	\$2,021	\$1,589
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

Thank you to parishioners for your continued support.

Child Safety: Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.



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