



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 – 29th November 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8; 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-9; MARK 13: 33-37**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc
& **St Louis de Montfort's,**
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

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Bernadette Carr

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Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

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37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
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Gospel Reflection:

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

In the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to *take heed* and *watch*, so as to be ready to welcome him at the moment of his return. He tells us: "Take heed, watch ... for you do not know when the time will come... Watch therefore ... lest he come suddenly and find you asleep"

This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. With this year being one of great challenge; for our communities and individually for us all, in different ways.

In the midst of the excess of Christmas consumerism and sheer excitement of freedom from the months of lockdown and restrictions, we need to be more aware than ever, to draw attention to the season of Advent and the need to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. It is important to stay awake, awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.

Jodie Marziano



NEXT SUNDAY - 5th & 6th December 2020

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent in Year B:
Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11;**
2 PETER 3: 8-14; MARK 1: 1-8

First Sunday of Advent– Year B:

Advent Prayer: (with Bernadette Carr) will take place in St Louis' Church on Tuesdays at 11am during Advent.

(Covid restrictions have eased so there should be plenty of spaces available in the Church and no need to book online) .All welcome.



Advent Twilight Retreat: Once again we are offering an opportunity for parishioners to attend an Advent Retreat as part of their preparation for Christmas.

The Advent Retreat will be on **Wednesday 16th December from 6pm to 9pm at St Louis de Montfort's Church**

The Retreat begins with a meal. There is a charge of \$10 to cover costs and this is paid on the night.

We need to know numbers for catering so we ask you to please book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK> or contact: **Parish Office: 9580 7981**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Mass times are:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

6pm Mass on St Louis' School Oval

300 permitted to attend

8.30pm Mass in St Louis' School Hall

150 permitted to attend

Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church

75 permitted to attend

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.30am Mass in St Louis' School Hall

150 permitted to attend

10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

75 permitted to attend

Christmas Masses:

The Parish is attempting to maximize the number of people able to attend our Christmas Masses by celebrating the Family Mass on St Louis' School Oval and the other St Louis' Masses will be celebrated in St Louis' School Hall.

There will also be two special Christmas Masses recorded and available to view online.

Booking will be essential for Christmas Masses.



Christmas Mass Bookings: To book online go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK> or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Confirmation: This week there will be Confirmation ceremonies during school hours for our Year 6 students from both St Louis de Montfort's and St Brigid's Schools. Congratulations to all these children on receiving this very special sacrament.



Catechist Class: Next **Sunday 6th December** the children from our Catechist Class will be confirmed during **9.30am Mass at St Louis'**.



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First Eucharist: There will also be a special extra Mass next **Sunday 6th December** at St Louis' for the Catechist children who will receive their First Eucharist. Congratulations to all the Catechist children who have managed to complete all their preparation online. Well

RCIA: Our RCIA candidates will be fully received into the Church on **Sunday 13th December** during **11am Mass at St Brigid's**



Parish News:

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers: Advent starts next week and the Christmas Trees will go up in our Churches and 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. Suggestions include:



Christmas Cakes & Puddings, Long Life Custard, Lollies & Chocolates, Nuts & Savoury Nibbles, Sweet & Savoury Biscuits, Shortbreads, Mince Pies, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Milo, Tea Bags, Breakfast Cereals, Jams & Spreads, Long-life Milk, Pasta & Pasta Sauces, Tinned Hams, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Bathroom & Cleaning Products,

Gifts, Vouchers and Cash Donations are also welcome.

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

Donations can be left under the Christmas Tree if you are coming to one of our Masses or during the week they can be left at the Parish Office at St Louis or at St Brigid's School.

Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul in this difficult time can call: 1800 305 330



Calendars & Christmas Cards: 2021 Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are now available from the Piety stalls after all weekend Masses or from the Parish Office. 2021 Calendars are **\$10 each**



and Christmas Cards are **\$3.50 per pack** (5 cards in a pack).



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



Vinnies Stores: are now open again for shoppers and donations.
Chelsea Heights cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights
& **Mentone** 34 Nepean Hwy, Mentone



Parish Pastoral Council: The term of some of our Parish Councillors ends soon so there is the opportunity for new members to join this group. Parish Councillors usually serve a 3 year term with several members changing each year.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Fr Andrew



Child Safeguarding: Many parishioners have been sent a copy of our Parish's **Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct Declaration**.

Have you read and signed this declaration yet?



Signing the Code of Conduct is part of our ongoing Child Safeguarding Training and is a simple way to make sure that everyone understands what type of behaviour is expected by everyone in our Parish. All volunteers are expected to sign this but all parishioners (including children – there is a child friendly version on the website) are invited to do so as well. Simply by being aware of Child Safety you help make our Parish safer.

Copies of the Declarations are also available on the Church Doors near the Bulletins.

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

If you have any questions please contact one of our Child Safeguarding Committee. See our Parish website or Church noticeboards for their contact details.



Fr Andrew Jekot, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop

First Sunday of Advent– Year B:

Recently Deceased: Antonio Auricchio (grandfather of Linda Pasagic), James Monaghan (brother of Fr Chris Monaghan)

Anniversaries: Isabel Bramich, Flo Holbery, Seamus Doherty, Doug Saunders, Sebastiano Barbarino, Nerina Brown, Brian Davie, Tom Evans, Ryan Kerlin, Kevin Murphy, Patricia Rochford, Edwin Wood, Jack Colwell, Anne Hoyne, Pearl Amor, Toni Egan, Reg Garbelotto, Beryl Johnson, Effie Lobo, Pat Robertson, Soledad Setia, Les Woodhead, Matthew Haar, Rachelle Lynch, Joan May, Jill Sulzberger, Emily Braganza, Gerry Elboz, Michael Elbrish, John Newington, Salvatore Perotta, Peter Toner.



Healing Prayers Asked For: Salam Assaad, Michael Smith, Tony Del Prete. Soula Paliouris, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Rebecca Walker, Alma Brennan, Graham Owen, Jean Phillips, Helen Pedrazzini.

(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)

Happy Birthday: Congratulations to **Christian Louis** who celebrated his 75th Birthday this week. Happy birthday.



Happy 50th Anniversary: Congratulations to **Maree & Phillip Morris** who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary recently.

Baptisms: are now able to take place again with some restrictions and there are several Baptism ceremonies this weekend. We welcome in to our Parish family:
Patrick Jack Cain **Hendrix Richard Clark**



Parish Masses:

Restrictions Eased: Restrictions have eased to allow over **50 parishioners** to be present at Mass at St Louis' and over **70 parishioners** to be present at Mass at St Brigid's but you **must** book first. Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK> or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Saturday at 6pm at St Louis', **Sunday at 8am** at St Brigid's,
9.30am at St Louis' & **11am** at St Brigid's

Sunday Mass is also available online via the website

There is no need to book for any of the weekday Masses as it is unlikely we will exceed our limit
Weekday Masses are on: **Tuesday at 9.15am** at St Louis' **Wednesday at 10am** at St Brigid's
Thursday at 9.15am at St Louis' & **Friday at 11.30am** at St Brigid's
DON'T FORGET: Masks must be worn inside when attending Mass.

STREAMING

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Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses. There will no longer be a pre-recorded Mass.

To view the Live Stream Masses go to:

<https://youtu.be/7I8LDgT9bEQ> for **Saturday 6pm Mass**

and <https://youtu.be/r6u6hyODG94> for **Sunday 8am Mass**

Tuesday 1st December: Mass on this Tuesday will be replaced by a Communion Service as Fr Andrew will be busy confirming children from St Brigid's and St Louis' on this day.



Tuesday & Thursday Rosary Before Mass: The Rosary will now be prayed before Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Louis' starting at 8.45am.

Don't forget to keep checking our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.