



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.*

Second Sunday of Advent – 6th December 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 PETER 3: 8-14; MARK 1: 1-8**

PARISH CHURCHES:

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

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Bernadette Carr

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

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9580 4518

www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169

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Gospel Reflection:

"Prepare for the joy in Jesus". I think that this will be my catch cry for this week. Prepare for the joy in Jesus. To me, this is my reflection of the first line of Mark's gospel, which we hear today: "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

But the joy can be hard to find especially with the year that we have had so another passage in scripture that we know so well, Psalm 23, the Lord's my shepherd, we hear about God being asked to revive our drooping spirit. Well, my spirit is a bit droopy. I, like many of you, can't wait for 2020 to be over and start afresh in 2021. A couple of weeks ago, I felt that I just wanted Christmas to be over and hop over that New Year line. I was toying with the idea of not putting up any Christmas decorations but before you call me Father Grinch, I was recharged by the new Christmas lights that adorn our two churches and the readings for this weekend. The words: Prepare for the joy in Jesus came to mind as a strong reminder that if there was ever a year to celebrate Christmas it is this year. Let's not write Christmas off because of the 2020 unfulfilled wishes that came our way. Let's prepare the way for the birth of Jesus to be the gift that 2020 brings to us. Let us go out into the wilderness of 2020 and know that Jesus is there wrapped up in swaddling clothes waiting for us to visit him. To pay him homage and thank him for the little hidden gifts that have come to us during 2020. Therefore, can I invite you to: Prepare for the joy in Jesus.

Fr Andrew



Hope Peace Joy Love

NEXT SUNDAY - 12th & 13th December 2020

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent in Year B:

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 61: 1-2, 10-11;**
1 THESSALONIANS 5: 16-24; JOHN 1: 6-8, 19-28

Second Sunday of Advent- Year B:

Advent Quiet Time and Opportunity for First Rite Reconciliation:

Our churches will be open for people to come in for quiet prayer as a lead up to Christmas for one hour from **7pm to 8pm**

on **Thursday 17th Dec** (St. Brigid's only) and on **Tuesday 22nd Dec & Wednesday 23rd Dec** (both churches)

Reconciliation will be available during these times as well as the normal scheduled times (Saturdays at 5.30pm at St. Louis' & Fridays at 12pm at St. Brigid's).

Advent Prayer: (with Bernadette Carr) takes 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: Bookings open this **Tuesday 8th December**. A message will be sent to all our parishioners at this time to let them know about our Christmas Masses.

To book online go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



RCIA: Our RCIA candidates are this weekend taking part in a retreat in preparation for next week when they 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



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, Susan Dornom, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop

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.

Second Sunday of Advent- Year B:

Recently Deceased: Alma Brennan (Aspendale),
Joseph Burke (father of Cathy Noble),



Anniversaries: Joseph & Therese Antonios, Tony Brennan, David Corda, Brendan Evans, Marguerite Hamilton, Ronald Moore, Ruth Naicker, Conor Hughes, Fr Pat Laws, Tony Bova, Angelo Cortese, William Fitzgerald, Marino Lacson, Peter Youl, Gloria Caleo, Edward Dziadek, Fr Jim English, Frank Logan, Guiseppa Miano, Jane Morillon, Florence O'Donnell, Rendel Roberts, Marjorie Ryan, Eugene Bowles, Carmenu Dimech, Tony Labonté, Tony McNicholas, Merie Jaspers, Lawrence Keil, Tess Lanigan, Peter Soulsby, Rosario Messina, Mary Morris.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Laura Bruder, Salam Assaad, Michael Smith, Tony Del Prete. Soula Paliouris, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Peter Spencer, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Graham Owen, Jean Phillips, Helen Pedrazzini.
(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)

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:

Xavier Glenn Mason

Layla Antonia Guerin-Romero

Olivia Matilda Remboulis

Cerise Olivia Dracos

Xavier Marc Dracos

Thomas James Dracos



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 Bookings close at 5pm on Saturday. *(for late bookings you can call the Parish Office)*

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

ONLINE

LIVE

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/cE5ecH8CBxU> for **Saturday 6pm Mass**,

<https://youtu.be/dpdFyPKxhVo> for **Sunday 8am Mass**,

https://youtu.be/IP_IghIe3dM for **Sunday 9.30am Mass**

and https://youtu.be/Y1uEPd_Mq9E for **Sunday 11.30am First Eucharist Mass**.



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

Congratulations to **Amelia Fimister, Diesel Reid, Christian Tomasic, Harrison Tzounos and Oliver Tzounos**

First Eucharist: There will also be a special extra Mass this **Sunday 6th December** at St Louis' for the Catechist children who will receive their First Eucharist.

