



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 - Year A – 8th December 2019

Our readings for this week **ISAIAH 11: 1-10; ROMANS 15: 4-9; MATTHEW 3: 1-12**

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:

Bernadette Carr

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9580 1018

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9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection:

Waiting. Nobody likes waiting. Lines. Traffic. Doctor's office. The way the other line in the airport security lane always moves faster. Stuck behind the person who can't count to ten in the 10-items-or-less lane at the supermarket. Waiting. For the train, the bus. For the show to start. For the file to download.

Someone, somewhere on the Internet (that infinite universe of meaningless statistics) has estimated the average person spends 45 to 62 minutes a day waiting. And we hate it. Waiting drives us crazy. So we fight it. Rushing, running, planning, speeding, doing. GPS in the car. Double windows at the fast food drive-through restaurant. 4G networks for mobiles. Overnight shipping. One-minute meals. Instant gratification. Waiting time is wasted time, and none of us can afford to waste even a minute. What sort of a world have we created?

In our time of waiting for Christmas day we are invited to prepare the stable of our hearts for baby Jesus. John the Baptist did so. He went around and asked people to repent in order to receive the Son of God. He calls us to pray.

The challenge this week is to pray. That sounds easy enough, well the challenge for us may be that at those times when we waiting, like in the queue at the supermarket or department store when we might reach for our phone to check this or that whilst waiting, to choose not to reach for the phone but to pray for the person in front of you. Maybe not to lay your hands on their heads but quietly say a prayer for them. Let's see how we go?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcravEG2ATE>

Fr Andrew



Parish Events



ADVENT: We are now in the season of Advent which is 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 Advent Masses of Anointing on this week: **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**
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 has started 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**

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:

There is a special collection at all Masses this weekend for **Melbourne Overseas Mission**. This appeal assists missionaries to provide material aid, education and services to developing communities throughout the world. Please give generously. A copy of their 2018 Report is available in the Foyer



Special Events:

Happy Birthday: Congratulations to **Peter Waltho** who celebrates his 70th Birthday this week. Also Happy 50th Birthday to **Melissa Ellis**.

First Eucharist: Congratulations to **Nixon O'Connor** who will receive his First Eucharist on this **Saturday 7th December** during **6pm Mass** at **St Louis'**.



Parish Groups:

End of Year School Masses:

St Louis': Thursday 12th Dec
at **9.15am** in **St Louis' School Hall.**

This will be Tom Lindeman's last Whole School Mass before he retires at the end of the year so it is a good opportunity for all past families who would like say farewell to come along and do so.

St Brigid's: Friday 13th Dec
at **11.30am** in **St Brigid's Church**
All welcome



COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sun 8th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Tue 10 th Dec	Anointing Mass 9.15am*
Wed 11 th Dec	Anointing Mass 10am*
	JAG Meeting
Thu 12 th Dec	St L End of Year School Mass
Fri 13 th Dec	St B End of Year School Mass
	Men's Group Dinner Meeting
Sun 15th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
Mon 16 th Dec	St L Yr6 Graduation Mass 6pm
Tue 17 th Dec	St B Yr6 Graduation Mass 7pm
Sun 22nd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tue 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve
Wed 25th Dec	Christmas Day



JAG Meeting: The final JAG (Justice Action Group) meeting for this year is a social get together on this **Wednesday 11th December** at **Mordi HQ** at **7pm**

Thank you to everyone for their support throughout the year. In particular JAG would like to thank everyone for their donations at the recent JAG Picnic which enabled JAG to make a donation of \$800 to Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)

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.*
For more info contact **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 this **Sunday 8th December** at **L F Payne Hall, Station St, Chelsea 6.30 - 8.15 pm** All welcome



Magnificat - Advent Concert: You are invited to a Concert featuring the music of Advent at **St Patrick's, Church, Mentone** at **3pm** on **Sunday 22nd December.** Free admission

Live Christmas Pageant: at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 441 Bluff Rd Hampton** on **Sunday 15th December** starting at **5.30pm** with Christmas music, BBQ, food and drinks all donated by the Parish. Bring your own chairs, rugs, hats and happy things. The Live Pageant with camels, goats, sheep and a donkey will begin at **6.30pm.** Children of all ages will delight in this wonderful enactment of the birth of Jesus with the true meaning of Christmas.



Recently Deceased: Toni Egan (Chelsea),

Anniversaries: Conor Hughes, Fr Pat Laws, Tony Bova, Angelo Cortese, William Fitzgerald, Peter Youl, Gloria Caleo, Edward Dziadek, Fr Jim English, Frank Logan, Guiseppa Miano, Jane Morillion, Florence O'Donnell, Rendel Roberts, Marjorie Ryan, Eugene Bowles, Carmenu Dimech, Tony Labonté, Merie Jaspers, Lawrence Keil, Tess Lanigan, Peter Soulsby, Rosario Messina, Mary Morris, Maria Costanzo, Adrian Jones, Rita O'Farrell, Sr Dorothy Renton, Bill Bristow, Gwen Coghlan, Doris Genovese, Roy Glenister, Ernest Goss, Jack Riordan, Robert Slattery, Frank Waltho.

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.)

Baptisms: There will be baptisms at **St Brigid's** on this **Sunday 8th December** at **12.30pm**. We welcome into our Parish Family
Bianca Veronica Fabrizio
Arlen Michael Renaud



NEXT SUNDAY- 14th & 15th December 2019

Third 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 Michael Barker
Commentator Carmel Barker
Special Ministers Brian Hoyne, Carmel Jamieson, Joanne Partletlon, Anthony Barnhoorn, Bill Mellan

9.30AM MASS

Reader Helen Healy
Commentator Philip Morris
Special Ministers Trish Amor, Mary Nayna, Melinda Hewitson, Philip Morris, Susan Dornom,

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Mike Love, Helen & Graham Jones

Aspendale: Margaret McCormack, Sandra Ramos, Mary & Serge Nayna

NURSING HOMES:

Sandy Lodge: Ellizabeth

Mercy Place Nixon: Giulie & Vinh

8AM MASS

Reader Graham Jones
Commentator Kristian Tangso
Special Ministers Melissa Ellis, Joan Healy, Evelyn Chan, Carole & Jack Guthrie

11AM MASS

Reader Helen Rocks
Commentator Michelle Campbell
Special Ministers Patsy Riordan, Juliana Zedoner-Davis, Jean Spencer, Glenice Laughlin, Christina D'Cruze

Bayside: Philippa & Evelyn

Elly Kay: Vo Johnson

Parkdale House: Gail & Marie



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: 1/12/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,945	\$1,367
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.