



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.*

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A – 15th December 2019

Our readings for this week **ISAIAH 35: 1-6, 10; JAMES 5: 7-10; MATTHEW 11: 2-11**

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

PARISH OFFICE:

9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

PARISH EMAIL:

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PARISH WEBSITE:

**[www.cam.org.au/
mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale)**



Gospel Reflection:

The joy that underlies the Advent Season blooms like a rose, coming to prominence on this the third Sunday of Advent. Today we are celebrating Gaudete Sunday, meaning 'joy'. It is signified by the lighting of the rose candle, the colour representing joyfulness.

Joy is brimming over in today's readings. Isaiah's upbeat and inspirational passage expresses a joyous vision of a new creation. This prophecy indicating that God is coming to do great things is made manifest in the presence of Jesus himself and in his response to the disciples of John the Baptist—"the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor." Christ alone has the power to heal and restore life. In his presence creation is revived, and so in the blossoming of the wilderness and the desert.

At a time of the year when many people are frantically busy with end-of-year functions, Christmas parties, last minute shopping for gifts and preparing for Christmas meals, the writer of James calls for patience. Waiting patiently for the Lord's Coming challenges us as to how we live now: it must make a difference, a difference in attitude, in kindness, forgiveness and love: "Do not make complaints against one another."

As Christmas fast approaches let us continue to blossom as disciples of Christ, rejoicing in the knowledge that the Lord our God is near.

Deacon Brian



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.



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 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

Christmas Rosters: Readers, Spec 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.



Special Collection:

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported last week's Melbourne Overseas Mission appeal. This assists missionaries to provide material aid, education and services to developing communities throughout the world. Total collected was: **Aspendale \$424 Mordialloc \$615.**



Special Events:

RCIA: Congratulations to **Rebecca Gilbert** from our RCIA Group who will be baptised during **11am Mass** this **Sunday 15th Dec**. This is in preparation for her upcoming wedding. She will receive the rest of her sacraments with the RCIA group at Easter next year.

Baptisms: There will be also baptisms on this **Sunday 15th December** at **12.30pm**.

We welcome into our Parish Family:
Aiden James Rocks, Senan Collins & Adeline Elizabeth Hickin



COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sun 15th Dec **Third Sunday of Advent**
Mon 16th Dec St L Yr6 Graduation Mass 6pm*
Tue 17th Dec St B Yr6 Graduation Mass 7pm*
Wed 18th Dec Last day of 2019 for Students*
19th & 20th Dec School closed - Teacher Planning
Sun 22nd Dec **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Tue 24th Dec Christmas Eve
Wed 25th Dec **Christmas Day**
Thu 26th Dec Boxing Day Holiday
Sun 29th Dec **Holy Family**

Parish Groups:

Year 6 Graduation Masses:

St Louis': Monday 16th December at 6pm in St Louis' Church.

St Brigid's: Tuesday 17th December at 7pm in St Brigid's Church



School Holidays: Our students finish school on this **Wednesday 18th Dec** (the teachers are still at work for a couple more days getting ready for next year). We wish all our school families a safe and enjoyable holiday.



Other Local & Archdiocese Events:

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

Yr 11/12 Bursaries: The Longbeach KSC 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**.



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



Magnificat - Advent Concert: You are invited to a Concert featuring the music of Advent at **St Patrick', 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.



St Patrick's Cathedral Concert: Festive Music For Christmas featuring works for ten brass instruments, percussion and organ as well as a selection of favourite Christmas melodies. **Wednesday 18th December at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral**

Tickets: \$25.00 (children under 15 free). Tickets available at the door.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BGPWW For more info: music@cam.org.au, or **9926 5753**

Heart of Life is a Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation:

Heart of Life Centre offers Seminars and Workshops, Reflection Mornings, Days & Weekends, Retreats and Ministry Formation Programs.

Their Vision: *to be attuned to the mysterious Other in the heart of all creation.*

They value: *symphony of silence in each graced encounter; harmony of the universe in the divine and human embrace; contemplative capacity of the heart nestled within life's experience*

Their mission: *is to enliven the divine spark in people's hearts through contemplative formation*

There are a small number of 2020 programs available in the foyer,

or go to; www.heartoflife.melbourne to see the programme for next year.

Heart of Life: 96 Albion Rd, Box Hill 3128 Phone: **9890 1101**



Recently Deceased: Joan May (Aspendale),
Tony McNicholas (Aspendale)

Anniversaries: Vera Corda, Camillo Costanzo, Jack Guthrie, Ross Pickles, John Ryan (snr), Bill Seymour, Carmel Cantwell, Bill, Ivy & Michael Bateson, Dot Cartmar, Pasqualina Costanzo, Thomas Aspery, Cath Cuffley, Gladys Kennedy, David Whelan, Lorna Woodhead, Craig Blair, Golbert D'Cruz, Francis Lebler, Julian Murphy, Emily Aquilina-Saliba, Fr Desmond Cameron, Brett Drinan, Gerardine Kerlin, David Porter, Richard Rebeiro, Albert Rodrigues, Marilyn Schneider-Loos, Salvatore Aparo, Edward Dunn, Frank Garlick, Margot Poynton, Brian Murphy, Sean Passagne, Anne Sleeth, Mariano Sumavao.

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.)

Congratulations: to Sr Reba Woodwiss who celebrates her 60th anniversary of religious profession with the Brigidines. Well done Sr Reba and thanks for all you do in our Parish.



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

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NEXT SUNDAY- 21st & 22nd December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 7: 10-14;**

ROMANS 1: 1-7; MATTHEW 1: 18-24

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

6PM MASS

Reader Bernadette Stuart

Commentator Ann Brennan

Special Ministers Marcella Reiter, Adrienne Kennedy, Gail Hamilton, Carmel Barker, Marg De Vries

9.30AM MASS

Reader Gen Martin

Commentator Brian Martin

Special Ministers Brenda O'Leary, Alison Krishnadas, Lidia RoviraDuch Elizabeth & Martin Newington

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Barbara Cronin, Helen & Calvin Rocks,

Aspendale: Ron Soares, Joanne & Gary Partleton

NURSING HOMES:

Sandy Lodge: Brenda

Mercy Place Nixon: Giulie & Vinh

8AM MASS

Reader Debi Atherton

Commentator Bill Atherton

Special Ministers Stephen Pooley, Sr Deidre Malone, Barry Wheeler, Hamish & Joe d'Souza

11AM MASS

Reader Bernadette Bouvier

Commentator Carmel Girolami

Special Ministers Nola Petraitis, Michelle Campbell, Helen Rocks, Carolyn Ellul, Donna Cardamone

Bayside: Philippa & Evelyn

Elly Kay: Louise

Parkdale House: Mary

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.