



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 – 13th December 2020

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

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

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Susan Dornom

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Gospel Reflection:

I mentioned last week that my moniker for the week will be "Prepare for the joy in Jesus". I'm still hanging onto that in the busy week I've had and conscious of the countdown to Christmas getting even shorter. Another week before Christmas would be a real bonus in order to get everything complete but I suspect that we are all waiting for this year to be over so granting me a 53 week year for 2020 is not on the cards.

I'm sure that your Christmas planning is going OK, hopefully not to overwhelming but great news that we can have more people in our homes for Christmas if we choose to do so. This third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday that reminds us all that the lead up to Christmas is meant to be a joyous time, a reminder that Jesus has come already with the Good News but we need to instill that news into our hearts.

Let's remember that Jesus has come and is yet to come at the same time. We are still seeking the God who is here but is yet to come. Meister Eckhart, a 14th century Dominican preacher and mystic was asked why people could be reluctant to seek God. He replied that when someone is looking for something and finds not a trace of it, they become discouraged and keep to the search only with reluctance. If they find a trace of it, they will take up the search with renewed energy. We have caught a trace, a glimpse of God in the baby Jesus born to us but we also wait for the time when we will see God face to face. May our seeking be one that is full of rejoicing.

Fr Andrew



NEXT SUNDAY - 19th & 20th December 2020

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

Our readings for next week are: **2 SAMUEL 7: 1-5, 8-12,14,16;**
ROMANS 16: 25-27; LUKE 1: 26-38

Third 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. 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

800 permitted to attend

8.30pm Mass in St Louis' School Hall

400 permitted to attend

Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church

120 permitted to attend

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.30am Mass in St Louis' School Hall

400 permitted to attend

10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

120 permitted to attend

Christmas Masses: The Parish has maximized 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. Numbers permitted have increased but you still need to book for all the Masses so that we have a list of attendees for tracing purposes if necessary.



Christmas Eve Family Mass: If you are attending the Christmas Eve Family Mass on St. Louis' School Oval please come early (5pm onwards) to avoid the last minute queues (you need a mask on you if social distancing is compromised). You will be directed to your spot by the Covid Marshalls (welcomers). Please bring a fold out seat or picnic blanket as no seating will be supplied. Please note that this is a Mass and it is inappropriate to bring food and drink to the Mass other than water. Words for the songs will be via a QR code so we encourage you to use your device and bring extra devices for children. In the event that the weather compromises the outdoor experience we will move into the School Hall but numbers will be greatly reduced. Please check the website for up-to-date information closer to the date.

Christmas Mass Bookings: Bookings are now open and are essential

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



Parish News:

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



Congratulations to

**Rebecca Gay Chani, Joanne Lesley Crowder,
Stuart James Kirkland & Andrea Jane Pickering**

Baptisms: There will also be several children being baptised on **Sunday 13th December** during **11am Mass** at **St Brigid's**. We welcome in to our Parish family:

Jette Crowder Flynn William Pickering Noah Archie Pickering



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers: Thank you to everyone who has



already left donations of non-perishable food items suitable for Christmas hampers and gifts under the Christmas Trees in our Churches.

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



Mini Hampers: Usually at Christmas there is a special Christmas lunch in Chelsea provided by St Joseph's & Chelsea's Church of Christ for the homeless, lonely and needy of the area. This is not possible this year so instead they are delivering gift hampers on Christmas Day. JAG (Justice Action Group) is helping to provide a few hampers. Donations can be left at the Parish Office.



Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal: is usually at this time of year and your donations help support projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and many Pacific islands. This year the appeal is online. To donate go to <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMOM>



Child Safeguarding: Parishioners are encouraged to read and sign 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. 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**

Third Sunday of Advent– Year B:

Recently Deceased: Gladys Craig (mother of Debbie Poynton),

Anniversaries: Maria Teresa 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, Frank Cleary, Vera Corda, Camillo Costanzo, Jack Guthrie, John May, Ross Pickles, John Ryan Snr, Bill Seymour, Bill, Ivy & Michael Bateson, Carmel Cantwell, Dot Cartmar, Pasqualina Costanzo, Thomas Aspery, Cath Cuffley, Gladys Kennedy, David Whelan, Lorna Woodhead, Golbert D'Cruz, Craig Blair, Francis Lebler, Julian Murphy, Emily Aquilina-Saliba, Fr Desmond Cameron, Brett Drinan, Gerardine Kerlin, David Porter, Richard Rebeiro, Albert Rodrigues, Marilyn Schneider-Loos.



Healing Prayers Asked For: Rosa Leonardi, 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.)



Congratulations: to **Sr Deidre Malone** who celebrated 60 years as a professed Brigidine Sister on 10th December. A great milestone reached with fidelity to the Brigidine Spirit and her mission to the Church. Well done Sr Deidre.

Congratulations: to our two former assistant priests who have recently been appointed as Parish Administrators. **Fr Justel Callos** has been appointed to Holy Family Parish in Mount Waverley and **Fr Patrick Bradford** to St Thomas More's Parish in Mount Eliza. They move to their new Parishes at the start of next year. We wish them well in their new placements.



Congratulations: also to **Hoang Dinh** who will be ordained as a Deacon on this **Saturday 12th Dec**. Hoang did a pastoral placement as a seminarian in our Parish a few years ago and next year will join us again and be with us every second weekend to gain further pastoral experience through preaching at Mass and assisting with Baptisms. We look forward to seeing him back in our Parish and pray for God's blessing as he continues his journey towards becoming a priest.

Parish Masses:

Restrictions Eased: Restrictions have eased again to allow over **120 parishioners** to be present at our Masses in St Louis' and St Brigid's Churches 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



Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses. To view the Live Stream Masses go to:

<https://youtu.be/5LR7DhihMc0> for **Saturday 6pm Mass**,

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

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.