



# 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.*

## Feast of Christ the King – 22nd November 2020

Our readings are **EZEKIEL 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 20-26, 28; MATTHEW 25: 31-46**

### 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*

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*Tuesday & Wednesday*

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## Gospel Reflection:

Today's gospel is Matthew's conclusion of Jesus' address to the disciples, we hear about final judgement and about Jesus Christ as Our King. The gospel flows on nicely from last week's where we are taught that the gifts we have been given are to be used for the service of others. Let us make no mistake **WE ALL HAVE TALENTS or GIFTS.** What are they?

Jesus Christ Our King gives us a very clear picture of what some of our gifts are. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome" etc. Then the upright will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome?" Jesus finishes with telling the disciples that if you do these things to another you do them to me.

So, what are your gifts? Perhaps it's time to shake off the old Catholic guilt about pride and humility. We all should be able to own and name the gift our good and generous God has given us. I am compassionate, I love to share my time with others and I am generous with my time, I have a good sense of fun, I have a great sense of justice and always try to speak for those who have no voice. I try to welcome the stranger. It is with a very grateful heart I thank our God for gracing me with these gifts.



It is not humility to hide these gifts given by God, for they are given to me and to you to use in the service of others, and when we do so it fills our God's heart with great joy. We only lack humility when we do not acknowledge our generous God for gifts given.

Name your gifts, own them, then use your gifts and **thank God for your gifts!**

**Bernadette Carr**

### **NEXT SUNDAY- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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

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



## Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

This weekend's Feast of Christ the King signals the end of the church's liturgical year whereby we say farewell to the gospels of Matthew and welcome the gospels of Mark. I think that many of us are looking to elements of 2020 ending so we begin with the church's liturgical year.

This also signals the end of our weekly pre-recorded masses. This service has been offered since March and here we are in November! I am indebted to the wonderful Hamish Dun who has tirelessly filmed and edited the mass for our viewing. St. Bede's college employs Hamish as an IT trainee. I thank John Finn, principal of St. Bede's for allowing Hamish to incorporate the filming of mass as part of his weekly duties. Hamish will be involved in the two pre-recorded Christmas masses.

Our live streaming efforts are underway and yes, the quality will not be as high as what you have been viewing but bear with us, as we will continue to enhance the live streaming masses. If anyone out there can assist with enhancing the live streaming masses then please contact me.

Advent begins next weekend. For those free on a Tuesday morning, Bernadette Carr is offering weekly reflections at 11am at St. Louis'. The Advent reflection book is also available for purchase from the parish office. \$5.

I am anticipating that the announcement on Sunday by the Premier will mean that we will move from having 20 people in the church to a 4 square meter ruling which will allow 57 people at St. Louis' and 73 at St. Brigid's. Therefore weekday masses probably do not need you to pre book but we still need to record details of all those who attend so booking can streamline that process. However, you definitely need to book for weekend masses. I am so looking forward to seeing more people at church!

Shalom,

St. Mary of the Cross.... pray for us.  
St. Louis.... pray for us.

St. Brigid.... pray for us.

*Fr. Andrew*

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**St. Brigid's, Mordialloc**  
**St. Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale**

# 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**

# Feast of Christ the King– Year A:

**Recently Deceased:** Imelda Ryan (relative of Sr Anita Le Clercq)

**Anniversaries:** Tammy Sullivan, Barry Brown, Ellen, Joan & John Jones, Gert Marshall, Colin Smith, Jack Marshall, John McGinley, Mary Poda, Laurie Worsnop, Claire Barrile, Helen Bibby, Elisabeth Gerlach, Gaston Joseph, Russell Brilliant, Alfredo Cardamone, Augusto Godeassi, Frank O'Connell, Jack Vines, Betram Cramer, Thomas Kelly, Pina Pecora, Nell Conway, Leticia Semeniano, Alwyn Summerton, Charlie Vassallo, Rosa Levidis, Frank Vojnic, Anton Dekker, Judith Gray, Rita Kerlin, Maggie Madtha, Pius Mendonça, Patrick O'Dowd, Janice Drew, Denis Flanagan, Arthur Mortimer, Edith & Walter Newington.



**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.)*

**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:

**Jack Andrew Currie      Baylie Martin Cook      Tamia Aaliyah Murrian**  
**Jaxon Robert Tuffin      Kyper Evan Tuffin      Sammi Roma Tuffin**



## Parish News:

**Restrictions Eased:** Restrictions have eased to allow over **50 parishioners** to be present at Mass 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](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

This week 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

**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*

**Live Streaming of Masses:** Our Parish is now live streaming our weekend Masses. We will no longer be recording the Sunday Mass on Thursday afternoons so Thursday's Mass will return to a 9.15am Mass at St Louis' every week. To view the Live Stream Masses go to:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yk7QRfklakK> for **6pm Mass** and for **9.30am Mass** go to - <https://youtu.be/fS5Etzx3gQk>

**Advent Prayer:** (with Bernadette Carr) will take place in **St Louis' Church** on **Tuesdays at 11am** during Advent starting this week **24<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

*(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.

It will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

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