



# 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.*

## Christmas Day - Year B – 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Our readings for this week **ISAIAH 9: 1-7; TITUS 2; 11-14 LUKE 2: 1-14**

### 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**

*Tuesday & Wednesday*

### PARISH HOUSE:

**9412 8432**

### PARISH OFFICE:

**9580 7981**

*Monday-Friday 9am-4.30pm*

### PARISH EMAIL:

**[mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)**

### PARISH WEBSITE:

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

### PARISH SCHOOLS:

**St Brigid's School,**  
129 Albert St, Mordialloc  
**9580 4518**

**[www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)**

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

**[www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)**

## Christmas Reflection:

Pope Francis has claimed 2021 as the year of St Joseph. In Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter - *Patris Corde* on Joseph he has called us to be creatively and courageous like Joseph. WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"

2020 what a year! Our lives have been "woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked." I could list so many ordinary people whose lives have played such a significant role in 2020, the carers the cleaners, medical staff, truck drivers, supermarkets workers and police departments just to name a few. However, there have also been people like you and me, those who have put themselves out and, possibly in danger to care for family members. There are those who have prayed and prayed and those who have continually checked on friends and perhaps neighbours they didn't know so well. There have been many stories of how people have extended the hand of friendship, care and concern.

St Joseph was a wonderful man whose heart remained loyal to his son Jesus and his wife Mary. He was courageous, a great listener, a man who paid great attention to his dreams, he protected, provided and cared for his family. He modelled for Jesus how to care for others, how to earn a living, how to pray and how to look after his mother. He never took the spotlight, but, achieved all that he did without any *hoo-ha*, as Pope Francis says he was a 'hidden presence'.

This time of year is a great time to reflect on the past year, and to look forward to mystery of what the coming year will hold. I know from listening to many of you and your stories of how you have cared for neighbours, friends and family there is in you a part of Joseph that has been passed down through the ages. A part that perhaps we were not even aware of, and yet I know it to be true. Many of these acts of love and care came from a 'hidden presence.' This being the year of St Joseph might be a great opportunity for us to model ourselves on this beautiful, hidden presence, this courageous gentle man. So as we look forward to 2021 with hearts filled with gratitude for all who helped us get through this unusual year may we do so with hope and love, trusting in the DNA of St Joseph that has touched each of us.

From Fr Andrew and myself, many, many thanks to all of you, for your friendly greetings, your outreach, your care and concern of family, friends, neighbours and the wider world. May our Good and Generous God continue to bless you all and fill your hearts with hope and love for 2021.

Love and blessings

*Bern Carr - Pastoral Associate*

## Feast of the Holy Family 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Our readings are: **GENESIS 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3;**  
**HEBREWS 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; LUKE 2: 22-40**



# Parish News:

**Anniversaries:** Sam Cassano, Muriel Cramer, Simone Ellul, Pietro Gazzo, Joan Juliff, Robert Martin, Theresa Morrison, Mario Nasello, Lance Riordan, Michael Melbourne, Luileen McGrath, Max Stooke, Denis, Nancye & Peter Raihely, Jean Barber, Jack Plant, Robert Lasrado, Kerry O'Keeffe, Angela Vuat, Veronica Arthur, Thelma Bromley, Max D'Astoli, Colin Harding, Gus Roomer, Llorenç Rovira-Durán, Sebastiano Barbarino, Vincenzo Colantone, Mario Costanzo. Veronique Lynch, Alberta (Betty) Ryan, Dorothy de Monte, Olwen Griffith, Marietta Tan Guek Eng, David Birch, Daniel Crowe, Audrey D'Cruz, Phyllis Dynes, George Kendrick, Mary O'Brien, Giusepina & Stefano Solito, Harry Lavery, Bill Sparey, Andrea Burns, Walter Dow, Shaun Elwood, Ryen Galdes, Sean Jones, Elvis Pearle, Steven Watkinson.



**Healing Prayers Asked For:** Maureen Hepburn, Bernadette Munro, Martin Thomasen, John Nicholson, Rosa Leonardi, Laura Bruder, Salam Assaad, Tony Del Prete. Soula Paliouris, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Peter Spencer, Graham Owen, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Jean Phillips, Helen Pedrazzini.

*(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)*



**Baptisms:** There are baptisms on this **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December** at **St Brigid's**. We welcome in to our Parish family: **Edward Jude Prasser & Taylor Kate Johnson**



**Golden Anniversary:** Congratulations to **Marie & Ron Schneider-Loos** who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 28<sup>th</sup> December.

**St Vincent De Paul:** Thank you to everyone for the generous donations that were left under our Parish Christmas Trees. The food and gifts have been distributed by St Vincent de Paul members to local families.



**Christmas Special Collection:** There is a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society at all the Christmas Masses. Donations can also be made on **13 18 12** or at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

**Catechist Program:** Our 2021 Parish Catechist Program begins on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and runs until the end of November.

This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm.

Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program in 2021 are asked to please contact: **Elizabeth 9512 1155** or the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



## Parish Masses: *We look forward to welcoming you all back to Church.*

We can now have over **120 parishioners** at our Masses but you must book first.

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK> or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

**Saturday at 6pm** at St Louis', **Sunday at 8am** at St Brigid's,  
**Sunday 9.30am** at St Louis' & **Sunday 11am** at St Brigid's

Recorded Masses can be viewed online via the website [www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale](http://www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale) or go

to: **Midnight Mass:** <https://youtu.be/agPiBg6pmQY> **Family Mass:** <https://youtu.be/QgsFIF89JyQ>

**Sunday Masses: 6pm:** <https://youtu.be/QqnNqbushnM> **8am:** <https://youtu.be/CsADOiUsC0o>

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



**Child Safety.** Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.



**Parish Office** will be closed during January. Urgent calls will still be attended to.