



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.

Australia Day – 26th January 2020

Our readings for this week are: **ISAIAH 32: 15-18, 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 4-11, MATTHEW 5: 2-12**

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

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Susan Dornom

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Monday-Friday

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Gospel Reflection:

Since Christmas time, a lot has happened to our land in particular with the bushfires and other extreme weather occurrences. Headlines overseas declaring that Australia is totally consumed by fire have scared many visitors from coming to our land driving the government to resume advertising that our nation is still open for business. We too are invited to consider having holidays and trips away locally to assist with the rebuild of towns most affected.

We know how special Australia is for us, including the vulnerabilities of the landscape and the complexities that riddle the political and cultural make up of this Great South Land. We continue to acknowledge the original owners of this land on which we gather and their leaders – past, present and emerging.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah, reminds the people that it is God's spirit that has brought life into the world. A reference back to the book of Genesis when we hear about God's breath bringing life where there was nothing creating the forests, wilderness and a fertile land for people to live in. Isaiah's words are consoling as they remind the people that God has been ever present even when the experience of living on the land has been harsh and challenging. These are the times when we too are tested and our vulnerabilities are exposed. These are the times when we are called to support one another as we saw with the recent bushfires here in Australia. The fires and first responders

have shown how we can support each other during these devastating times. I'm sure that the incredible efforts made by so many will be formally recognised by our nation.

The gospel Beatitudes are indicators of how we are to live our Christian lives. We are called to embrace them and on this Australia Day Sunday, we are invited to stand proudly as Aussies who don't shy away from our faith and assist others in their time of need. Let us be True Blue Catholics so that we may all Advance Australia Fair.

Fr Andrew



Parish Events

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND: We are now in the season of Ordinary Time – Year A but this weekend is a special weekend when we celebrate Australia Day.



Special Collection: St Vincent De Paul Bushfire Appeal:

There is a special collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend to support the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal.



We remember the great heartache of the Black Saturday fires, and know well that the effects of such trauma will be felt for many months, and even years to come. Your support of the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal ensures that our brothers and sisters have a chance to rebuild their lives after the devastation of these fires. *“For days now, our skies across Melbourne have been filled with the smell and haze of the fires – a steady reminder that our neighbours, so close to us particularly in the Gippsland areas, the bordering States of NSW and South Australia, are in dire need. We stand with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts.”—Archbishop Peter Comensoli*

Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul Society can call: **1800 305 330**

You can help our neighbours by donating to our Parish Special Collection or go to: www.vinnies.org.au

A Prayer for the Bushfire Crisis:

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.

Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services. Amen.



Bushfire Liturgy: There is a special Bushfire Prayer Service at **7pm** on **Wed 5th Feb** at **St Brigid's Church**. *This will give us the opportunity to gather as one community and pray for all who have been affected by our recent bushfires. We stand in solidarity, we hold them all in loving prayer and we do not forget them and their families and the many sacrifices make by so many ordinary folk.*

Catechist Program: Our 2020 Parish Catechist Program begins on **Tuesday 18th 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 2020 are asked to please contact: **Elizabeth 9512 1155** or the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



St Valentine's Day – A Date with the Lord! Our Young Adults Group (YAG) invite you to join them for a celebration of God's love and our love for each other on **Friday 14th February** at **7pm** at **St. Brigid's Church**. There will be games, music, group reflections, testimonies of God's love experienced through the various vocations of our parishioners and plenty of sweetness for all. A night for the youth and the young at heart!



Special Events:

Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic:

All members of both St Louis' & St Brigid's Parish & School Communities are invited to: **COMBINED PARISH PICNIC & OUTDOOR MASS** on **Sunday 23rd Feb** at **11am** at **Braeside Park**. The Outdoor Mass will be followed by a Picnic (*BYO everything*). There'll be fun games and activities to help everyone mix together and enjoy the day.



COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sun 26th Jan Australia Day
Mon 27th Jan Australia Day Holiday
Tue 28th Jan School Staff return to work.
Wed 29th Jan Liturgy Team Meeting
Thu 30th Jan Students return to School
Sat 1st Feb Feast of St Brigid
Sun 2nd Feb **Presentation of the Lord**
Wed 5th Feb Bushfire Prayer Service

Please note: The Mass timetable for 23rd February will be changed: St Louis' 9.30am Mass & St Brigid's 11am Mass will be cancelled so everyone can attend our Outdoor Mass at Braeside Park.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer is an annual event when Christians all around the world in over 170 countries will come together to pray for different countries. This year the featured country is Zimbabwe the theme is: **'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'**



This year **St Louis de Montfort's Church** is hosting the World Day of Prayer Special Ecumenical Service in Aspendale-Chelsea area on **Friday 6th March** so put this date in your diary now.

GenX Research Project: Are you aged between 39 & 54? You are a Gen Xer. Would you like to partake in a Doctoral student's study regarding your church attendance experience? Details on the parish website or the parish notice board.

Mass Timetable for this week:

Monday Communion Services: There is no Communion Services on this Monday morning at St Louis'. Monday Services will recommence next week on Monday 3rd Feb.

Wednesday Mass: Mass on this **Wednesday 29th January** at **10am** at **St Brigid's** will be a Requiem Mass for Kay Rosenbrock.

Thursday Mass: Mass on this **Thursday 30th Jan** at **9.15am** at **St Louis'** will be offered in memory of **Joan, John and Karen May** who all died recently.



Parish Groups:

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. The RCIA Group begin meeting again in February.

JAG: The first meeting for 2020 of our **JAG** (Justice Action Group) is on **Wed 12th Feb** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'**. All welcome.



Men's Group: The Men's Group's first meeting for 2020 is on **Thursday 13th Feb** at **8pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'**. Come along & see what's planned for 2020.

Knights of the Southern Cross: Longbeach KSC Executive meet this **Tuesday 28th Jan** at **7.30pm** in the **St Joseph's Parish Centre** to set the calendar of events for this year.

Thursday Social Group: The KSC Past, Present & Future Friendship (PP&FF) Social Group's next dinner is at **The Cove Hotel, Patterson Lakes** at **6:30pm** on **Thursday 6th Feb**. All welcome. To book contact **Pat Adams 0448 866 020** or **Keith Reiter 0417 350 733**



Return to School: School starts this week. We hope all our returning school families had a safe and enjoyable holiday. We welcome all the new families and the Prep children to our schools.



Recently Deceased: Richard Williams (Aspendale), Karen May (daughter of Joan & John May –both deceased), Kay Rosenbrock (wife of Fred)

Anniversaries: Anna Bradbury, John Breslin, Merlyn Hendricks, Rita Kane, Susan O’Keeffe, Kathleen Reiter, Kevin Daniels, David Borg, Lawrence Ryan, Letitia D’Souza, Vera Hodgkinson, Rosa Laria, Carmelina Inguanti, Dan Powell, Noel Bailey, Maria Barbarino, Bryan Muschialli, Patrice Skipworth, Anna Maria Camerino, Elaine Dunn (Young), Harry Shallvey, Angela Valentie, Norm Baker, Graziela Barone, Emma Labonté, Arun D’Costa, Allan Goudge, Peter O’Reilly, Rufino Torres, Mary Whitney, Art Wilde, Brigida & Angelo Francolini, Giusepina & Stefano Solito.

Healing Prayers Asked For:

Trish Wardle, Helen Pedrazzini, Bob Orchard, Helen Munro.
We begin the new year with a shortened list of people to be prayed for but we continue to pray for all who are sick in our Parish. If you wish to have a name added to this list please contact the Parish Office.

Happy Birthday: Congratulations to **Juan Wilson** who celebrates her 80th Birthday this week. Happy Birthday and may there be many happy returns.



No Parking: A reminder to all who attend St Brigid’s Church. Mordi HQ has asked that you please do not park in their car park as it is reserved for their customers.



NEXT SUNDAY- 1st & 2nd February 2020

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Year A:
 Our readings for next week are: **MALACHI 3: 1-4;**
HEBREWS 2: 14-18; LUKE 2: 22-40

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

6PM MASS

Reader Debra Searle
Commentator Carmel Grace
Special Ministers Julius Lau, Sonia Williams, Bernadette Stuart, Joanne Partleton, Brian Hoyne

9.30AM MASS

Reader Trish Amor
Commentator Phillip Morris
Special Ministers Mark Barnhoorn Susan Dornom, Alison Krshnadas, Brenda O’Leary, Lidia Rovira-Duch

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Carole & Jack Guthrie,
Aspendale: Ron Soares, Joanne & Gary Partleton

NURSING HOMES:

Sandy Lodge: Mary & Serge
Mercy Place Nixon: Giulie & Vo

8AM MASS

Reader Sr Deidre Malone
Commentator Melissa Ellis
Special Ministers Stephen Pooley, Marlene Tangso, Debi Atherton, Hamish & Joe D’Souza

11AM MASS

Reader Beverley Plant
Commentator Tim Plant
Special Ministers Glenice Laughlin Sr Reba Woodwiss, Patsy Riordan, Jean Spencer, Christine D’Cruze

Bayside: Philippa & Evelyn

Elly Kay: Louise

Parkdale House: Annette & Debbie



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: January 2020

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
29/12/19	\$1,853	\$1,465
5/1/20	\$1,848	\$1,268
12/1/20	\$1,868	\$1,270
19/1/20:	\$1,815	\$1,324

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



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