



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.*

Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February 2020

Our readings for this week are: **MALACHI 3: 1-4, HEBREWS 2: 14-18, LUKE 2: 22-40**

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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Gospel Reflection:

Our Ordered cycle of readings has already been interrupted by this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In this feast, we celebrate the certainty of the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel that is fulfilled in Jesus but that is extended to the entire world. And, we celebrate the continuation of God's love in our own world, of God continually reaching out towards us and inviting us into a relationship or encounter.

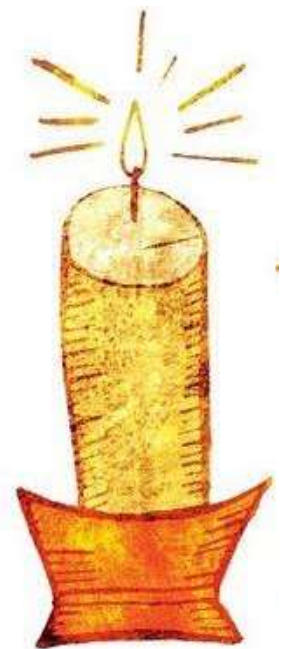
As I reflected on the reading from Luke, I was struck by two aspects. The first involved Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple. In a way, they make Jesus present. The second aspect is of Simeon and Anna recognizing Jesus as the promised one. As disciples of Jesus, each one of us is called to embrace both these aspects. To be the presence of Jesus in the world around us and to be able to recognize Jesus as revealed or made present by others.



St. Brigid's feast day is celebrated on the First of February. As one of our special parish patron saints, we acknowledge Brigid's role in bringing the presence of Jesus to the world and being able to recognize Jesus in others and in creation. Her legacy lives on amongst through the presence of the Brigidine sisters in our parish and for those sisters of the past who have brought the joy of Jesus into people's hearts.

As we present ourselves before God, may we do so with a loving heart that continues to accept God's will in our lives.
St. Brigid, pray for us.

Fr Andrew



Parish Events

Feast of St Brigid and the Presentation of the Lord: We are now in the season of Ordinary Time – Year A but this weekend is a special weekend when we celebrate not only the feast of St Brigid (1st Feb) but also the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd Feb)



At Masses this weekend we will bless and be presented with candles and invited to take the light out into the world just as Jesus and St Brigid did.

Special Collection: St Vincent De Paul Bushfire Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the special collection for the Bushfire Appeal that was taken up at all the Masses last weekend.

The total collected was **\$8,470** Donations can still be made via the donation jar in the Church foyer or go to: www.vinnies.org.au



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 made 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 2019 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!



Monday Communion Services: recommence this week on **Monday 3rd Feb** at **9.15am** at **St Louis' Church**. There will also be a resumption of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Monday Communion Services and prior to the Masses at St Brigid's on Fridays.

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.

2019 Sacramental Statistics:

Each year we send in a Sacramental Report to the Archdiocese.

Our Sacramental Statistics for last year were as follows: *(2018 is included just so you can compare)*

	2019			2018
	St L	St B	Total	Total
Baptisms	56	42	98	112
1st Eucharist	114	38	152	152
Confirmation	100	34	134	138
Weddings	0	4	4	5
Funerals	19	26	45	43

Special Events:

Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic: All members of both St Louis' & St Brigid's Parish & School Communities are invited to:

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. *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.*

Mass Roster: As the Mass timetable for 22nd & 23rd Feb. has been changed and hopefully many people will be attending the Outdoor Mass and Picnic we need volunteer Readers & Special Ministers for 6pm & 8am Masses or at our big Outdoor Mass that weekend. If you are available to help out please contact the Parish Office and a roster will be drawn up.

COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

Sat 1 st Feb	Feast of St Brigid
Sun 2 nd Feb	Presentation of the Lord
Wed 5 th Feb	Bushfire Prayer Service
Sun 9 th Feb	5 th Ordinary Sunday PPC Commissioning Masses

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 at 1.30pm at St Louis de Montfort's Church**. Come along join with our inter faith friends at this service.



*The service in the Mentone/Mordialloc area will be held at **Parkdale Church of Christ**, 176 Como Pde West (near shopping centre) at **10.30am** on **6th March***

Parish Groups:

Scripture Friendship Group: resumes on **Tuesday 11th Feb**, at **47 Gothic Rd Aspendale**. It



will be ongoing on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. We look forward to welcoming back our friends from last year and welcoming new folk who may wish to join us. We read the Gospel for the coming Sunday and share with each other how it is relevant to our daily lives, of course we also enjoy a cuppa together. If you are interested please contact **Ann 0425 712 741** or **Carmel 0425 773 608**.

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 this week.

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 **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'**. Come along & see what's planned for 2020.

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

Weekday Weeding Warriors: The dedicated group of volunteers who help keep the garden at St Brigid's Church tidy invite you to join them at their next weeding working bee which is on **Monday 10th Feb** at **9am** at **St Brigid's Church**. Morning tea provided.



Recently Deceased: Leonie Brennan Clarke (Kilbreda /OLA)

Anniversaries: Debbie Arundel, Ann & Jack Cotter, Lois Formani Cecil Fernandez, Vittorio Giuliano, Ken McClure, Anthony Archer, Giuseppe Basile, Elvie Doherty, Stewart Gowans, Elizabeth Wood, Resa Williams (Dalton), Harold De Monte, Brian Enright, Patrick Smith, Elizabeth Fernandez, Barney Kelly, Margaret Reid, Sheila Sladen, Alex Williams, Bill Carey, Kay Cresswell, Jennifer Rix, Ronald Aquilina, Pamela Murphy, Mary-Kate Velten, Peter Kelly, Peter Hodgkinson, John Smith.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Trish Wardle, Helen Pedrazzini, Bob Orchard, Helen Munro, Michelle Ives, Margaret McCormack. (If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)

Happy Birthday: Congratulations to **Deacon Brian Muling** who celebrated his birthday on Friday 31st January. Happy Birthday Brian 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- 8th & 9th February 2020

Feast of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **ISAIAH 58: 7-10;**
I CORINTHIANS 2: 1-5; MATTHEW 5: 13-16

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

6PM MASS

Reader Lisa Tuke

Commentator Pauline Parker

Special Ministers Gail Hamilton, Bill Mellan, Anthony Barnhoorn Carmel Jamieson, Adrienne Kennedy

9.30AM MASS

Reader Len Scott

Commentator Gerard Wagstaff

Special Ministers Phillip Morris, Elizabeth & Martin Newington, Maureen Wraight, Trish Amor

8AM MASS

Reader Graham Jones

Commentator Kristian Tangso

Special Ministers Barry Wheeler, Sr Deidre Malone, Fred Burns, Liz & Paul O'Farrell

11AM MASS

Reader Lucy Cameron

Commentator Helen Rocks

Special Ministers Nola Petraitis, Juliana Zedoner-Davis, Carolyn Ellul, Michelle Campbell, Donna Cardamone

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

Aspendale: Anthony Barnhoorn, Bernadette & Geoff Terrell

NURSING HOMES: (this week)

Sandy Lodge: Mary & Serge

Mercy Place Nixon: Giulie & Vo

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: 26/1/2020

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,734	\$1,337
Average:	\$2,018	\$1,584
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

Thank you to parishioners for your continued support.

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.