



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.*

5th Ordinary Sunday – 9th February 2020

Our readings for this week are: **ISAIAH 58: 7-10; 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1-5; MATTHEW 5: 13-16**

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

PARISH SECRETARIES:

Susan Dornom

Monday, Thursday & Friday

Ann Fitzgerald

Tuesday & Wednesday

PARISH HOUSE:

9580 1018

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9580 7981

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9am-4.30pm

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Gospel Reflection:

This gospel was chosen for the Year 6 Graduation last year. Part of the purpose was to encourage and challenge the children as they move onto secondary school next year to make use of the talents they have been given, to let their 'light' shine so that others can come to see who they are especially as they form new friendships and settle into their new school communities. Interestingly enough the daily prayer book we use with the students speaks to how it is appropriate that this reading is used at the beginning of the year. But what is the gospel really asking of us? The symbols of salt and light have different meanings but at their essence are pointing to what we are and what we are called to be- by our words and actions we are showing the face of Christ. As Dianne Bergant states "We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way."

Jodie Marziano



Parish Events

Parish Pastoral Council: This weekend during Masses we commission our Parish Pastoral Councillors. The Parish Pastoral Council members are: **Fr Andrew, Deacon Brian, Bernadette Carr (Pastoral Associate), Michael Russo (St Brigid's School), Sarah McDermott (St Louis' School), John Bainbridge, Odette Budge, Louise Breslin, Michelle Campbell, Vanessa Fernandes, Debra O'Shannessy, Berna Wake, Lindy Wilson, Peter Wilson**



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!



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.

Parish Groups:

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.



Scripture Friendship Group: resumes on **Tuesday 11th Feb**, starting at **10am** at **47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale**. The Group meets on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month. New and returning friends welcome. Come and read the coming Sunday's Gospel and share with each other how it is relevant to our daily lives. Plus there's a cuppa to share together. Contact **Ann 0425 712 741** or **Carmel 0425 773 608**.



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.



St Louis' School: Mass on this **Thursday 13th Feb** at **9.15am** is the opening School Mass for St Louis' School and will be held in the **St Louis' School Hall**. 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.

St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group: invite you to their first Prayer Group Meeting for this year on **Tuesday 18th Feb** at **7.30pm** at **St Louis' Church**. The evening includes Rosary, Hymns and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.



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 is followed by a Picnic (*BYO everything*). There'll be fun games and activities provided by **Team Kids** to help everyone mix together and enjoy the day. It will also be a **Prep Family Mass**.

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.



World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer is an annual event when Christians all around the world come together to pray for different countries. This year the featured country is Zimbabwe the theme is: **'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'**. Come along to one of the services in our area and join with our inter faith friends.

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.**

Afternoon tea to follow 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 Friday 6th March.** Morning tea to follow service.

Lenten Reflection Groups: Lent begins in a few weeks with Ash Wednesday on 26th Feb. Once again you are invited to join a Lenten Reflection Group:
 on **TUESDAYS at 10am at St Louis'**. (*starts 25th February - Shrove Tuesday*)
 on **WEDNESDAYS at 10.30am at St Brigid's** (*starts 26th February - Ash Wednesday*)
 or on **THURSDAYS at 7.30pm at St Louis'**. (*starts 27th February*)

This year the Lenten Reflection Groups will be using the program from Archdiocese of Wollongong entitled **'Grace'** As well as the special Sunday Reflections this program includes short daily reflections for every day in Lent.

Please sign up in the Church Foyer.



COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

- Sun 9th Feb 5th Ordinary Sunday**
PPC Commissioning Masses*
- Tue 11th Feb** Scripture Friendship Group*
- Wed 12th Feb** JAG Meeting*
- Thu 13th Feb** St L School Start of Year Mass
Men's Group Meeting*
- Sun 16th Feb 6th Ordinary Sunday**
Wed 19th Feb Fr Andrew's Birthday
- Sun 23rd Feb 7th Ordinary Sunday**
Parish Outdoor Mass/Picnic*
- Tue 25th Feb** Lenten Groups start*
- Wed 26th Feb** Ash Wednesday

Recently Deceased: Michael Hieu Le (brother of Phuoc Le)
Eric Ormsby (brother of Trish Cahir)

Anniversaries: Antonia Attar, Margaret (Anne) Cox, Arthur Malone, John Tuagalu, Francisca Diaz Amaya, John Earp, Olive Bellamy, Paul Brennan, Carmel Franklin, Mary Foley, Emanuele & Sofia Tovia, Faye Mattea, Aileen O'Donnell, Eric Dart, Tom Walker, Margaret Fitzgerald, Jack Kennedy, Josephine Tranter, Patricia Atkins, Stan Davies, Cyril Nunn, Jean O'Toole, Betty Pike, Dorothy Rodriguez, Catherine Varney, Robert Whitehouse.

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.)

New Rosters: A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for March to June. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

PLEASE NOTE that all volunteers who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be omitted from this roster

Name Tags: Do you wear your name badge when you come to Church? There is now a new holder for the name badges in the Church foyer. Please place your old badge in this holder or create a new one. *Keep them alphabetical by first name and they should be easier to find.*



NEXT SUNDAY- 15th & 16th February 2020

Feast of the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:
Our readings for next week are: **SIRACH 15: 15-20;**
I CORINTHIANS 2: 6-10; MATTHEW 5: 17-37

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

6PM MASS

Reader Carmel Barker
Commentator Michael Barker
Special Ministers Marie Medicott, Marg De Vries, Marcella Reiter, Pauline Parker, Rose Costa

9.30AM MASS

Reader Chester Ryan
Commentator Niko Tovia
Special Ministers Judy Dickinson, Melinda Hewitson, Mary Nayna, Brenda & Felice Cortese

COUNTERS: Mordialloc: Glenice Laughlin & Debra Joseph

Aspendale: Joe Corda, Nelson Popley & Bernie Hambridge

NURSING HOMES: (this week)

Sandy Lodge: Gerard & Christine

Mercy Place Nixon: Vo & Michael

8AM MASS

Reader Debi Atherton
Commentator Bill Atherton
Special Ministers Jane Standish, Joan Healy, Evelyn Chan, Carole & Jack Guthrie

11AM MASS

Reader Michelle Campbell
Commentator Bernadette Bouvier
Special Ministers Andrea Williams, Annemarie Harrison, Louise Breslin, Gail Selwyn, Peter Hannan

Bayside: Philippa & Marie

Elly Kay: Olga

Parkdale: Sr Deidre & Juliana



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

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THANKSGIVING: 2/2/2020

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,858	\$1,663
Average:	\$2,017	\$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.