



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.*

6th Ordinary Sunday – 16th February 2020

Our readings for this week are: **SIRACH 15: 15-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 6-10; MATTHEW 5: 17-37**

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

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9580 1018

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9580 7981

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Monday-Friday

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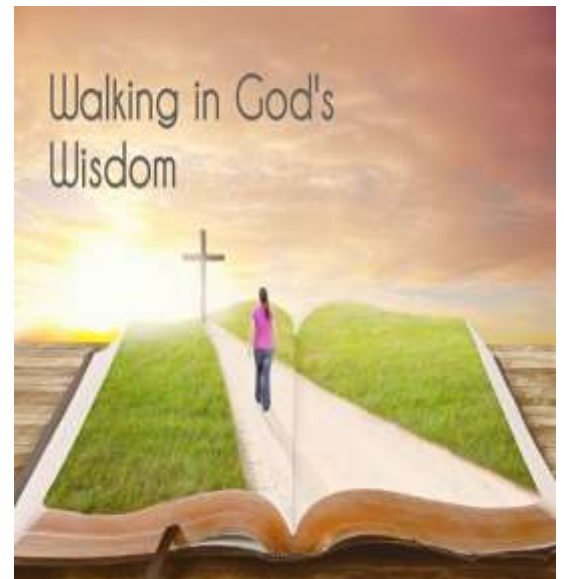


Gospel Reflection:

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life. **Michael Russo**



Parish Events



Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic: ****DON'T FORGET****

there is: **NO MASS** at **St Louis'** on **23rd Feb** at **9.30am**
& **NO MASS** at **St Brigid's** on **23rd Feb** at **11am**

There is still Mass on **Sat 22nd Feb** at **St Louis'** at **6pm**
& on **Sunday 23rd Feb** at **St Brigid's** at **8am.**

See you at our **Big Outdoor Mass** at **11am** at **Braeside Park**



Catechist Program: Our 2020 Parish Catechist Program begins on this **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**



Cards Afternoon: The Men's Group is looking to establish a regular cards afternoon with games such as 500, Bridge & Euchre. The afternoons will be open to men & women. The day and location will be decided by those participating. Contact **Lou van Beveren 0412 333 280.**

Parish Groups:

Young Adults Group: Our Young Adults Group invites any 16-35 years olds to come along and kick start the year with our YAG weekly Lenten Series. Our launch event is on **Friday 28th Feb** at **6pm** in the **Upper Room at St Brigid's Church, Mordialloc.** Dinner included. Come along to meet new young people and enjoy games, music, food, scripture reading and praise! Any enquiries email yag.stmaryofthecross@gmail.com.



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.

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 and they should be easier to find.*



St Vincent De Paul Bushfire Appeal Update: We received a letter of thanks for our donations to the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal. *'Your donation is supporting St Vincent de Paul volunteers in the delivery of essentials such as food, clothing, accommodation as well as much needed guidance and emotional support to Victorian families impacted by devastating bushfires. Vinnies is active on the ground today but always work with a long term view. Rebuilding homes, lives and communities can take many years, something we do proudly with your support.'*



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**. This is a Parish event but it is being held in a public venue so parents need to be aware that they are responsible for their own children.

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 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.

Communion Service: Mass on **Thursday 20th Feb** will be replaced by a Communion 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 we are 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.



Ash Wednesday: Masses on **Wed 26th Feb** are:
10am at St Brigid's & 7pm at St Louis'
 plus there are services at both our schools:

COMING EVENTS: (* see Bulletin for details)

- Sun 16th Feb 6th Ordinary Sunday**
- Tue 18th Feb Catechist Classes start
- Wed 19th Feb Fr Andrew's Birthday
- Sun 23rd Feb 7th Ordinary Sunday**
- Parish Outdoor Mass/Picnic***
- Tue 25th Feb Lenten Groups start*
- First Eucharist Parent Night
- Wed 26th Feb Ash Wednesday
- Sat 29th Feb Yr4&Yr3/4 Family Mass
- Eucharist Commitment Mass
- Sun 1st Mar 8th Ordinary Sunday**
- Yr4&Yr3/4 Family Mass
- Eucharist Commitment Mass
- RCIA Rite of Election
- Fri 6th Mar World Day of Prayer*

Recently Deceased:

Eleaner Burns (mother in law of Fred Burns)

Anniversaries: Nicola Corda, Elizabeth Durham, Ron Jackson, Jean France Hennequin, Nan Plant, Arlene Roberts, Phyllis Cain, Greg Riordan, Brian Tobin, Kevin Franklin, William Monaghan, Bob Barker, Carmen Maré, William Wilson, Marie Berg, Josef Laude, Ronald Wintle, Mary Irene Graham, Nicole Strickland, Lily Lebler, Domnick O'Donnell, Brian Denman, Bernice Marshall, Doris Lavery, John (Jack) Mooney, Alexandrina Connelly, Peter Perazzo.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Lorraine Ingram, 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.)*

Baptisms: There will be baptisms at **St Louis'** on this **Sunday 16th February** at **12.30pm**.

We welcome into our Parish Family
Damien Titus Cunningham-Browne
Maximilian Tavin Cunningham-Browne
Isabelle Mary Hamilton
Beau Harvey Kneebone



Happy Birthday: Congratulations and best wishes to **Fr Andrew** who celebrates his birthday this week on Wed 19th Feb. Happy Birthday and many happy returns.



NEXT SUNDAY- 22nd & 23rd February 2020

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A:
 Our readings for next week are: **LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 17-18;**
I CORINTHIANS 3: 16-23; MATTHEW 5: 38-48

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

6PM MASS

Reader Marie Seddon
Commentator Volunteer
Special Ministers
 Volunteers needed

8AM MASS

Reader Volunteer
Commentator Volunteer
Special Ministers
 Volunteers needed

9.30AM MASS CANCELLED

so that everyone can attend
 our **PARISH OUTDOOR MASS**
& PICNIC
 at 11am
 at **Braeside Park**.

11AM MASS at Braeside Park

Reader Prep Families
Commentator Prep Families
Special Ministers
 Volunteers needed

NURSING HOMES: (this week)

Sandy Lodge: Trish & Barry
MercyPlaceNixon: Marie&Michael

Bayside: Philippa & Evelyn

Elly Kay: Vo
Parkdale: Alison & Mary

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.

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: 9/2/2020

| | Aspendale | Mordialloc |
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| Received: | \$1,755 | \$1,528 |
| Average: | \$2,016 | \$1,584 |
| Pledged | \$2,229 | \$1,688 |

Thank you to parishioners for your continued support.