



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

Mordialloc and Aspendale | Bunurong Country

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

2nd Sunday of Advent 8 December 2024

Readings for Yr C: Baruch 5: 1-9 Philippians 1: 4-6, 8:11 Luke 3: 1-6



Do we see the needs of others?

The voice of the Baptist still cries in the deserts of humanity today', says Pope Francis observing a desert of indifference in our world filled with 'closed minds and hardened hearts.'

During Advent we are all called to heed the Baptist's cry. Christians should therefore repent from any selfish inaction on our part. The Pope encourages us to ask ourselves whether 'we have within us the same feelings that Jesus has? Is it true that we feel as Christ feels?' Do we see the needs of others – for forgiveness, companionship, or aid – or are we focused on ourselves?

Having heard the cry, we are also called to share the Baptist's mission to make Jesus known. And the best way to preach the Gospel, the Pope advises, 'is to open a door.'

We open a door to belief when our faith is lived authentically and we are attentive to those around us.

Jodie Marziano
St Brigid's PS Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching Leader
Religious Education Leader

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise their continued connection to Country, and we thank them for their role in caring for, and maintaining Country and waterways, over thousands of generations.



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Pray

INVITE

BRING

We have now entered the second week of Advent, a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's nativity at Christmas time. The second advent candle ("The Bethlehem Candle") is purple and represents peace. Our parish offers several opportunities to grow deeper in faith, friendship, and love during this season.



Pray Invite Bring

We encourage all parishioners to pick up one of our Christmas postcards available this weekend, which you can give to family and friends with a gentle invitation to attend one of our Christmas masses. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience our welcoming community. Let's all pray this Christmas, that our visitors and ourselves will experience the love of our Saviour Jesus during this season.



Kidz Zone

14/15 December*

Special Christmas
Edition
Children aged 5-12

*All Masses except 8am

Christmas with Kidz Zone

Please bring your children and grandchildren aged 5-12 years along next weekend (14/15 December) where the birth of Jesus will be explained to them in a beautiful way by the Kidz Zone team. They will learn the true meaning of Christmas and have some fun along the way. A big thanks to Sangeetha and her team for providing this important ministry to our children. If you would like to join the team for next year, please contact the office.

Christmas Gifts that nurture the faith - on sale in the church foyers this weekend and next Children's Bibles. The children's Bible is designed to help children (and adults) understand the greatest story of all time, from Adam and Eve to Jesus and the Apostles so that they appreciate how the stories connect to tell the one big story of our salvation. Also available are Catholic student diaries and Children's Rosary booklets. All proceeds from this sale will go to support the great work of the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**.

Sacred Art. Australian sacred artist, Kristian Tangso, will be selling prints of her original artworks, as well as prayer cards, mugs, Christmas cards, tags, baubles and candles. She greatly appreciates your support on her journey as a Catholic artist and her mission to lead many souls on the path of Beauty. Commissions are welcome in 2025. Feel free to reach out to Kristian via email at love.kristianjoy@gmail.com.



Formed Advent and Christmas content

Have you signed up for **Formed**? If you are not aware, Formed is Netflix for Catholics. There is something for everyone: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming. Great Christmas content too. Go to the back page to sign up for free.



Sacrament of Anointing Masses

The sacrament is administered to give strength and comfort for both physical and spiritual healing. All are welcome, feel free to bring a family member or friend. The dates are **Tuesday 17 Dec 9.15am at St Louis' and Wednesday 18 Dec 10am at St Brigid's**.



Second Rite of Reconciliation

The sacrament is a communal liturgical celebration, often celebrated during Advent. The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the priest at an appropriate point around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. The sacrament will be offered for all on **Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm at St Brigid's**.

News and Announcements

Serve Ministers Thank You Lunch

Serving others with your God given gifts is not only life-giving for the individual but can also be a beautiful way to grow deeper in your relationship with God. It was a beautiful celebration last Sunday in the parish house grounds with so many attending our annual Serve Ministries luncheon. We give thanks to you all for your service. Look out for our December Blessings magazine for photo highlights of the day.

Vinnies News

Christmas Hampers: Thank you to everyone for your donations. Aspendale & Mordialloc Vinnies will compile hampers and deliver to needy families in this area for Christmas.

Let's do Christmas Lunch: Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Vinnies Aspendale lunch, especially the magnificent singers in the St Louis' School Choir. It was a very enjoyable event and thanks to everyone's generosity we have been able to sponsor four children through St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program for students in developing countries.

Calendars & Christmas Cards - available from our piety stalls. 2025 Columban Calendars (\$10) and St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$3.50 (5 pack).



Baptism Celebrations - This Weekend

We welcome and pray for the following children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St Louis' on Sunday 8 Dec at 12.30pm.

Michael Santiago, Joshua Benjamin, Remy Pete, Oliver Riley and Arlo James.

This weekend we welcome families who have had children baptised during the year to a special Baptism Blessings Mass.

Hour of Grace - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday 8 December 12 noon - 1pm at Stella Maris, Beaumaris (after 10.30am Mass). **Monday 9 December 12 noon - 1pm at St Patirck's Mentone.** Everyone is invited to join in the prayer hour.

New Thanksgiving envelopes

Please pick up your new envelopes this weekend. The new envelopes start next weekend **14/15 December**.

You may now have a new number on your envelopes after our latest campaign. Please throw out your old envelopes once you have picked up your new ones. Thank you for your generosity.

Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking (ACRATH) 2025 Calendars

The ACRATH calendar, creates awareness of human trafficking globally and here in Australia and will be available for sale at \$10 each in the church foyers from mid -December.



Christmas Gifts that make a difference

PALMS (Paulian Association Lay Missionary Secretariat) is a non-profit organisation that supports communities in need through international assignments, short-term trips and training.

Are you looking to give a really special gift this year?

Something that makes a tangible difference?

Palms has the shop for you!

Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese gifts for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect gift here!

Just scan the QR or go to palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop



Parish Groups

Flower Ministry

We are looking for more volunteers for both churches. Please contact the office if you would like to join the team.

Choir Practice - Christmas

We are rehearsing for all our Christmas masses on **Tuesday nights from 7.30pm at St Louis' church.** All welcome. Call Trish on 0421 604 849.

St Brigid's Gardening Group

There is a working bee on **Monday 9 December** starting from 8.30 am or when you can make it. We will be pruning, weeding, sweeping and spreading mulch in preparation for Christmas. We will finish up with morning tea.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 14/15 DECEMBER 2024

14/15 Dec 2024	3rd Sunday of Advent Readings (Yr C) Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Isaiah 12: 2-6 Luke 3: 10-8						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Gail McGillivray	Julius Lau	Anthony Barnhoorn	Annette Brilliant	John Bainbridge
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Barry Wheeler	Jane Standish	Stephen Pooley	Carole Guthrie	Jack Guthrie
9.30am (A)	Irene Crowe	Lisa Tuke	Ron Schneider-Loos	Felice Cortese	Maureen Wraight	Mary Nayna	Norma Taylor
11.00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Michelle Campbell	Vikki Fitzgerald	Philippa Pecora	Louise Breslin	Vanessa Fernandes	Ellen Young
Counters	Group 4	Bernadette and Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom			

Recently deceased: Odette Ward, Marie Ella Bednarski (Aspendale)
Sr. Anita Le Clerq CSB.

Anniversaries: Angelo Cortese, Peter Youl, William Fitzgerald, Tony Bova, Marino Lacson, Thomas Mathai, Frank Logan, Fr Jim English, Florence O'Donnell, Guiseppe Miano, Edward Dziadek, Jane Morillion, Marjorie Ryan, Gloria Caleo, Rendel Roberts, Tony Labonté, Eugene Bowles, Tony McNicholas, Gladys Craig, Carmenu Dimech, Peter Soulsby, Merie Jaspers, Lawrence Keil, Tess Lanigan, Rosario Messina, Mary Morris, John Beable, Maria Teresa Costanzo, Peter Toner Snr, Sr Dorothy Renton, Warren Ithier, Warren Ithier, Ian Ryan, Adrian Jones, Rita O'Farrell, Robert Slattery, Ernest Goss, Frank Waltho, Jack Riordan, Gwen Mary Coghlan, Bill Bristow, Doris Genovese, Pauline Swartz, Roy Glenister, Rita Newton.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Nancy Selby, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesols, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Virginia Hindall, Penny Proctor, Gail Bell.

If you would like healing prayers in our Parish Bulletin or a pastoral visit:
mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

WEEKEND MASSES

St Louis Saturday 6pm
St Brigid's Sunday 8am
St Louis Sunday 9.30am
St Brigid's Sunday 11am

Our 6pm Saturday Vigil & 8am Sunday Masses are live streamed and can be accessed at:

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WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service, St Louis Tuesday 9.15am, St Brigid's Wed 10am, St Louis Thurs 9.15am, St Brigid's Fri 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm
RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

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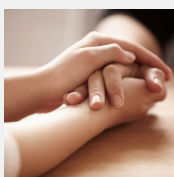
PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

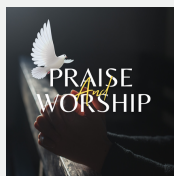
Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. All masses except 8am.



Prayer Ministry
Intercessory prayer.
Last weekend of the month - all masses.



Praise & Worship
3rd Friday of the month
7.30 - 8.30pm.
Alternates between each church.

FORMED

This Week on FORMED - Christmas Edition - Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Hosted by the Hopeful World, this beautiful retelling of Jesus' birth will help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas.

They recall God's promise fulfilled through our Saviour's arrival.

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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people & adults at risk in our community.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

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