



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.

4th Sunday of Advent - Sunday 18 December 2022

Our readings are: Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24 Year: A

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
520 Main St, Mordialloc

St Louis de Montfort's,
37 Dolphin St, Aspendale

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr Andrew Jekot

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr Ignatius Tan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ignatius,
Berna Wake, Trish Angliss**

PARISH COORDINATOR:

Ann Fitzgerald

BAPTISM COORDINATOR:

Deb Poynton - 0403 471 931

PARISH HOUSE:

03 9412 8432

PARISH OFFICE:

03 9580 7981

Hours: Tue, Wed & Fri
9am - 4pm



Contact Us



Parish Website



Mass Online

PARISH LINKS:

Email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Website

m.stmaryofthecross.com

Live-streamed Mass

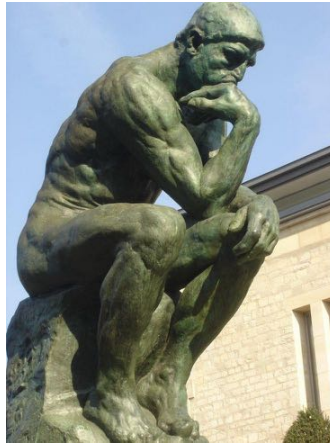
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

[Saturday 6pm](#) and [Sunday 8am](#)

Online Bulletin

m.stmaryofthecross.com/news

Gospel Reflection



Are you a "Thinker" or a "Ponder-er"? Is there a difference? Thinking tends to be very cerebral, very much in the head and pondering may be thinking which also incorporates something of the heart. There are times when we need to do both.

In today's gospel we hear about Joseph who is in thinking mode. There is an issue at stake, and he better do something about it. His betrothed Mary is with child, and they aren't married. What to do? This is where his divine sleep allows Joseph to become more of a ponder-er and allow his heart to dictate his actions. It is from the heart that God invites Joseph to embrace the situation and take the pregnant Mary as his wife.

For Joseph struggles in what to do but allows his trust to guide him through the murky waters of his uncertain situation. He is prepared to marry Mary and be the father that he is called to be. To ponder and trust especially when life gets pretty messy.

Our realities include murky and unclear situations with our relationships with family and others. Maybe a daughter becomes pregnant for the wrong reasons. Perhaps a child is born with a disability. A parent develops dementia. These events in family life can disturb and disrupt our familiar patterns of life. We ask God why and sometimes our faith is questioned. The example of Joseph teaches us that it is in these times that we are called to pray more fervently and seek the power of the Holy Spirit to help us to trust God more fully.

We thank Mary and Joseph for their incredible faithfulness in following God's will in their lives. Their example of trust was exemplary and an example for all of us. Can we channel some of that trust as we launch into this fourth, final and full week of Advent?

Shalom

Fr. Andrew



We acknowledge the original owners of the land on which we gather
and their leaders - past, present and emerging.

Parish News

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

- 6pm Mass at St Louis' School Oval - Carol singing from 5.30pm
- 8.30pm Mass in St Louis' Church - Carol singing from 8pm
- Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church - Carol singing from 11.30pm

Christmas Day

- 8.30am Mass in St Louis' Church
- 10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church



St Louis' School Children will be singing Christmas Carols prior to the 6pm Mass at 5:30pm.

Christmas Roster Volunteers

Christmas Volunteers are needed across all Masses - **Readers, Commentators, Special Ministers, Welcomers and Parking attendants**. If you're able to assist please sign up on the clipboard located on the welcome desks or contact the parish office.

Roster for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2022					
24th & 25th Dec	6.00pm-St Louis'	8.30pm-St Louis'	Midnight-St Brigid's	08.30am-St Louis'	10.30am-St Brigid's
Reader	Carmel Barker	1 Volunteer	Paula Rodrigues	Jenny Ford	Adam Whatmore
Commentator	Julie Buick	Helen Healy	1 Volunteer	Ann Furlong	Judy Lamb
Special Minister	Adrienne Kennedy Louise Breslin 1 Volunteer	Anthony Barnhoorn, Ann Furlong, Gail McGillvray	Jack Meyer Barry Wheeler 2 Volunteers	3 Volunteers	Jack Meyer Marlene Tangso Alison Krisnadas
Welcomers	Marg Deveson, Berna Wake, Lucy Cameron 1 Volunteer	John Bainbridge Joe Corda Pauline Parker	Tung Phan 2 Volunteers	Rosemary Miller 1 Volunteer	Jack Meyer Tung Phan Vanessa Fernandes
Sacristan	Robyn Worsnop	Marie Medicott & Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin	Susan Dornom	Vo Johnson
Parking Attendants	Danny Carey 2 Volunteers	3 Volunteers	N/A	N/A	N/A

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers - LAST CHANCE!!!

St Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to place donations of non-perishable items suitable for Christmas hampers under the Parish Christmas trees. The hampers will be packed and distributed by SVDP to those in need in the Mordialloc & Aspendale area. Gifts vouchers and cash donations are welcome. Donations can be made at www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 18 12.



Choir Practice for Christmas Eve

8pm and Midnight Masses

Come along and join us to help celebrate the birth of Jesus. Singers and musicians all welcome.

The last choir practice will be held at St Louis 21 Dec on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Contact Trish 0421 604 849 for more info.

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FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH,
ON DEMAND.

The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent. Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  GRACELAND HOUSE

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Mercy Connect Melbourne is recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approx 1/2 a day per week for 4 school terms. Working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis for info somml@bigpond.com or 9326 1895.



Live streaming

During January holiday season, only the 8am weekend mass will be live streamed:

m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

Blessings Quarterly Magazine - December

Available on our parish website, via our digital newsletter and printed copies in church foyers this weekend. Catch up on all the news in our parish.



Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

Will be offered on Tuesday 20 December at St Brigid's Church at 7pm.
All welcome.



Recently Deceased

Ian Ryan (Joan Ryan's husband - funeral 28th December 11:30am St Brigid's)
 Warren Ithier (Jean & Rosemary Ithier's son - St Louis')
 Irene Smith (St Brigid's)
 Joan Hanlon (Claud Hanlon's wife St Louis')
 Fr Joseph Patrick Hynan

Anniversaries

Olga Williams, Sr Mary Vera A.C., Salvatore Aparo, Emily Aquilina-Saliba, Craig Blair, Fr Desmond Cameron, Golbert D'Cruz, Brett Drinan, Edward Dunn, Frank Garlick, John Illott, Gerardine Kerlin, Jim Kerlin, Francis Lebler, Des Lourey, Aloysius Mendonça, Nicholas Morillion, Brian Murphy, Julian Murphy, James O'Donnell, Edmond O'Sullivan, Sean Passagne, David Porter, Margot Poynton, Richard Rebeiro, Ed Riordan, Albert Rodrigues, Maria Ruzyla, Marilyn Schneider-Loos, Anne Sleeth, Margaret Smith, Mariano B. Sumayao, Mary Tancheff, Guiseppe Taranto, Nuno Vaz Serrg, Gordon Adrian Wagstaff

Healing Prayers Asked For

Sue Kelly, Sophia Bicos, Valentine Johans, Simon Dart, Pat Hyland, Josephine Wood, Ray Martin, Maureen Hepburn, Brenda Cortese, Andy Flack, Giulie Waddell, John Nicholson, Carly Gordon, Lindsey Edwards, Minnie Joseph, Amnin Bukic, Helen Pedrazzini, Serena Zienau, Michele Ives, Ian Ryan, Sharon Stevenson, Sam Finnochiaro, Melvyn Porte, Graig dePalo, Margaret Beesley, Vielie McClean, Craig Martin

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

All Parish volunteers require a current Working With Children Check and have read and signed our Child Safety Code of Conduct.
 Copies are available on our Parish Website and at our Parish Office.
 For any concerns please contact our Child Safeguarding Team:

Fr Andrew Jekot ... 03 9412 8432	Judy Dickinson ... 0407 865 522
Fr Ignatius Tan ... 03 9412 8432	Susan Dornom ... 0413 979 049
Trish Angliss ... 0421 604 849	Joanne Partleton ... 0413 133 184
Louise Breslin ... 0415 963 799	Robyn Worsnop ... 0412 814 592
Joe Corda ... 0407 354 568	

1st January Serve Ministers' Roster

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Solemnity - Sunday 1 January 2023				
Readings (Year A): Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21				
31st Dec 22 & 1st Jan 23	6p.m. (A)	8.00a.m. (M)	9.30 a.m. (A)	11a.m. (M)
Reader	Chester Ryan	Barry Wheeler	Martin Newington	Vicki Fitzgerald
Commentator	Jenny Ferguson	Volunteer	Niko Tovia	Dianne Wain
Special Minister	Carmel Barker	Marlene Tangso	Elizabeth Newington	Peter Wain
Welcomers	John Bainbridge	Odette Budge	Maureen Wraight	Paula & Wence Rodrigues
	Pauline Parker	Jack Meyer	Berna Wake	
Counters	Gary & Joanne Partleton, Ron Soares			
Sacristan	Marie Medlicott	Vo Johnson	Susan Dornom	Glenice Laughlin
If you are unavailable on your rostered day please arrange a replacement and contact the Parish Office on 9580 7981 to inform us of the change				



If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office

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 9.15am - St Louis' (Communion Service),

Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',

Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's,

Thursday 9.15am - St Louis'

Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's

RECONCILIATION

Friday 12pm - St Brigid's,

Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'

PARISH SCHOOLS



St Brigid's School,
 129 Albert St, Mordialloc
9580 4518

sbmord.catholic.edu.au

St Louis de Montfort's School,
 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
9580 5169

stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au



Support our Parish



Please note the Parish Office will be closed in the month of January. Urgent calls will be attended to.

