



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 July 2025

Readings for Year C Genesis 18: 1-10 Colossians 1: 24-28 Luke 10: 38-42



"It is Mary who has chosen the better part, it is not to be taken from her"

There's a saying often attributed to St. Ignatius: "Pray as if everything depends on you, and work as if everything depends on God." It reminds us that prayer and action go hand in hand in the Christian life.

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of Martha and Mary, who welcome Jesus into their home. Martha serves actively, while Mary listens attentively to Jesus. The passage encourages us to follow both examples: to serve with Martha's dedication and to pray like Mary, drawing strength from time spent with God.

Prayer and action must go together—prayer without action is fruitless, and action without prayer is aimless. We are called to be "contemplatives in action," because only those who listen carefully to the Word of God know how to behave in the way that God desires when they show deep concern for the well-being of other people

Fr Huy Nguyen
Assistant Priest



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News and Announcements

Family Violence: what can we do?

In the past few weeks we have explored various forms of family violence, all of them underpinned by a need to exert power and control, instilling fear in the other. Often more than one form of abuse is used, not only physical and emotional abuse, but less obvious forms such as financial, spiritual, cultural and Visa abuse. These are also very harmful. Financial or economic abuse is when one person uses money or finances to exert power and control over someone else, limiting autonomy and creating dependency. Other forms of abuse (spiritual, cultural and Visa abuse) are described in the [link here](#).

24-hour help is available: Ring police on 000 for emergency support or 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 723) for confidential counselling and support.

Special Parish Event - Build a parish that reaches out



Invitation Changes
Everything:

**BUILD A
PARISH THAT
REACHES OUT**

divinerenovation.org/events

Please keep our event this **Sunday 20/7** in your prayers. May the power of the Holy Spirit be present in this workshop with Michael Harvey whose passion for the power of invitation is unique, powerful, simple and inspirational. We are blessed to have Michael with us. **It's not too late to come along, 10.30am at St Louis' School Hall.**

Name Tag Sunday and Cuppa weekend

All active parishioners in our parish database have been allocated a name tag to use on the fourth Sunday of the month. If you prefer to use a more colloquial name, just write the preferred name on the name tag and it will be amended for next time. If your name isn't there, please use a blank tag and write your first name and surname and also put your name on the sheet so the office can make sure you have one for next month.

Parishioners are invited to drop off the name tags in the box on the way out after mass. This small gesture helps us to get to know each other and better and strengthens the bonds within our Parish family.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family the following children:

Brody Kevin, Boston Michael, Charles Anthony, Zali, Jaxson, Rhani Belle

God has you in his hands on this special day. With every step you take, he guides you on your way.



Happy Birthday Ann

Wishing our Parish Coordinator Ann Fitzgerald a very happy birthday. May God continue to bless and guide you. Thank you for all that you do for our parish.

Have you ever dreamed of singing and acting in a musical?

The Call of Guadalupe (COG) Theatre group is a Catholic musical theatre group, endorsed by various bishops. On the 26th of July, we invite you to an information session in Glen Iris on how you can be part of this exciting show. You will see a preview of Mary Magdalene the Musical coming 2026. Sumptuous afternoon tea will be provided. Please RSVP via trybooking link by 22nd of July <http://www.trybooking.com/DBRJU> for catering purposes. 0413398528 or cogtheatregrp@gmail.com

Thanksgiving envelopes - Final Weekend for collection

Please collect this weekend, if you haven't already. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Parish Groups

Scripture and Friendship Group

Our next Scripture and Friendship group will meet on **Tuesday, 22 July** at Ann's home, 47 Gothic Road, Aspendale. We begin at 10am and will finish with a cuppa about 11am. This group is open for anyone - we discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, questions or just listening. A great way to meet people in our Parish. **For any queries contact Ann on 0425 712 741**

Kidz Zone

Our youngest children (5-12 years) sing, play and use their imagination to hear stories about Jesus and begin what we pray is a relationship with their lifelong friend Jesus. Kidz Zone is on during all masses next weekend (26/27 July) except 8am.

Prayer ministry

Prayer Ministry is the practice of two or more people praying with you for a particular intention. **We will have prayer teams available after Mass next weekend (26/27 July)** to pray for any intention that you have at this time. The prayer team will gently guide you, all you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God! Father will announce the Prayer Ministry teams at the end of Mass.

Earthcare Group

We are supporting Plastic Free July again this year. Please drop off your blister packs from your medications and they will go to Chemist Warehouse for recycling. More information at the link [PlasticFreeJuly](#).

It is **National Tree Day on Sunday 27 July**. You can register to volunteer for a planting session with Kingston Council from 10am to 12pm at The Strand in Chelsea **National Tree Day**.

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Sacramental Preparation for Children - Reconciliation

Our parish has a long tradition of offering sacramental preparation for baptised catholic children from government schools and others who request the Catholic Sacraments for their children.

Our **new** sacramental preparation for **Reconciliation for children in year 3 and above** will commence on **Tuesday 5 August**. It is a six - week program involving parents and children on a journey of accompaniment which is designed to continue after the sacrament is received. If you know of parents that might be interested in this for their children, and to understand the new approach we are taking, where parents and children walk together in a journey of faith, please share the registration form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yGWx1P9aqzbnY-yZh_6VNIhZtkhZpUNtEDG_d9XfTQY/edit or via the QR code on the left.

*Thank
you!*

With gratitude

We give thanks to Fr Peter Matheson and Fr Cameron Forbes for assisting with our Masses over the past weeks. May our Lord continue to bless your priestly ministry.



Serve Ministries - are you being called?

A healthy serving base is the lifeblood of our church. Serving is not just about filling a slot, or volunteering when no one else steps up. It is central to our mission to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples. Being involved in one of the many serving ministries means you are actively involved in our mission. It is so rewarding to give your time to something bigger than yourself. Maybe you are feeling unsure, or don't think you have what's required, don't worry we will provide training and assistance. Here are some of the many serve ministries we offer at St Mary of the Cross.

Music

Do you have a talent for singing or playing an instrument?

Audio visual operating

Do you enjoy operating cameras and creating engaging content with our Proclaim software?

Altar Flowers

Do you love flowers and arranging them, creating a beautiful altar?

Children's Liturgy

Do you enjoy celebrating the good news and love of Jesus in fun & engaging ways with children?

Sacristan

Would you love to prepare the sacred vessels, linens, books, and vestments needed for the liturgy?

Welcomng

Do you enjoy meeting and greeting people, especially guests and visitors?

Visit our [parish website](#) to find out more and contact the parish office to express your interest at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

As the parish office is currently preparing the September- December 2025 Serve Ministry roster, now would be the ideal time to express your interest. **For all current serve ministers, if you are going to be away during this period please advise the parish office by Tuesday 29 July.** Thank you.



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Footprints: The Path of Your Life

Eleven young men from the United States walk the Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit, or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27 JULY 2025

26/27 July 25	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Genesis 18: 20-32 Colossians 2: 12-14 Luke 11: 1-13							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Patrick Jurd	Jenny Ford	Bernie Stuart	Gail McGillivray	Carmel Barker	Annette Brilliant	Monique Bruce	Bob Ward Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Frances North	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Stephen Pooley	Carole Guthrie	John Guthrie	Josie Johnson Tony Aloysious
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Ron Schneider -Loos	Elizabeth Newington	Ann Furlong	Lex Miller	Rosemary Miller	Brenda O'Leary Berna Wake
11.00am (M)	Peter Hannan	Adam Whatmore	Helen Rocks	Juan Wilson	Christine D'Cruze	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Nola Petraitis Nicole Mielczarek
Counters 5	Aileen Dynes Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn							

Recently deceased: Fr Emmanuel (Manny) Bonello

Anniversaries: Ted McMahon - Joan Byrne - Greg Corda - Karen Murray
Patricia Campbell - Ian Martine - Paddy Davey - Sr Digna Digna, A.C. -
Peg Hallam - Tessie Myles-Kellett - Anne Rosario - Jolyon Butler -
Dorothy Carmel Agnew - Pam Ulbrick - Evelyn Bibby - Debbie Egan -
Jack Egan - Dorothy Cresswell - Anne Snellgrove - Robert Panton -
Emilio Vintaloro - Aureliya Edwards - Neil Williams - Nicholas Mercer -
Aileen Rowe - Antony Saliba - Frances Morgan - Kathleen Hirst -
Ramon Reed - Judith (Bobbie) Panton - Patrick Hewitson -
Magherita Taranto - Antoinella Burgio - Vivette Jansz - June Hamill -
Josephine D'Cunha - Bill White - Maria Pitinga - Edna Ansalde -
Andrew Burns - Bobby Mills - Tom Mills - Kerry Pipkorn - Alan Seddon -
Mariamma Aloysious

Praying for the sick: Ann Muir, Trish Le Brocq - John Nicholson,
Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho,
Jeffrey Sellar, Gail Bell, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Sophia Bicos,
Patsy Riordan, Fr Terry Kean, May Warrener, Andrea Williams,
Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Kees Meyer,
Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Craig Ross,
Virginia O'Toole.

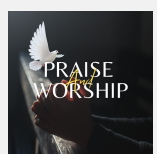
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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 month
7.30 - 8.30pm.
Alternates between each church.

Pastoral care

If you would like a pastoral visit, Helen is available to drop by for a chat or to organise some help if required. Please contact the office at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Baptism Coordinator

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

Contact us

Parish Office: 03 9580 7981
OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9am to 4.30pm
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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 HOLY ROSARY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Louis Monday's 7.30 - 8.30pm

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Fr Andrew Jekot 03 9412 8432
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9412 8432
Trish 0421 604 849
Louise 0415 963 799
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752

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.