



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 July 2025

Readings for Year C Isaiah 66: 10-14 Galatians 6: 14-18 Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20



"The Kingdom of God is very near"

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out His disciples to bring peace, heal the sick, and share God's love. They go with little, relying on God and the kindness of others. When they return, they are filled with joy—not just because of what they did, but because they know they belong to God.

As I leave the wonderful St Louis' community and begin my new role as principal, I feel a strong connection to this message. Like the disciples, I am being sent on a new mission—to lead with love, serve with faith, and bring peace to my new school community.

I know I cannot do this alone. I need God's help, and I need all of them — students, parents, and parishioners — to walk with me.

Let us remember: true joy comes not from titles or accomplishments, but from knowing we are God's children, called to do His work with open hearts.

Michelle Barron
**St Louis' Primary School Deputy Principal
& Learning & Teaching Leader**

Thank you 

Michelle, we give thanks to you for all that you have done for our school and parish. Best wishes and congratulations on your new role. May God continue to bless you abundantly.



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News and Announcements



Parish Justice Action Group (JAG)
Next Meeting
Wednesday 9 July 7.30-9pm - St Louis'

All are welcome, especially new members. To learn more about the social justice issues that JAG focuses on, please read our 2025-2026 JAG Charter, available in the church foyers and on our parish website, [access here.](#)

Xavier School of Preaching

The Xavier School of Preaching seeks to raise up a new generation of preachers – men and women – within the life and mission of the Catholic Church. This course is open to all who are baptised – parish lay ministers, priests, deacons and seminarians, teachers and school leaders, diocesan and Catholic education leaders, members of ecclesial movements, catechists, and youth ministers. Successful applicants need to demonstrate pastoral engagement and experience, the desire and motivation to preach the Gospel, and a life of prayer founded on the Word of God. We offer a multi-modal program, including innovative online resources and an intensive face-to-face experience. Themes will include theology of preaching, history of preaching, science and the art of preaching, communication theory and practice, modern media forms, proclamation and encounter. Scan QR code or go to link for more details acu.edu.au/schoolofpreaching Places are limited.



Special Parish Event - Build a parish that reaches out - Sunday 20 July at St Louis' - All Welcome

Can a simple invitation really change a life? According to Michael Harvey, it absolutely can and often does. In this powerful, interactive session, renowned speaker and founder of Back to Church Sunday, Michael Harvey, will invite us into a bold new vision: a parish culture where invitation is second nature, not second thought. Together, we'll:

Unpack the fears that hold us back from reaching out.
Discover how the Holy Spirit leads and empowers our invitations.

Gain practical tools to make inviting others a natural part of our faith journey.

Be challenged and encouraged no matter where we are in our spiritual walk.

When invitation becomes everyone's responsibility, renewal takes root and the Church begins to flourish in new, Spirit-led ways.

Details: **Sunday 20 July** - 9.30am Mass at St Louis' followed by the session from 10.30am at St Louis' Primary School Hall, with a light lunch from 1.00pm.



Register via the QR code or online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/Michealharveyaspendale>

Or sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

ALL ARE WELCOME - INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Parish Groups

Prayer and Friendship Group

Our Scripture and Friendship Group will break in the school holidays, and will resume on Tuesday 22 July at 10am.

Ann 0425 712 741

Carmel 0425 773 608

Knitting Group & Winter Appeal

Thank you everyone for your generous donations, we have made a difference to so many. Our next meeting will be at St Louis on **Friday 11th July from 1 to 2.30pm**. Please continue to leave items in the baskets in the church foyer's & help yourself to some wool for home knitters. Please consider making - Adult unisex scarves & beanies, and age 2 to 4 (toddler) jumpers or cardigans. Happy crafting, *Monique*.

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.

Church flowers

We are looking for some new volunteers to help with flowers in both churches. Please contact the Parish office if you can assist.



Invitation Changes
Everything:

**BUILD A
PARISH THAT
REACHES OUT**

divinerenovation.org/events



News and Announcements



National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee - NAIDOC Week 6 - 13 July

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday leads us into Naidoc Week 6-13 July. The theme this year is "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy" Focus: Celebrating the histories, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Sea of Hands

The Sea of Hands is a symbol of solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and planting a Sea of Hands is an act of recognition. ANTAr's Sea of Hands has been installed in every major city and many regional locations throughout Australia and continues to gather signatures everywhere it appears. Many thousands of



Australians have signed their names on one of the plastic hands that make up the Sea of Hands to show their support for reconciliation. Our parish has ordered a Sea of Hands for display during the 2 weekends of Naidoc Week.

This weekend you can add your message of support to the hands and place it in the ground around the Mary MacKillop statue after masses at St Louis'. Next weekend (12 & 13/7) you can do the same at St Brigids'.

Domestic Family Violence - What can we Do?

Family violence is rarely a one-off incident, it can take many forms. Instead, it is often a repeated pattern of behaviours designed to control, intimidate and harm another person. Abuse takes many forms, and they are not mutually exclusive. While physical violence is often the most visible, other forms such as emotional, psychological and social abuse can be just as harmful. Emotional abuse is behaviour that does not demonstrate respect for someone's feelings, opinions and experiences. Psychological abuse happens when someone makes you or other people question your sanity or recollection of reality through manipulation and lying. Social abuse is behaviour that limits, controls or interferes with someone's social activities or relationships with others.

For examples of each of these forms of abuse and more information, go to [this link](#)

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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Information Night Sunday 13 July 6pm at St Pat's Mentone



ACYF
INFO NIGHT

SUN 13 JULY @ST PATRICK'S MENTONE - PARISH CENTRE
6:00 PM

SPECIAL GUEST: JOHN FROM MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE

HEAR FROM THE ACYF TEAM

EVENTS & REGISTRATION

MEET YOUR PILGRIM LEADER

SCAN TO REGISTER



Our parishioner Emily Wiśniewski, who attended World Youth Day in Portugal in 2023 will be speaking at our 9.30am & 11am masses this Sunday 6 July. She will explain a little more about the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in **Melbourne from 30 Nov - 2 Dec 2025**, and in particular the forthcoming information night to be held at **St Pat's Mentone on Sunday 13 July at 6pm**. ACYF is aimed at young people aged from Year 9 to 25 years. For more information on ACYF Melbourne, go to: <https://acyf.org.au/>

Longbeach luncheon

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday 16 July at the Longbeach Chelsea RSL, Thames Promenade from 12.30pm. For bookings please contact Pat Adam 0448 866 020 Keith Reiter 0417 350 733 or leave a message on 9772 7292.

Thanksgiving envelopes

Your thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the church foyers from this weekend. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



This Week on FORMED - Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed. Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13 JULY 2025

12/13 July 25	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 Colossians 1: 14-18 Luke 10: 25-37 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Marie Seddon	Joanne Partleton	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Marg De Vries	Julie Buick	John Bainbridge
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Frances North	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Chris McAleer	Tony Aloysious	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Phillip Morris	Martin Newington	Felice Cortese	Ann Furlong	Elizabeth Newington	Niko Tovia	Maureen Wraight
11.00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Gail Bell	Philippa Pecora	Peter Wain	Christine D'Cruze	Ellen Young	Lucy Cameron
Counters 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley				

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: P.K. Johnson - Arthur Edwards - Angelina Fernandes - Lois McMahon - Dorothy Taylor - Dorreen Dunn - Laurie George - Elvis Rodrigues - Nelle Rafter - Nina Dowker - Yvette Parfait - Liz Jones - Carmel Furlong - Iolanda Cardamone - Keith Williams - Rodney Laughlin - Dominco Vinci - Eileen Walsh - Rocco Rodolico - Albert O'Kane - Lorraine Curtain - Molly Raines - Joseph Norman - Vittorio Iacobucci - Biagia Zampataro - Denis Bowdern - Maree Velten - Alfio Licciardino - Keith Sowden - Angelina Drummond - Rosina Hauser - Eileen Kavanagh - Eileen Maguire - Harriet Drinan.

Praying for the sick: 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 Warrenner, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Kees Meyer, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

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

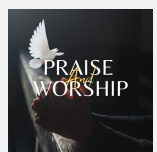
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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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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.

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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Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9412 8432
Trish 0421 604 849
Louise 0415 963 799
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