



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 October 2025

Readings for Year C Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 1 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Luke 17: 5-9



“The apostles said to the Lord “Increase our faith”

Isn't it striking that we hear the apostles—the inner circle of Jesus—asking Him to increase their faith? They were with Jesus constantly, witnessing His miracles with awe and wonder. They heard His Spirit-filled teachings wherever they travelled with Him. Wouldn't we expect the apostles to be people imbued with unshakable faith, enjoying such an intimate relationship with their Teacher?

Yet their humble request in today's Gospel shows that they, like us, experienced moments of doubt, uncertainty, and crises of faith. Such moments in our own journey can make us feel as though God is distant, absent from our daily struggles.

Pope Francis once reminded us that doubt or a crisis of faith is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of the need and desire to enter more deeply into the mystery of God. A faith without trials and questions is incomplete. Like the apostles, let us humbly ask the Lord to increase our faith amid our human uncertainties.

Fr Huy Nguyen
Assistant Priest



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News and Announcements



October 5 - 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2025 & Jubilee of Migrants

Australians have been urged to reflect on the values of compassion, justice and hope as Catholic communities mark the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, and Bishop Timothy Harris, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, urged Australians to respond with compassion and hope amid growing public debate around immigration.

"In the immigration debate, there's a difference between reacting and responding," Archbishop Prowse said.

"Let's not go backwards. Yes, there are difficulties, but we can work it out together because Australia is renowned worldwide for its hospitality. "Social cohesion is a central part of what makes Australia a good place." Read the full statement [here](#).

Source: Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Sept 29, 2025.

Be Your Best Now®: Two Special Wellbeing Workshops

Grounded in the modern science of human flourishing and thriving, these sessions will offer practical tools you can put into practice straight away to strengthen your wellbeing and live with greater happiness, balance and positivity.

Mark Carazzo (parishioner) will present **Wellbeing: The Foundations – Part One and Part Two on Tuesday 21 October and Tuesday 28 October, from 7:00–8:15 p.m at St Louis' Church.**

He will share the key elements that science shows are vital for us to truly thrive—while also uncovering the subtle barriers that can quietly undermine our happiness. **All are welcome, feel free to invite family and friends. Sign up at the welcome Desk.**

Mark holds a Professional Certificate in Positive Psychology (Honours) from the Centre for Wellbeing Science at the University of Melbourne. He is also a Certified Level 2 Wellness Coach (Wellness Coaching Australia) and a Qualified Meditation Teacher (Melbourne Meditation Centre), and holds Bachelor degrees in Law and Economics.



All Souls Day 2 November and our Memorial Book

All Souls Day 2025 falls on Sunday, November 2nd. During the month of November, we have our Memorial Book placed on the altar at both churches observing, remembering and praying for departed family members and friends. If you have registered your loved one's name previously with the parish, they will be included automatically in the Parish Bulletin & the Memorial Book. If you haven't but would like to do so, there are forms available in the church foyers until **Friday 24 October.**

Planning Giving Envelopes

The new set of envelopes are available in the church foyers. We are grateful for each gift no matter what the amount or how the gift is made. Regular giving is crucial for the parish as it enables us to plan many programs and reach as many people as possible with our mission to Make Disciples. If possible, we would like you to consider making your gift electronically as this will save us costs and time. You can set up a regular payment by direct debit via our parish website at <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj67AAD&parish=mordialloc-aspendale>, or alternatively by contacting Ann in our parish office on 03 9580 7981 or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



Final Weekend

Fundraising Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

1st Prize: Original oil painting from artist [Ann Stevenson](#);

2nd Prize: Statue of

St Michael; 3rd Prize: Two

handmade woollen blankets;

4th Prize: Garden wishing well &

children's book; 5th Prize \$50

Dymocks voucher. On sale in

church foyers. **Drawn Sunday 5 October, after the 11am Mass.**

Grocery Drive

We are asking parishioners to donate food items that will go directly to the many refugees and people seeking asylum that BASP assist. Specifically: **750 ml olive or vegetable oil; 100g jars coffee; sweet biscuits; medium size tuna in oil; 2 min. noodles and foil.** BASP would also appreciate shopping vouchers or cash as they try to give extra support to people over the Christmas season. Donation boxes are in the church foyers, **until 5 October.**

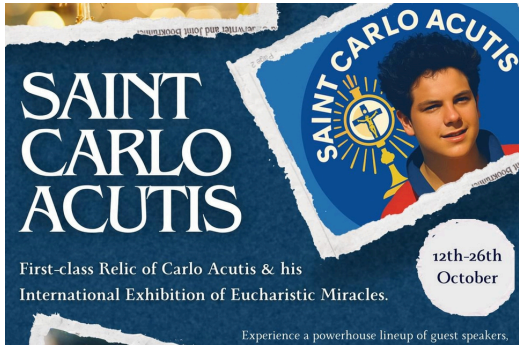
To learn more about the work of the Brigidine Asylum seekers Project and subscribe to their newsletter go to:

<https://basp.org.au/>

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Healing and Anointing Mass - Tuesday 14 October 7pm at St Brigid's

Please join us for our Healing and Anointing Mass. All are invited to come along for healing and anointing - whether it be for ill health, mental health, spiritual health, family violence or anything really. Please take advantage of this opportunity - anointing and healing is for all of us. Family and friends very welcome.



Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition Sunday 12 October 2025, 1.00pm – Sunday 26 October 2025, 5.00pm

A first-class relic of the first millennial saint will be exhibited at **Stella Maris Church in Beaumaris**, and then at **St Joseph's Hall in Black Rock**, as part of a two-week event in October. The event will feature his international exhibition of eucharistic miracles, a series of talks from priests and lay people familiar with the sad yet inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a special Mass and adoration, and a film viewing. Register at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/st-carlo-acutis-exhibition>

Justice Action Group Monthly Meeting

The JAG vision is to follow Jesus' example to hear and respond to issues of social justice including family violence, human trafficking, refugees and asylum seekers, people experiencing homelessness, First Nations people and the protection of the environment. If you have an interest in these areas, please do come to our monthly meeting on **Wednesday 8 October from 7.30-9pm at St Louis' Church. All welcome.**



New Parishioners Morning Tea

A special welcome event for those who are new to St Mary of the Cross or have been visiting for a while but haven't formally connected with our parish. You are invited to come to a casual morning tea to meet our Parish leadership Team.

When: Saturday 18 October 2025 from 10-11am.

Where: Parish House, Main Street, Mordialloc (adjacent to St Brigid's Church).

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the church foyers.

Longbeach Parishioners Luncheon

The 3rd Wednesday luncheon is on **Wednesday 15 October** being held at the Longbeach RSL Chelsea. For bookings please advise either Pat Adams on 0448 866 020 or Keith on 0417 350 733 Or 9772 7292 to make your place at the table.



Formed - it's Catholic Netflix, free for you!

Are you one of the 250 Registered Users of Formed in our parish? Did you know that every parishioner can access our parish subscription for free to Augustine Institute's "FORMED" Catholic Streaming service, which offers trustworthy, high-quality content to nourish your relationship with Jesus? We are delighted that so many parishioners have registered but invite those who haven't yet registered to do so, and for those who have registered to regularly check in to catch up on the amazing content. Visit formed.org/signup to subscribe and select "St Mary of the Cross Parish".



The Joyful Mysteries | Mysteries of the Rosary | Trailer

St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." This incredible film series takes viewers right to the Holy Land, where these Mysteries actually happened, encouraging deeper reflection and meditation on them.

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NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12 OCTOBER 2025

11/12 Oct 2024

28th Sunday Ordinary Time Readings (Yr C) 2 Kings 5: 14-17 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 Luke 17: 11-19

	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Buick	Ann Brennan	Gail McGillivray	Marg De Vries	Ann Furlong	Berna Wake	Annette Brilliant
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Joan Healy	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Jack Guthrie	Carole Guthrie
9.30am (A)	Irene Crowe	Gerard Wagstaff	Ron Schneider-Loos	Aida Adriano	Martin Newington	Maureen Wraight	Niko Tovia
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Michelle Campbell	Peter Hannan	Peter Wain	Jaun Wilson	Christiane Jonas	MaryAnn Farren
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks	Mary Nayna				

Recently deceased: Fr. Ted Burns.

Anniversaries: Joe Cerritelli - Stanley Amos Wagstaff - Mary D'Souza - Megan O'Keeffe - Fr Luke Newington OFM - Pat MacDonald - Jean Hall Kathleen Richards - Mary Ellen Doherty - Luis Barriga - Hector Laws Violet Waltho/Larter - Neil Noonan - James Creaney - Mary Nicholson - Nancy Stott - Terry O'Brien - James Exton - Julie Cafaino - Brian Gleeson - Helen Milne - Amanda McKirdy - Harry Kennan - John C Le Clercq - William Velten - Vanessa Gapiside - Eileen Mary Keane - Julia Reading - Julian Francis Gurrieri - Josephine Lindfield - Nancy Scott - Enid Curtain - Gerald Edward Fitzgerald - Kevin Davies - Maureen Connolly - Hazel Archer - Amy Heffernan - Bill Heffernan - Carmel Kennan.

Praying for healing and the sick: Alex Bennett, John Davis, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Chris Doran, Chris Wardle, Ann Muir, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Sophia Bicos, Fr Terry Kean, Kees Meyer Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY ROSARY

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

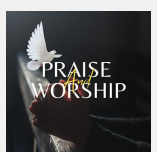
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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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