



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

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul 29 June 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 12: 1-11 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19



*"Who do people say the
Son of Man is?"*

Matthew 16:13-19 invites us to reflect on Jesus' profound question, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Peter's declaration, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God," reveals a recognition of Jesus' divine identity. Jesus responds by affirming Peter's faith, declaring him the rock upon which He will build His church. This passage underscores the importance of faith and divine revelation in our spiritual journey.

Just as Peter's confession shapes the foundation of the Church, our acknowledgment of Jesus as the Christ anchors our lives in His truth. It reminds us that Jesus is the ultimate authority and the source of our strength. Embracing this truth calls us to deepen our faith, trust in His guidance, and participate actively in building His kingdom here on earth through love, service, and unwavering belief.

Carmel Stutterd
St Louis' Primary School Principal



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News and Announcements

Please note change to Mass Wednesday 2 July

Wednesday 10.30am Mass at St Brigid's will be replaced by a Communion Service this week.

Peter's Pence Collection - This weekend

On 29 June the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. There will be a 3rd collection this weekend or you may wish to donate online [here](#).

High Tea Fundraiser for refugee family

Thank
you

A huge thanks to all those who attended, volunteered, baked, set up, cleaned up, donated, lent crockery, stored and did anything that contributed to our very successful day on Saturday 21 June. It was enjoyed by all, as well as being able to raise over \$6,600 in funds for the refugee family we are sponsoring.

Let the Heart Listen Program - Heart of Life-Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Online: 31 July- 30 Oct 2025

Let the Heart Listen Program is designed for those who accompany others through life's journey—through listening, presence, and support. This online-only experience invites you into a space of deep transformation and connection. Let the Heart Listen is grounded in the practice of contemplative listening—learning to respond with heart to yourself, others, and to God. Through this experience, you will develop the capacity to listen deeply and compassionately, becoming more present to the sacred in everyday life. For further details please see the link provided: [Let the Heart Listen](#)

Invitation Changes Everything:

BUILD A PARISH THAT REACHES OUT

St Mary of the Cross Parish, St Louis de Montfort's
- 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale, VIC 3195

July 20, 2025 | 9:30AM Mass | 10:30AM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Provided

DIVINE RENOVATION

Michael Harvey

Parish Groups

Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

Our regular first Saturday of the month Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 4.30pm - 5.30pm at St Louis' Church on **Saturday 5 July**. This is followed by Reconciliation at 5.30pm and our Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm - all at St Louis'.

Knitting Group & Winter Appeal

Thank you everyone for your generous donations over the past few weeks. We have made a difference to so many. Our next meeting will be at St Louis on **Friday 12th July from 1 to 2.30pm**. Alternatively, please continue to leave items in the baskets in the church foyer's & please help yourself to some wool. Please consider making - Adult unisex scarves & beanies, and age 2 to 4 (toddler) jumpers or cardigans. Happy crafting, *Monique*.

Earthcare Group

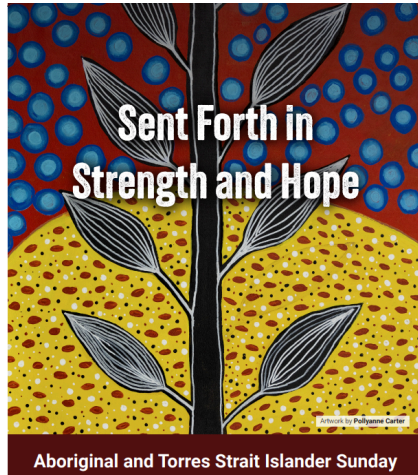
We are supporting Plastic Free July again this year. Please drop off your blister packs from your medications and we will take them to Chemist Warehouse for recycling.

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

Do you wish you were more comfortable with inviting people to church? Jesus left us all with the mission to make disciples in the Great Commission (Matt 28 19:20). Our Parish Mission is to Love God, Love Others and **Make Disciples**. All are invited to "**Invitation changes everything**" where you will be presented with a practical technique to overcome your fear of inviting people. With decades of experience in 18 countries, international speaker Michael Harvey will equip you with the ACORN method of inviting. Lunch will be provided so please do register. Feel free to bring your friends and family. Please register via the QR code or at: <https://tinyurl.com/Michealharveyaspendale>

News and Announcements

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 6 July



The National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has set the theme for this year as 'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'. It is Christ who sends us to walk together in faith, grounded in the deep spirituality and culture of First Nations Peoples, strengthened by the Gospel, and filled with hope for the future God is leading us into. Our Catholic Church is a tapestry woven from many cultures. From the enduring wisdom of the world's oldest continuing cultures – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – to those who have journeyed from distant lands, we are one Body in Christ. In our diversity, we discover richness. In our unity, we find strength. And in every heart, we see the Spirit of God at work. Saint John Paul II once reminded us: "The Church herself is enriched by the development of different forms of culture... she takes them up in her evangelising mission and adopts them."



National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee - NAIDOC Week

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. Our parish has ordered a "Sea of Hands" for display during the 2 weekends of Naidoc Week. You will have a chance to decorate a hand and place it in the ground around the Mary MacKillop statue after masses at St Brigid's on the first weekend (6/7) and St Louis' on the second weekend (13/7).

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

LIGHT TEA & REFRESHMENTS

PAST PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIES

SCAN TO REGISTER

Our parishioner Emily Wiśniewski, who attended World Youth Day in Portugal in 2023 will be speaking at some of our masses over the 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/>

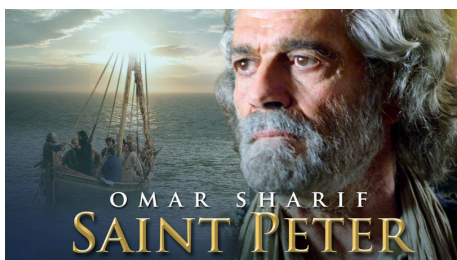


Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family the following children to be baptised this weekend:

Addison Mary, Sophia Ru-Yi, Eden Sage

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



This Week on FORMED - Saint Peter / Paul the Apostle

Follow the journey of St Peter spreading the message of Christianity through to his martyrdom on the cross.

St Paul the Apostle went from being the church's greatest enemy to its most prolific messenger. Watch both of these films on Formed.

Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Save the Date - Run Melbourne 13 July 2025

We are still looking for walkers to accompany a SMOTC team to raise money for BASP/CRISP (the refugee family) and ACRATH. The 5.5km course starts at 10.10am from Batman Avenue. Come and join a pleasant walk in our great city. Contact Trish on 0421 604 849.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6 JULY 2025

5/6 July 25	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Isaiah 66: 10-14 Galatians 6: 14-18 Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Marg De Vries	Julie Barnhoorn	Anthony Barnhoorn	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Tom Hughes	Jan Hughes
8.00am (M)	Lisa Tuke	Angela Meo	Marlene Tangso	Jack Meyer	Stephen Pooley	Joan Healy	Jane Standish
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Maureen Wraight	Felice Cortese	Ann Furlong	Ron Schneider-Loos	Jon Searle	Joe Corda
11.00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Peter Hannan	Philippa Pecora	Juan Wilson	Christine D'Cruze	Ellen Young	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters 1	Gary & Joanne Partleton		Ron Soares				

Recently deceased: Sr Angela Ryan (Past Principal Kilbreda College).

Anniversaries: Emily Riordan - Clifford Hawley - Eugene Rozario - Dino Vidotto - Jack Drinan - Rita Grotto - Mary Tobin - John McFall - Marie Claire "Gilberte" Lefevre - Glen Martin - Leah O'Hehir - Victor Dorian - Daniel Sexton - Harrison Baker - Margaret Birch - Mariamma Mathew - Kerryn Mulcahy - Shayne Neighbour - John Jekot - Jerry Masters - Dorothy McGinley - Stefania Ragalewicz - June O'Brien - Gwen Winter - Virgil D'Souza - Hazel D'Souza - Frances Taylor - Robert Beckham - Alice O'Brien - Gerald Drenen - Francis Kenny Ford - Tom Demeduk - Christopher Griffiths - Kathleen Racis - Helen Francis - Kenneth Taylor - Margaret Finlay - Pasqua Marrama - Mollie Donegan - John Collins - Damian Gilbert - Andrew O'Farrell - Elizabeth Vickers - Mabel Patricia Frawley - Bill Libbis - Eileen Hager - Janice Pickles - Marykuty Eapen - Esma Heffernan - Kevin Jennings - Anita Mengle - Lina - Sylvie - Albert Taylor.

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.

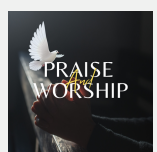
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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.