



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

The Ascension of the Lord 1 June 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 1: 1-11 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 46-53

*"He withdrew from them and
was carried up to heaven"*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His friends that everything has happened just as the Scriptures said—that He would suffer, rise from the dead, and that forgiveness would be shared with the whole world. Then, He blesses them and is taken up into heaven.

But Jesus is not saying goodbye forever. Instead, He is sending His friends out with a mission: to share His love, joy, and forgiveness with everyone.

The disciples don't leave feeling sad. They are full of joy and go back to the temple to praise God. They know Jesus is still with them in a new way. As we celebrate the Year of Hope, this Gospel reminds us that we, too, are His messengers. Jesus calls each of us to bring hope and kindness into our homes, schools, and workplaces. Let's ask Him to help us be joyful witnesses of His love every day.

Michelle Barron
Deputy Principal St Louis
Learning & Teaching Leader



News and Announcements



Pentecost Sunday next weekend

Join us for a special celebration at all our masses next weekend. Balloon fire pits and marshmallows to roast on a real fire. We will also be having laying on of hands for all at the end of Mass as we did last year - be filled with the Holy Spirit as were the Disciples at this special time of the year.

Don't forget to wear something **red** in recognition of Pentecost.

We also need some volunteers to read our Prayers of the Faithful on the day in their native language. Please see Fr Andrew or Fr Huy after mass and let them know if you can help.



Winter Appeal

As the cooler weather arrives parishioners are invited to donate new homemade or store bought adult-size beanies, scarves, socks and gloves for people experiencing homelessness in the community including those who are guests of the John Paul College Community van. Please place items in the church foyers. Thank you.



High Tea Fundraiser - Saturday 21 June

The date for our high tea fundraiser is fast approaching. The refugee family who we are supporting are arriving as we go to print. The team will be at Tullamarine to welcome Omar, Jamileh and their 3 daughters. The funds raised at the high tea will assist the family to get settled in Melbourne for their first 12 months. The fundraiser will be held on **Saturday 21 June from 2-4pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall in Mordialloc** (enter

and park via Barkly Street.) Tickets are limited and bookings are now open on Trybooking. Please scan the QR code to book. Price is \$30. Extra tax deductible donations can also be made when booking. All are invited to come along and support this cause. There will be fabulous raffle prizes, spot prizes, and entertainment. Gluten free food options will be available. We are urgently seeking to loan teacup and saucer sets, side plates and tiered cake holders, which will be well looked after. If you can assist with this, please contact Helen Rocks on 0488 997 233.



Year 6 Confirmation Commitment masses this weekend

Our Year 6 students from St Louis and St Brigid's will be at our weekend masses. May the Holy Spirit watch over them as they journey towards their Confirmation in July. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

John Paul College Van Thursday 12 June 4pm to 7pm - volunteers still required

The van services people experiencing homelessness in the Frankston area. Volunteers greet guests and provide a snack and hot drink. Please call Sandy if you are able to help 0412 057 177.

Save the Date - Run Melbourne 13 July 2025

Are you interested in joining a team of walkers to raise money for BASP/CRISP (our refugee family) and ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking of Humans)?

The 5.5km course starts at 10.10am from Batman Avenue.

Our own Fr Andrew ran this last year, but injury prevents him from repeating his record fundraising effort this year, so it's up to the rest of us. We need to get a team registered and start finding sponsors. If you are interested, please contact Trish on 0421 604 849.



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 7 June**. This is followed by Reconciliation at 5.30pm and our Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm - all at St Louis'.

News and Announcements

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE - What can we do?

Our parish action on domestic and family violence was recognised in an article in the latest edition of Melbourne Catholic (27 May 2025) and in CathNews - Ministry of Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (29 May 2025). The article, entitled "Parishes urged to consider new ways of addressing family violence", also featured extensive comments from Jocelyn Bignold (CEO McAuley Health) who was a speaker at our March forum. **To read the article please click here [Victims of domestic violence](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/parishes-urged-to-consider-new-ways-of-addressing-domestic-violence)** or type in this link <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/parishes-urged-to-consider-new-ways-of-addressing-domestic-violence>

The JAG bulletin notice on 17 May gave some statistics on the impact of physical violence but there are many forms of domestic and family violence. All stem from a need to exert power and control, instilling fear in the other. It is a pattern of behaviour sometimes known as coercive control. "If someone is making you feel unsafe, trying to control or manipulate you, or is harming you in any way, that is abuse." (CSSV Let's Build Respectful Relationships). For more information about coercive control, [click here](#). 24-hour help is available: Ring police on 000 for emergency support or 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 723) for confidential counselling and support.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE | #NRW2025
RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

National Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

The theme of Bridging Now to Next reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. Although constitutional change is very difficult to achieve through referenda, grounds for hope remain. In the determination and resilience of generations of Indigenous people, including highly educated Indigenous students who will be an eloquent voice for coming generations in public life. For more information go to <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

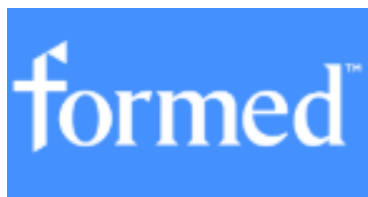


Food for Friends

Do you know of someone, or a family who would benefit from a home cooked meal? No explanation needed.

Our Food for Friends team create delicious home cooked family and individual meals, made with love and care.

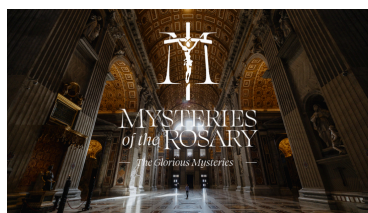
Just contact the parish office and it will be arranged.



Formed

Did you know that all of our parishioners can access FORMED? Augustine Institute's "FORMED" Catholic Streaming service, offers trustworthy, high-quality content to nourish your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



This Week on FORMED - A Bible study of The Glorious Mysteries The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Enter into the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary like never before with this incredible series from Paradise Dei. Join Dr Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture

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



Happy 70th birthday to Mim Rodollico

Congratulations! Enjoy your celebrations Mim, and may the Holy Spirit watch over you and keep you in good health.

St Louis Gardening group - Next Gathering

Next **Monday 2 June at 10.00am**. Pop in if you are free to help tidy up the weeds. All are welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - PENTECOST SUNDAY - 8 JUNE 2025

7/8 June 25	Pentecost Sunday Readings Year C Genesis 11: 1-9 Romans 8: 22-27 John 7: 37-39 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Jenny Ford	Julie Buick	Marg De Vries	Gail McGillivray	Bernie Stuart	Monique Bruce	Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Jane Standish	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Marlene Tangso	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues
9.30am (A)	Brian Martin	Gen Martin	Felice Cortese	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furlong	Norma Taylor	Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Peter Hannan	Louise Breslin	Juan Wilson	Philippa Pecora	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze
Counters 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley				

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Janet Angus - Ray Buxton - Moya Wain - Eugene Julien - Rita Costanzo - Maria Leonardi - Lyn McHugh - Audrey Higgins - Fr Larry Hunt - Colin Van Staveren - James Pobjoy - Edward Peril - Cecilia Donelley - Paul LeClercq - Trevor McGillivray - Terri Page - James Harrison - Jim Harrison - Maria Atherton - Peter Treacy - Margaret Aylward - Lucy Adams - Georgie Burrows - Bernence Gallagher - Patricia Monaghan - Tom O'Donnell - James Harrison - Gloria Brereton - Peter Freese - Patricia Sloan - Joseph Conlon - Peter Kellett - Margaret Walsh - Bill Chick - Kath Rosen - Irene Woods - Kathleen Woods - Matthew Woods

Praying for the sick: John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Gail Bell, Andrea Williams, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Mary Norman, Sophia Bicos, Patsy Riordan, Fr Terry Kean, May Warrener, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall

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:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

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

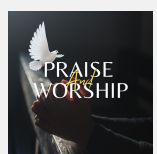
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
 Parish Coordinator: Ann Fitzgerald
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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:

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