



# 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

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 July 2025**

Readings for Year C Genesis 18: 20-32 Colossians 2: 12-14 Luke 11: 1-13

*"Lord, teach us to pray"*

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray, offering the words of the Our Father. It's a simple yet powerful reminder that God is our loving Father who knows our needs and welcomes us into relationship with Him.

Jesus also encourages persistence in prayer. Just as a friend eventually opens the door to a neighbor who knocks, how much more will our heavenly Father respond with love and generosity? He promises: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened."

The greatest gift we can receive in prayer is not just answers but the presence of the Holy Spirit. God desires to give us His very self.

This week, may we pray with trust and persistence, knowing God hears every word and responds not always how we expect but always with love.

***Tanya Stefanec***  
***Deputy Principal St Louis Primary***  
***School & Lead Learner***



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# News and Announcements

## Prayer for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday 27 July



Heavenly Father, we lift up our grandparents and the elderly to you today. We thank you for the love and guidance they have given to us, for the stories they have shared, and for the wisdom they have imparted. We ask that you bless them with good health, joy, and peace. May they feel your loving presence in their lives and know that they are cherished and loved. Amen.

## Invitation Changes Everything - Workshop with Michael Harvey

Thanks to all those who attended our event last Sunday. The feedback was very positive. All of the names prayed for and placed on the cross have been collected and placed in the Mary MacKillop chapel and will be prayed for at our monthly Holy Rosary and Adoration. Michael talked about the ACORN spiritual practice (Ask, Call, Obey, Report & Notice) connecting with the work God is doing in others through caring conversation. It is a powerful, transformative, yet simple way of following God in the work of His mission. Michael will be facilitating ACORN groups online (4 weeks, one hour per week) in August. If you are interested to know more or register, please contact the parish office at [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)



## Workshop - St Benedict's Burwood Saturday 9 August

This practical workshop is a follow-up to Michael Harvey's talk on Building a Culture of Invitation. Because invitation and hospitality go hand in hand. In this session, Fr Justin Uzabeaga MGL and some St Ben's Team members will explore

10 key principles that can help shape a culture of hospitality in your church—one that not only welcomes newcomers, but encourages them to stay, belong, and thrive.

### Details:

 **Saturday, 9 August 2025** ⌚ 6:00–9:00pm (straight after the 5pm Mass).

 St Benedict's Hall 283 Warrigal Rd, Burwood VIC 3125 (Church Parking via Loudon Rd).

 \$10 – Includes dinner. **All welcome, register at:**

<https://stbenedicts.com.au/forms/68660848031fd60036d82428>



## Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family the following children :

**Fletcher James, Georgia Louise Debra, Amilia Raquel, Adalyn Mariah, Seth Anthony**

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



## Year 6 Confirmation Mass this Saturday 26 July for our St Brigid's students and our Catechesis children

May the Holy Spirit watch over them as they are Confirmed by Bishop Tony Ireland. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Many thanks also to the teachers and the Catechist team who have prepared the children for this sacrament.

## Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome and invited to pray to Our Lady and spend quiet time in adoration - **Saturday 2 August at St Louis' Church from 4.30-5.30pm.**

## 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 :

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

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

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## Serve Ministry Roster

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.** If you are unable to undertake your role on the weekend and you arrange a replacement, please advise the parish office, so that Father is aware. Thank you.

## Sacramental Preparation for Children - Reconciliation

Our **new** sacramental preparation for **Reconciliation for baptised catholic children in year 3 and above at local government schools** will commence on **Tuesday 5 August**. The new approach involves both children and parents. This family-centric approach is based on 12 months of research and discussions between the PPC, the PLT and the current catechesis team who have been warmly invited and encouraged to be a part of the new approach. We are learning from parishes who are accompanying families on their faith journey, creating relationships and parish connections that remain after sacraments have been received. If you know of parents that might be interested in this for their children and themselves, please share the registration form at: <https://forms.gle/XHqdiPDcsZS7uLWR7>  
Thank you to Elizabeth, Jenny, Gayle and Carmel who have faithfully taught many children religious education and sacrament preparation over many years, in our parish.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Information Night

If you know of someone who is interested to take the next step in discovering God and the Catholic faith, please extend a warm invitation.

**RCIA Information Night – Thursday 7 August 7.30-8.30pm at St Louis' Church Aspendale. Contact [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)**



## Save the date:

### Laudato si: 2000 years in the making

2025 is the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato si - 'care for our common home'. Come along to **St Louis' church on Thursday 28 August from 7.00 to 8.30pm** to learn, discuss and reflect upon the richness of this encyclical. Presented by Patrick Jurd.



## Serve Ministries - are you being called?

When we focus on helping others and honouring Christ, we soon discover that our needs are met far more deeply than we ever experienced otherwise. When you serve the parish, you serve God.

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



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## Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



## NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3 AUGUST 2025

| 2/3 August 25 | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Ecclesiastes 1: 1, 2: 21-23 Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 Luke 12: 13-21 |              |                   |                  |                  |                |                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|               | Reader                                                                                                             | Commentator  | Special Minister  | Special Minister | Special Minister | Welcomer       | Welcomer          |
| 6pm (A)       | Ann Brennan                                                                                                        | Helen Healy  | Anthony Barnhoorn | Ann Furlong      | Sonia Williams   | Julie Buick    | Annette Brilliant |
| 8.00am (M)    | Lisa Tuke                                                                                                          | Angela Meo   | Carole Guthrie    | Jack Meyer       | Chris McAleer    | Tony Aloysious | Josie Johnson     |
| 9.30am (A)    | Martin Newington                                                                                                   | Gayle Ryan   | Felice Cortese    | Maureen Wraight  | Mary Nayna       | Niko Tovia     | Jon Searle        |
| 11.00am (M)   | Paula Rodrigues                                                                                                    | Lucy Cameron | Louise Breslin    | Peter Wain       | Peter Hannan     | Ellen Young    | Vanessa Fernandes |
| Counters 1    | Gary & Joanne Partleton                                                                                            |              | Ron Soares        |                  |                  |                |                   |

### Recently deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Paul Buick - Jean Halloran - Tom Enright - Bill Wilkins - Alan Seddon - Alma McElroy - Jack McElroy - Della Dalton - Danielle Gassin - Johnny Williams - Joseph Genovese - Issa Rizk - Deidre Hunter - Anne Pinder - Jack Murphy - Brian Bellamy - Herbert Cumberbatch - Queenie Lucas - Francis (Frank) Denman - Jack Brennan - Teresa Healy - Norah Dornom - Florina Fernandes - Hans Matse - Filomena Camerino - Anne Green - Jack Heffernan - Jim Kearney - May Heffernan - Maria Licciardo - Mercy Baby - Marie Wilson - K. Alexander - Joan Cox O'Donoghue - Apolonio Gutierrez - Ted Headland - Kunjamma Mathai - Taylor Sutton - Angelo Vieceli - Marianna Costantino - Maria Di Trocchio - Ivan Trbusic - Raymond John Martin - Dawn Musster - Rene O'Connor - Fr Frank McGauley - Julio Muzlera - Airina Coutinho - Lyn Snellgrove

**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.

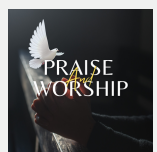
### Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



**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](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

#### Baptism Coordinator

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

#### Contact us

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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:**  
[m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass](http://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

**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.