



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter 11 May 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 13: 14, 43-52 Revelation 7: 9, 14-17 John 10: 27-30



*"The sheep that belong to me
listen to my voice"*

The 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday or the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." On this Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who devotedly and tenderly watches over His flock. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows each one of us by name and loves us unconditionally. He never ceases to call us back whenever we go astray or become lost in life.

It is a meaningful coincidence that this weekend we also celebrate Mother's Day. Our mothers are truly good shepherds. They give us life, nurse us, feed us, teach us, discipline us, and show us Christ's self-sacrificing agape love. As we thank You, God, for the gift of motherhood in our lives, let us also keep all mothers, grandmothers, and motherlike figures in our continued prayers. May God bless them and grant them wisdom and patience in their motherly vocation.

Fr Huy Nguyen
Assistant Priest



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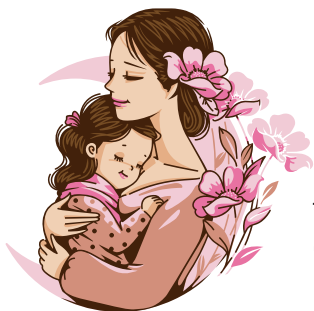
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News and Announcements

Wishing all Mothers and mother-figures a blessed Mother's Day



All loving God, we give you thanks for mothers of all kinds. Those who love with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers and godmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever. Amen.

There will be a special third collection this weekend for the Mother's Day Breast Cancer Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.



First Eucharist

Please remember in your prayers the children from our two schools who will receive their First Eucharist next weekend (17/18th May).

St. Brigid's children will be at the 11am parish mass and the St. Louis' children at 1pm and 2.30pm.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: *"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him".*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



Save the Date

We will be holding a MOVIE NIGHT for the parish children (aged 7-14) on **Friday, 30th May 2025** at 7PM in the St. Louis Foyer. Details about the movie and a sign-up sheet will be available from next weekend.

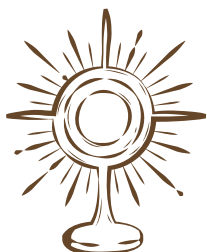


Laudato si 10 year anniversary - Laudato si week 19-26 May Turn Debt into Hope launch

Join us in this **Year of Jubilee** to launch the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice Ecology and Peace, and Caritas Australia invite you to join us in tackling the global debt crisis. But this isn't just about money—it's about people. Unjust debt crushes hope, steals opportunities, and leaves communities struggling to survive.

Debt is harming communities and the Jubilee Year is a time for forgiveness.

Register for the Launch Webinar on **May 16, 2025, at 12:00 PM** by scanning the QR code or via caritas.org.au You will hear from: Archbishop Collieridge from Brisbane, Kirsten Sayers from Caritas Australia, Leba Tamari from Caritas Fiji and Luke Fletcher from Jubilee Australia. Stand with us in this global effort to build a more just world. Your participation in the "Turn Debt into Hope" campaign is a powerful statement of compassion and courage. Together, we can ensure that the goods of the Earth are shared equitably among all people.



Eucharistic Adoration - additional prayer opportunities

Each Monday from 7.30- 8.30pm at St Louis', our prayer group offers Eucharistic Adoration. This is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, silence. This is your personal time with Christ. All are welcome.

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Community Refugee Integration Support Program

Members of our JAG team together with other Catholics living between Brighton and Chelsea have been diligently and passionately working and undertaking training in preparation to welcome and help settle a refugee family, supporting them from day one of their Australian journey. The program which is a partnership between the federal government and Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia is now a permanent feature of Australia's humanitarian migration program.

Learn more about the program via this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFos2blOukQ>



Providing 12 months of practical, hands-on support to the family brings with it significant costs. To assist with this we will be holding a **High Tea Fundraiser on Saturday 21 June from 2-4pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall in Mordialloc**. Please save the date so you can come along and support this cause. There will also be a 'trade table' so we need items to sell such as potted plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and biscuits etc. We also need some door prizes to give away. If you would like to help with the set up and/or catering or have donations to drop off or be picked up please contact Helen Rocks on 0488 997 233.

Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) Next Meeting

Our vision is to follow Jesus' example to hear and respond to social injustices, to inform and educate ourselves and take action - to live the Gospel. If you are interested in living your faith in action, please think about coming to our meeting this month on **Wednesday 14 May 7.30-9pm at St Louis'**. 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](#).

Welcome Ministers Formation

Being a welcoming inclusive community is core to our parish missionary journey. We want everyone, especially our guests and visitors to feel a parish of belonging and hospitality where they can experience the love of Christ. We invite all who currently serve in this important ministry and those who are interested to do so, to a formation session on **Saturday 24 May from 10.30 - 11.30am at St Brigid's Church**. Morning tea will be provided.

Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship group will gather on **Thursday 15 May at 7.30pm at St. Louis**. Come along into this safe space to talk about faith and enjoy some new friendships. New members are very welcome.

Chelsea Longbeach Parishioners Luncheon

Will be held on **Wednesday 21 May** at the Cove Hotel, arrival 12 for lunch at 12:30. Contacts for bookings Pat Adams 0447-866-020 or Keith Reiter. 0417-350-733. Alternatively leave a message on 9772-7292.

Scripture and Friendship Group

Our next Scripture and Friendship group is on this coming **Tuesday, 13th May** at Ann's home, 47 Gothic Road, Aspendale. We begin at 10am and will finish with a cuppa about 11am. This group is open for anyone - we discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, questions or just listening. A great way to meet people in our Parish. **Ann 0425 712 741**

Praise and Worship

Please come along to our **Praise and Worship night next Friday 16 May at 7.30pm at our church at St Louis'**. Be filled with the Holy Spirit through scripture, song and prayer. This month we will be led by Ann Furlong. All are welcome.



This Week on FORMED What is a Conclave?

Discover how the Catholic Church selects a new pope after the resignation or death of the previous pope. Learn about the sacred traditions, secret ballots, and the meaning behind the black and white smoke during the papal conclave in the Sistine Chapel in this animated video.

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 17/18 MAY 2025

17/18 May 25	5th Sunday of Easter Readings Year C Acts 14: 21-27 Revelation 21: 1-5 John 13: 31-35						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Helen Healy	Marie Seddon	Marg De Vries	Ann Furlong	Gail McGillivray	Gail Hamilton	Danny Carey
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Graham Jones	John Guthrie	Stephen Pooley	Marlene Tangso	Volunteer	Jack Meyer
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Ron Schneider-Loos	Maureen Wraight	Elizabeth Newington	Lex Miller	Rosemary Miller
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Volunteer	Juan Wilson	Christine D'Cruze	Helen Rocks	Mary Ann Farren	Lucy Cameron
Counters 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley				

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Steve Coultas, Jan Clark, Patricia Joy Ellis, Ted Newton, Ruth D'Cruz, Joan Hopkin, Len Hopkins, Joe Curtain, Marlene Stockdale, Inez Garlick, Barry Hirning, Vito Giarratana, Christine de Niese, Stella Freis, Beryl Lomas, Samuel Dornom, Terry Feely, Margaret Maley, Norm McCloud, Terry McCloud, William Doherty, Michael Cleary, Rodney Aldridge, Guiseppe Favola, Rhys Gillard, Maisie Slattery, Maria Godeassi, Rachael McCarthy, Kathleen Noonan, Daniel Bennett, Geraldine Brunner, Antun Kapiteli.

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.

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 ROSARY

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

RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
 St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

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

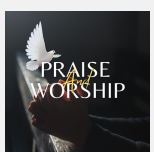
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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 - 9.5 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**

Contact us

Parish Office: 03 9580 7981
 OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9am to 4.30pm
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 Parish House: 03 9412 8432

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.