



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 the Holy Family 29 December 2024

Readings for Year C 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Luke 2: 41-52



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News and Announcements



Thank you for a wonderful and blessed 2024 and to the countless ways that you serve our parish at St Mary of the Cross. From your support of our Alpha Program, to our Small Groups, our Music Ministry, Welcomers, Sacristans, Collectors, Baptism Ministry, Catechesis Team, RCIA Leaders, Readers, Special Ministers, Residential Care volunteers, Prayer Ministers, Flower Ministers, Altar Servers, Vinnies, Food for Friends, Liturgy Team and all who worship with us each week we give thanks to you and to Christ Our Lord.

Fr Andrew & the Parish Leadership Team

Monday Communion Service

Monday Communion services at St Louis are taking a January break and will be back on 3rd February.

Parish Office Hours at St Louis' during the holiday period

Open - Tuesday 31st December 9am-3pm.

Closed - 1st January 2025 - 24th January 2025.

Office resumes from Tuesday 28th January 2025.

If you wish to contact Fr Andrew or Fr Huy during this time please phone 9412 8432 or email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Blessings Quarterly Parish Magazine

The December 2024 edition of our Blessings magazine is now available. Packed with stories including - the National alpha Conference, parish groups, news from our schools and much more. Pick up a copy in the church foyers or at our parish website [online](#).

Vinnies Christmas Collection

Thanks to all who donated so generously to Vinnies during all the Christmas masses. This is so appreciated for those in need in our community. Vinnies calendars are still available at the piety stall.

Fr Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj - 20th January 2025

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary, and Eric Siraj, Hospital Administrator, will talk on their work in Hyderabad, Pakistan at 7:00 pm on Monday 20th January in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell Street, Mentone. The evening has been arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross and all are welcome. To assist with catering it would be helpful to advise johnberuldsen@gmail.com, 0429 693 030, if you plan to attend.

CRISP (Community Refugee and Integration Settlement)

Members of our JAG team have joined with others from Christ our Light Parish Cheltenham to support a refugee family to assimilate in Australia. To learn more: <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/> Please support the team. There is a donation box at the welcome desk and there will be upcoming fund-raising events in the new year.

New Serve Ministry Roster

The new roster for January to March has been emailed out to all our serve ministers. If you require a hard copy, they are available at the Welcome Desk. Would you like to serve in our parish? We encourage and invite everyone to step up and serve God and our parish. When you do, you find you are rewarded in many ways. To read about our Serve Ministries please pick up a booklet in our parish foyers or access online at our [parish website](#).

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Music Ministry Christmas Choirs

Thanks to all our choir members and musicians who added so much joy to all our Christmas masses. Thanks also to Tanya Stefanac (Deputy Principal at St Louis' School) for getting together the school children to sing at the outdoor mass.

Call Trish on 0421 604 849 if you would like to join us each week at any of our masses.

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This week on FORMED



O Holy Night

The King is born: What Christmas is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in the heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son. Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph and others as they make way for our Saviour.



Bible Study with Emily W

Emily held an 8-week course earlier this year. It was extremely well received and created interest in a longer more in-depth study and understanding of the Bible. In 2025 she will be holding a longer course every fortnight commencing **Tuesday 21 January** at St Brigid's. More information and sign-up details in next weeks bulletin.

The Gospel of Luke - Commencing Thursday 30th January 7.30pm at St Brigid's

In 2024 our parishioner Patrick Jurd, presented a very informative and entertaining 3-week series on the Gospel of John. It was enthusiastically appreciated and created a thirst to learn more about the Gospels. Patrick has generously agreed to run a similar 3-week series, this time on the Gospel of Luke. More information and sign-up details in next weeks bulletin.



Alpha returns in 2025

Is there more to life than this? What do you believe? At Alpha you can ask anything...anything! Alpha is a safe place where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning. And the good news is that Alpha is returning to St Mary of the Cross Parish on the **11th of February** and continuing every Tuesday night for 8 weeks from 6.30-8.30pm. If you attended Alpha in 2024, please pray about who you would like to invite. More details soon.

Lord, as we embark on this new year, we lift up to you, our loved ones, our communities, and the world. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. Bring healing where there is brokenness and reconciliation where there is division.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 4/5 JANUARY 2025

4/5 Jan	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Readings Year C Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Ann Brennan	Patrick Jurd	Bernie Stuart	Julius Lau	Anthony Barnhoorn	John Bainbridge	Monique Bruce
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Joan Healy	Barry Wheeler	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Jack Meyer	Wence Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues
9.30am (A)	Ann Furlong	Phillip Morris	Ron Schneider-Loos	Alison Krishnadas	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Anne Marsh	Rosemary Miller
11.00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Vikki Fitzgerald	Christine D'Cruze	Juan Wilson	Peter Hannan	Judy Lamb	Ellen Young
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks					

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Walter Dow, Shaun Elwood, Elvis Pearle, Annamma Paily, Steven Watkinson, Andrea Burns, Ryen Galdes, Sean Jones, Mary O'Neill, Lorna Powell, Julia Elkins, Jacqueline Hermon, Bishop Francis Micallef, Jackie Kavanagh, Michael Morris, Veronique Lynch, Olwen Griffith, Sebastiano Barbarino, Charles Connell, Vincenzo Colantone, Mario Costanzo, Dorothy de Monte, Marietta Tan Guek Eng, Alberta (Betty) Ryan, David Birch, Daniel Crowe, Audrey D'Cruz, George Kendrick, Mary O'Brien, Phyllis Dynes, Pietro Boccari, Matteo Buensalida, Giusepina Solito, Stefano Solito, Marie Woodhouse, Harry Lavery, Bill Sparey, Millie Regester, Albert Leo Payne, Bernadette Tedford, Susse Cassar.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Maureen Fitzgerald, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Anne Burke, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Nancy Selby, Desmond Dunn, Adam Taylor, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Maree Wesols, Veronica Wesols, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Virginia Hindall, Penny Proctor, Gail Bell.

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

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
 Joanne 0413 133184
 Robyn 0412 814 592

Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



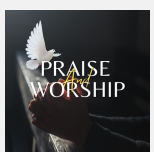
Children's Liturgy

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
 Parish Coordinator: Ann Fitzgerald
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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.