



# 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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 20 April 2025**  
Readings for Year C Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9

*This is the day the Lord has  
made; let us rejoice and be glad!  
Happy Easter!*

On this joyful Easter Sunday, we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the triumph of life over death, and the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. As Christians, we are reminded that the empty tomb is not the end, but the beautiful beginning of eternal hope and new life in Christ.

May this sacred day fill your heart with peace, your soul with grace, and your life with the light of the risen Saviour. No matter the trials we face, Easter reassures us that God's love conquers all, and His mercy renews us each day.

Let us rejoice in the promise of resurrection, knowing that through Christ, we are never alone. May the hope of Easter continue to shine in your heart today and always.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and grace-filled Easter!

**Fr Andrew Jekot**  
**Parish Priest**



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# News and Announcements



**We welcome our neophytes (new lights) initiated into the church at our Easter Vigil**

***Jade, Yan, Brian, Dee, Giselle, Amy, Katherine and Jason***

As well as the support of their godparents, we are all encouraged to help our newest members experience a joyful welcome into our community. We give thanks to our RCIA team Judy, Carmel, Bernie, Tony, Josie and Vikki who with Fr Andrew and Fr Huy have nurtured them in their faith and helped them to recognise the mystery and love of Christ.

Let us pray for the neophytes, and for ourselves, that we may come to see Christ more deeply, to follow him more closely and love him more dearly day by day during this season of Easter.

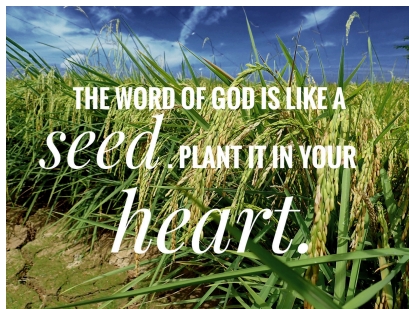
As the apostle Paul prayed for his friends at Ephesus:

*"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called."* Eph. 1:18

## **Permanent Diaconate Information Session 3 May 2025 10.00am - 11.30am**

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome. The session will be on **Saturday morning, 3rd May** and will be in person. If you are interested email **Deacon Kevin Pattison** [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au) with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome at **Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.**

## **Scripture & Friendship**



Our next Scripture and Friendship group is on this coming **Tuesday, 22nd April** 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 Carmel 0425 773 608**

## **Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to:**

**Let's Do Mothers' Day Lunch on Tuesday 6th May, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer.** Enjoy a special lunch with a few fun games of Bingo and spot prizes. All welcome – it's not just for mothers. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

## **Parish Bulletin Sick list please note**

We will be refreshing our 'Praying for the sick' list after Easter. Please let Ann Fitzgerald at [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au) know if you would still like your relative or friend to remain on the list for healing prayers.



## **Baptism Celebrations this weekend at our Easter Vigil Mass**

We welcome into our parish family:

**Arlo Jack, Lyla Jill, Aria Grace and Luca James**

*God has you in his hands on this special day.*

*With every step you take, He guides you on your way.*

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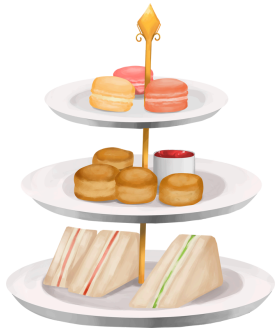
**"I was a *refugee* and  
you welcomed me."**

*Jesus*



## JAG Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Program - Refugee Family Arriving Soon!

Mum, Dad and their 3 daughters under 10 years are arriving in late May. Our family is an Arabic speaking family of five - Omar, Jamileh, Jana, Ghina and Mira. Two of the children are school aged and the third a preschooler. Finding suitable accommodation will be our biggest challenge. If you or your family and friends have a 3 -bedroom house that is currently a holiday home, Air BnB or you will be away, it would be amazing if our refugee family could rent it for a short period until they find permanent accommodation. We are busily raising funds and if you would like to contribute, you can do so via the QR code above or via the account details - Account: Nepean Welcoming Immigrants BSB:633 000 Account no: 2175 67445.



## High Tea Fundraiser for our refugee family - Sat 31 May 2-4pm St Brigid's Primary School Hall

This will be a major fundraiser for our refugee family. Please save the date so you can come along and support this cause. Contact Helen Rocks if you would like to help with the set up and/or catering on 0488 997 233.

## BASP online trivia night Friday 2 May 7.30 - 9.40pm

Make up a group of people or join online as an individual player for a fun night of trivia. Make a booking at [cohndig.au/trivia](https://cohndig.au/trivia)

## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Federal Election Guide

The ACBC has produced a guide to the Federal Election 2025. It covers the key issues to reflect upon before deciding your vote: Dignity and the value of every human being, Fairness, justice and the common good, Religious freedom and conscience rights, and Responsible stewardship of God's creation. Scan the QR code to download the guide or online at [bit.ly/ACBCElection2025](https://bit.ly/ACBCElection2025) Some printed copies are available in the church foyers.

The **Australian Conservation Foundation** also have some resources regarding the election <https://www.acf.org.au/election> There is also a pledge to sign which is a powerful tool that will be sent to all candidates <https://www.acf.org.au/election-pledge>



## This Week on FORMED The Resurrection: What Catholics believe

Join Dr Michael Barber as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles. And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny? Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>



## Hello, have you recently joined our parish?

We are so glad you are here, and we look forward to meeting you and to help you grow in your relationship with God and to find your place of belonging in our parish. Please fill in a card on the Welcome Desk and we look forward to catching up.

## Next Weekend 26/27 April

### Kidz Zone - Calling all children aged 5 - 12

Kidz Zone is on during all masses except 8am. All children aged 5-12 are welcome to engage in a simplified format of the Liturgy of the Word and learn about our faith through reading, prayer and song.

### Prayer Ministry

Two prayer ministers will be available after all masses. If you have an intention on your heart, please come forward for and we will pray with you.

### Cuppa and name tag Sunday next weekend 26/27 April

Please take a moment to write your name on a sticker to wear during Mass. This small gesture helps us to get to know each other better and strengthens the bonds of our parish community. As it is a cuppa weekend, please feel free to bring a cake to share.

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - 26/27 APRIL 2025

| 26/27 April 25 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Readings Year C Acts 5: 12-16 Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19 John 20: 19-31 |                    |                    |                  |                    |                  | CUPPA WEEKEND   |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                | Reader                                                                                                  | Commentator        | Special Minister   | Special Minister | Special Minister   | Welcomer         | Welcomer        |
| 6pm (A)        | Patrick Jurd                                                                                            | Joanne Partleton   | Carmel Barker      | Marg De Vries    | Lesley-Anne Bailey | <b>Volunteer</b> | John Bainbridge |
| 8.00am (M)     | Paula Rodrigues                                                                                         | Jane Standish      | Jack Guthrie       | Marlene Tangso   | Stephen Pooley     | Angela Meo       | Odette Budge    |
| 9.30am (A)     | Elizabeth Newington                                                                                     | Irene Crowe        | Ron Schneider-Loos | <b>Volunteer</b> | Ann Furlong        | Joe Corda        | Niko Tovia      |
| 11.00am (M)    | Judy Lamb                                                                                               | Jennifer Rodrigues | <b>Volunteer</b>   | Christine D'Cruz | Peter Wain         | Lucy Cameron     | Robyn Worsnop   |
| Counters 2     | Helen & Kelvin Rocks                                                                                    |                    | Nelson Popley      |                  |                    |                  |                 |

**Recently deceased:** Katarina Piech-Meat (sister of Deacon George).

**Anniversaries:** Gaetano Iacono - Edgar Rogen - Rita Barnhoorn - Brian Boland Frank Venezia - May de Monte - Veronica O'Donnell - Marie Murphy Janos (John) Marton - Juseppe Merlino - Peg Hayes - Ada Roberts - Val Jones Fred McDonald - Mark Aspery - Eustace Owen-Tucker - Albert Carrzaao Myrtle Rose Strange - Jeff Elsbury - Ted Graham - Matthew Feehan Edward Feehan - Mick Reed - Sophie Jekot - Fran Tobin - Mauricia Villamor Edward (Ted) Maguire - Pauline Watts - Pam MacDonald - Donald Booth - Winifred Wraight - Letty Saddler - Agostina Covello - Peg Libbis - Mario Cortese Colin Ferguson - Carlyn Quarrell - Patrick Buicke - Michael Maher Marina Ferrer - Ellen LeClercq - Lily Rodrigues - Lon Vaisutis - Victor Vellozo.

**Praying for the sick:** Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Sam Finnochiaro, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Caiden Hoare, Gail Bell, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Patty Hood, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Andrea Williams, Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Brian Smith, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Clayton Dunn, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Gleeson, Adrian Smith, Graziella Marini, Br Michael McCabe (De La Salle), Fr Patrick Flanagan, Bishop Terry Curtin, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Ellen Young.

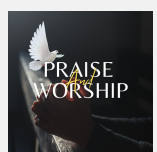
### Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



**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](mailto: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  
[mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)  
Parish House: 03 9412 8432

### 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 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

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.