



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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9 November 2025

Readings for Year C Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 John 2: 13-22



*"Destroy this sanctuary
and in three days
I will raise it up"*

The Basilica of St John Lateran has been a major church in Rome since the fourth century. It was the home of the popes until the 13th century. While the Pope now lives in the Vatican, this is still the church of the bishop of Rome.

Today's Gospel reminds us that, as significant as any building might be, like the Temple in Jerusalem was for Jews in the first century, what is more significant for us is to believe in Jesus and his words.

Each of us is different. We cannot all do the same thing. Yet we each have those gifts and talents that we were given by God.

May our zeal be to discover our gifts and talents and use them to build up the community of St Mary of the Cross parish, part of the body of Christ, so that our believing is seen in our actions.

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner



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News and Announcements

Justice Action Group Monthly Meeting

The JAG vision is to follow Jesus' example to hear and respond to issues of social justice including family violence, human trafficking, refugees and asylum seekers, people experiencing homelessness, First Nations people and the protection of the environment. If you have an interest in these areas, please do come to our monthly meeting on **Wednesday 12 November from 7.30-9pm at St Louis' Church. All welcome.**

Advent Groups - starting the week of 24 November

Our Advent Groups will be starting up on the week beginning 24 November - the week of the First Sunday of Advent. There are a number of choices, including an online Zoom group. It is a great chance to share, discuss, reflect and pray with a small group and help us to allow hope to flourish in this Jubilee Year.

The choices are: Tuesday 10am at St Louis. Tuesday 2pm at the home of Mary Nayna. Wednesday after 10am mass at St Brigid's. Wednesday 7.30pm at the home of Tony and Josie. Thursday 7.30pm online via Zoom with Ann Furlong. Some of the leaders are still to be confirmed.

There will be a signup sheet available next week to put down your preference.

Free to a good home: St. Brigid's wooden church pews

Various lengths. 1.9m (3 pews), 2.05m (2 pews), 3.1m (1 pew). Please contact the parish office if interested. 9580 7981 First in, best dressed!



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Archdiocesan leaders, clergy and lay, members of the wider Catholic community, and some survivors and their families, will come together for a Service of Lament to acknowledge the past and lament the impacts on children, their families and communities. For this inaugural offering, and as a gesture of understanding, the **Service of Lament will be held on National Survivors Day - Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 11.30am to 12pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral grounds to acknowledge, remember and mark the fragile emergence of hope. Mass will follow at 12pm in the Cathedral.

Archbishops Statement

No words of apology – while always needed – will ever be enough to right the evil done to those who have been abused, and those who were not listened to and believed. Efforts to repair the harm done – while entirely necessary – cannot overcome the evil perpetrated upon innocent children and vulnerable adults, and the harm experienced by families and communities. Therefore, and looking ahead, it falls to me, as your Archbishop, to ensure that our local Church in Melbourne is unequivocally committed to attending to the harm done, prioritising the dignity and care of all who are young and vulnerable, rebuilding trust among our people, and creating safe environments in our communities, agencies and organisations. This is the way of Jesus Christ. It must be my way. And I invite you to join with me in making it our common Gospel way.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

National Recycling Week - 10 - 16 November

The theme for National Recycling Week 2025 is "Join the Cycle". We are encouraging you to strengthen your reduce-reuse-recycle practices. Let's all become better at recycling and managing our rubbish. One way you can do that is to please download the Biston App from Kingston Council that helps you to know what you can recycle and which bin it needs to go in. **Binston on Google Play or Binston on Apple Store**. Thanks from your Parish Earthcare Team who will be around after Mass to help you download the App.

Forum Invitation - 'Truth be Told': Responding to Yoorrook as a Catholic community

11.30am-2.30pm, 12 November 2025. Catholic Social Services Victoria and Australian Catholic University are pleased to invite you to a forum to explore what's happening in Victoria with truth-telling and treaty. In July 2025, the Yoorrook Justice Commission, Australia's first truth commission, released its final reports. And just last week, Treaty legislation passed in Parliament. For those who haven't been following what this means for the Catholic community, join us at this forum to consider the process of truth-telling, what Yoorrook has brought to light, how truth-telling connects with treaty and how we can respond. Join on Wednesday, November 12, in-person at ACU or online. More details and register here at **Trybooking**.

News and Announcements

Saturday 22 November 10am to 12pm - Parish Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Bring your whole family and walk with us from St Louis to St Brigid's.

We will meet at St Louis, where you will all receive a blessing before you head off to St Brigid's along the bike path. Fr Andrew will also pose some questions you may like to think about while you are walking. Once you arrive at St Brigid's you will have the opportunity to pray or spend some silent time before the Blessed Sacrament. When all of our pilgrims arrive at St Brigid's, we will then end with another prayer and blessing. Please join us for a cuppa afterwards.

There will be a bus to ferry you back to St Louis and your car, or you may choose to walk back.

Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) Melbourne Cup Sweep

Winners 1 - Half Yours drawn by **J. Wilison** 2 - Goodie Two Shoes drawn by **John Griffiths** 3 - Middle Earth drawn by **Harper Donald**.

Congratulations to the winners. Proceeds fund \$100 Bursaries for nominated Grade 6 students at our 3 local Parish Schools. Your continued support is much appreciated.

John Paul College Companion Van

On **Thursday 4th December** we've been invited to cover a session for the John Paul College Companion Van in Frankston. We need 5 volunteers that would be happy to assist. Time: 4pm - 7pm. Happy to car pool. We depart St. Louis church at 4pm.

Feel free to call with any queries. Sandy 0412 057 177

Scripture & Friendship

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group will meet on **Tuesday 11 November**. **Venue: Carmel's home, 31 Inlet St, Aspendale**. We begin at 10am and will finish at about 11am for a cuppa.

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. For any queries contact:

Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel 0425773608

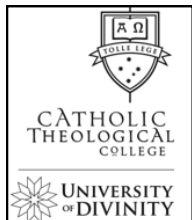


Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family -

Millie Anne, Zach Anthony, Delilah Rae, Indie Belle, Austin James, Stacia Lee, Maisie Marie.

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



Catholic Theological College

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality. 2026 Enrolments are open. Face-to-face or online modes available.

For more information view our [2026 Prospectus](#) or contact: <mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au>

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 30 November Parishioner Volunteer thank you lunch 12.30pm

To be held at the Parish House for all our serve ministers. Sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk.

Saturday 6 December Advent Retreat 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's church

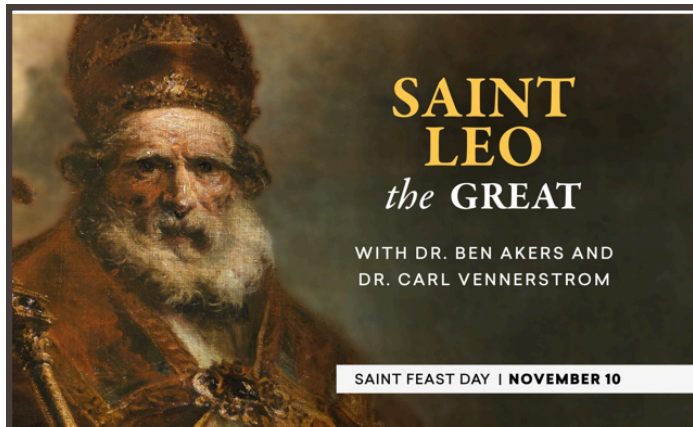
Come along to our retreat led by Mark Walsh who will help us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Sunday 7 December 9am Aspendale Beach clean up

Join your neighbours down at the beach to help clean up the foreshore.

Saturday January 10 - 2pm to 4pm

Farewell for Fr Andrew and Fr Huy at St Brigid's School Hall
Join us for afternoon tea as we farewell our 2 much loved priests.



St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vannerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16 NOV 2025

15/16 Nov 2025	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C) Malachi 3: 19-20 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Luke 21: 5-19						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Barnhoor	Joanne Partleton	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Julius Lau	Annette Brilliant	Gail Hamilton
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysious	Celine George	Jack Guthrie	Joan Healy	Jane Standish	Jack Meyer	Carole Guthrie
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Maureen Wraight	Elizabeth Newington	Martin Newington	Aida Adriano	Niko Tovia	Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Volunteer	Philippa Pecora	Peter Hannan	Christine D'Cruze	Christiane Jonas	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks	Mary Nayna				

Recently deceased: Fr James Staunton, Willie Fitzgerald (Ireland - Uncle of Ann Fitzgerald).

Anniversaries: Rae Kresinger, Ligaya Parker, Ingrid Ensil, Mark Lavery, Lucy Lazaro, Anthony Borg, Dudley D'Sylva, James Doran (jnr), David Wood, Thomas Clarke, Peter Toner, Julie Williams, Elaine Barker, Leo Drill, Barbra Hunnan, Kate Crosbie, Sheila Maguire, Odette Ward, Henry Decosta, Kevin Saker, Douglas Saddler, Carmel Rocke, Patrick Ryan, Mary Brouder, Concetta De Marco, Anna Fernando, Madaline O'Reilly, Paul O'Toole, Leslie Laughlin, Harry Bugden, Barbara M Hall, Kenneth Osborne, Ellen Dowling, Clare Lang, Sue Kelly, Frank Arundell.

Praying for healing and the sick: Mary Farren, Harry Donohue, Ann Muir, Lina DiGiovine, Alex Bennett, John Davis, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Chris Doran, Chris Wardle, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Sophia Bicos, Fr Terry Kean, Kees Meyer, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

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 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

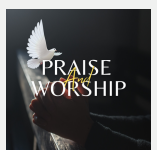
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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.

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
Parish House: 03 9412 8432

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

Our Parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live on the land of the Bunorong 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:

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Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752