



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 Presentaion of the Lord 2 February 2025

Readings for Year C Malachi 3: 1-4 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40

*Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see*



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News and Announcements

**OUR NEXT ALPHA SERIES COMMENCES ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY at 6.30PM.
COME TO OUR FIRST NIGHT AND HAVE A TASTE OF WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
WHO IS ALPHA FOR?**

Alpha is for anyone who is curious and looking for an open, casual and honest space to explore life's big questions. **If you have been to a previous Alpha we invite you to think about inviting a friend.**

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS?

Is there more to life than this? Why do people suffer? Who is Jesus? What's the deal with prayer?

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We share a meal together, watch an entertaining and informative video and have a small group discussion.

WHERE IS IT AT?

"Come and See Night" on **Tuesday 11 February 6.30-8.30pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall.**

To assist us with catering (delicious dinner provided) please register at:

<https://forms.gle/49Fw2P4UCEeLEUVz8> or simply scan the QR code by **Friday 7 February.**



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.



DONATE NOW

www.caritas.org.au/gaza
1800 024 413



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long.

Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global **community to survive and rebuild.**

Please donate to: Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

The Gospel of Luke presented by Patrick Jurd - Continues Thursday 6 & 13 February 7.30pm at St Brigid's

This year - Year C in the church calendar, the Sunday Gospel readings come from the Gospel of Luke. This is a great opportunity to understand Luke's Gospel, and foster your faith. All are welcome.



This Week on FORMED

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a slaver in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy, and which led her to become a saint. Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Scripture and Friendship Group

The Scripture & Friendship Group resumes for 2025 on **Tuesday 11th February** at Ann's home 47 Gothic Rd, Aspendale. 10am for a cuppa and chat, then a 10.20am start. This group delights in exploring, discussing and wondering about the forthcoming Sunday Gospel and at the same time developing friendships. This is an open invitation for anyone who might like to come and see. Ann 0425712741 Carmel 0425773608.



Domestic Family Violence Forum

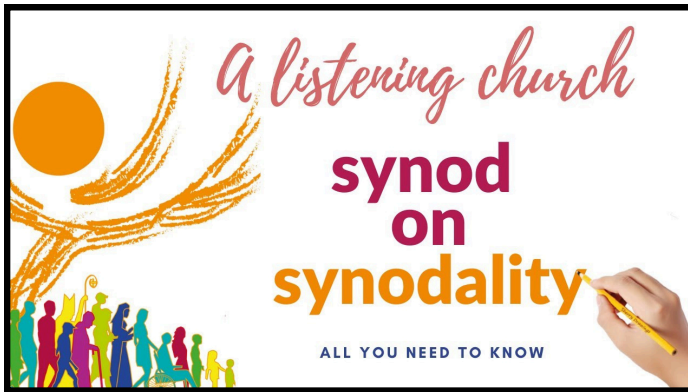
Saturday 22 March 2 - 3.30pm @ St Brigid's School Hall. Guest speakers and information booths. More details to be released soon.

Men's Retreat @ St Louis Saturday 22 February 1 to 5pm

More details and sign-up sheet to come.

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The Synod on Synodality and the Australian Church - where to now?



All are invited to take part in a report back and discussion session about the global Synod and its implications for the Australian Church, to be held **via Zoom at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19 February 2025**. The presentations will focus on the final session of the universal Synod in October 2024 and its report **For a Synodal Church**.

The presenters are two Synod participants:

- Bishop Shane Mackinlay and
- Dr Sandie Cornish (yet to be confirmed for this date).

As well as relating their experiences of the final meeting, the presentations and discussion will highlight key issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church and the scope for local autonomy.

A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues. Free registration here at <https://www.trybooking.com/CYOTK>

Flower Ministry

Would you like to join our flower ministry? If you would like to join but don't feel you have the flair, our current volunteers will help you out or work in as a team. It involves a couple of weekends in a row every weeks. If you would like to volunteer for this rewarding role, please contact Ann at the office.

NEPEAN WIND (WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS WITH DIGNITY)



**WELCOME REFUGEES INTO
OUR COMMUNITY**

WE NEED HELP TO ASSIST US WELCOME A REFUGEE FAMILY:

- Organise temporary accommodation
- Provide essential items & household goods
- Assist with long-term accommodation, education & employment
- Provide ongoing settlement & integration support for 12 months

Our Group **NEPEAN WIND** is a group of community based members, mostly from Christ our Light Catholic Parish (Highett and Cheltenham) and St Mary of the Cross. We welcome donations. There is a box for donations in our church foyers or you can donate to our specific account: **Bank Account:** Nepean Welcoming Immigrants. **BSB:** 633 - 000 **Account number:** 2175 6744 5
Thank you.

A Pause for Peace – on the Feast of St Brigid



Let us be instruments of peace as we unite around the world to send out a blessing of peace.” – Solas Bhríde

Brigidines, colleagues, partners, associates and friends are invited and encouraged to participate in the Pause for Peace movement on 1st February. Pause for Peace is an initiative of the Solas Bhríde Team and the residents of Kildare, Ireland, “to call on people all around the world to stop for a minute’s silence at 12.00 noon (local time) on St Brigid’s Day, 1st February.” The movement aims to awaken and build a spirit of global solidarity in our search for peace – on a day that honours the legacy of St Brigid, Woman of Peace.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8/9 FEBRUARY 2025

8/9 Feb 25	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings Year C							Isaiah 6: 1-8	1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11	Luke 5: 1-11	CUPPA WEEKEND
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer				
6pm (A)	Helen Healy	Julius Lau	Marie Medicott	Sonia Williams	Ann Furlong	Berna Wake	John Bainbridge				
8.00am (M)	Joan Healy	Frances North	Barry Wheeler	Chris McAleer	Marlene Tangso	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish				
9.30am (A)	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Irene Crowe	Mary Nayna	Elizabeth Newington	Volunteer	Niko Tovia	Jon Searle				
11.00am (M)	Lucy Cameron	Mark Carrazzo	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Juan Wilson	Vanessa Fernandes	Robyn Worsnop				
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks									

Recently deceased: Honora Elvey (Chelsea), Ronald Dalton (Hampton), Treyden Haar-Lewis.

Anniversaries: Ken McClure - Lois Formani - Vittorio Giuliano - Cecil Fernandez - Maria Reiter - Debbie Arundel - Ann Cotter - Jack Cotter - Giuseppe Basile - Elvie Monica Doherty - Resa Williams (Dalton) - Ingrid Rovira Castells - Elizabeth Wood - Anthony Archer - Stewart Gowans - Patrick Smith - Harold Leslie de Monte - Brian Enright - Lucio (Lou) Meconi - Sheila Marjorie Sladen - Alex Williams - Elizabeth Fernandez - Margaret Reid - Phyliss Grasso - Maureen Armes - Barney Kelly - Henry (Robbie) Robertson - Bill Carey - Ponamma Zachariah - Kay Cresswell - Jennifer Rix - Richard Payne - Richard Anthony Payne - Robert (Bob) John Muddyman - Ronald Aquilina - Pamela Murphy - Anne-Marie Willicott - Mary-Kate Velten - John Smith - Peter Kelly - Peter Hodgkinson - Anka Mihaljevic - Caterina Vinci.

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, 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, Clayton Dunn, Keith Wiltshire, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe.

Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



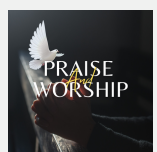
Children's Liturgy

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

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

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.