



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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 February 2025

Readings for Year C Jeremiah 17: 5-8 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16'20 Luke 6: 17, 20-26

*Pope Francis'
Jubilee Year Prayer*

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



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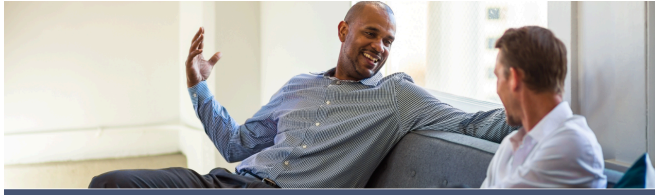


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THE MANS ROLE IN MARRIAGE,
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Men's Retreat

Men of all ages—whether you're a young single man, a husband, a father, or a grandfather—are invited to a powerful afternoon retreat exploring what it means to be a man of faith in marriage, family, and community.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22,
1-5PM AT ST LOUIS'**

**Come as you are.
Please register at the
welcome desk.**

Praise and Worship

Please come along to our first Praise and Worship night for the year next **Friday 21 February 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.

John Paul College Companion Van

On **Thursday 20th February** we've been invited to cover a session for the John Paul College Companion Van Frankston. **Time: 4.30pm – 7pm**. We need 4 volunteers that would be happy to assist. Happy to car pool. We depart St Louis church carpark at 4pm. Feel free to call Sandy with any queries **0412 057 177**.

Catechist classes

Begin Tuesday 18 February 4-5pm in St Louis Church foyer for children not currently attending Catholic schools. Please contact Elizabeth for details:
e.newington@optusnet.com.au

St Brigid's Gardening Group

Next working bee will be **Monday 17 February with an 8.30am** start (or when you can get there) finishing with morning tea. Feel free to join us. All are welcome



Kidz Zone Next Weekend - Calling all children aged 5 - 12

Kidz Zone is on during all masses next weekend (22/23 February) except 8am. All children aged 5-12 are welcome to come and have fun and learn about Jesus. We would love to offer Kidz Zone more than once a month. If you can help, **please contact Sangeetha at nsangeethac7@gmail.com**



Domestic and family violence: What can we do?

In preparation for our parish forum on domestic and family violence we are providing some introductory information about this significant issue. Four short video clips (available on YouTube) will give you insight into different aspects of family violence. Just click on the links below:

- **Introduction to DV (Lifeline Training) 4mins** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmDXwF_fjOY
- **Why didn't you just leave? (based on You Can't Ask That – ABC) 2mins**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt-X6LwQ6uE>
- **Hidden in Plain Sight (Coercive control) 6mins** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36mQFefByIM>
- **Re-Moved (Child's perspective) 12 mins** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOeQUwdAjEO>

The CSSV pamphlet "Let's Build Respectful Communities" provides further information and is available in the foyer of both churches.

Details about the Parish Forum on **15 March at 2-3:30pm** will published in next weekend's bulletin.

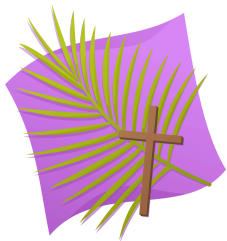
Alpha 2025

Please pray for our guests who are in our Alpha group on Tuesday's for the next 7 weeks. We also ask that you continue to pray for that one person whom you would like to invite to our Alpha sessions in 2025. It's not too late to join, but please let the office know for catering purposes.

SMOTC Parish Winter Knitting Appeal (formerly Bob's Knitting Group)

First meeting **Friday 7 March at St Louis meeting room 1pm to 2.20pm**. All are very welcome. Contact Monique for more details 0422 155 694.

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The Season of Lent

Our annual Lenten Retreat will be held on **Saturday 1 March - 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's**. More details and sign-up sheets soon.

Lenten Small Groups

Our Lenten small groups will commence on **Tuesday 4 March** and will be available at various venues and times. Small groups are a great way to experience belonging, where you can grow spiritually and make friends who care for one another. We encourage everyone to think about joining a Lenten small group this year. Why not bring a friend? All are welcome. Details and sign-up sheets from next week.



Baptism Celebrations this Sunday 16 February

We welcome into our parish family: **Isla Rose**

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

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

Let's Do Pancake Tuesday on Tuesday 4th March, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer

Enjoy a special Pancake Tuesday Lunch with a fun Quiz. All welcome. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Cuppa and name tag Sunday next weekend 22/23 February

We invite you to wear a name tag next weekend. 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. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in the spirit of our community. As it is a cuppa weekend, please feel free to bring a cake to share.

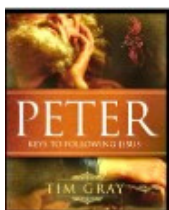


Thank you, Father Peter Matheson

We give thanks once again to Fr Peter for filling in at our weekend Masses over the past weeks whilst Fr Huy has been on leave. We are blessed to experience your faithful ministry.

Prayer Ministry next weekend

Prayer ministers will be available next weekend after all masses to pray with you for a particular intention. Everyone is invited to take part in this opportunity. It will only be for a few minutes. The prayer team will gently guide you, all you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God. Father will announce the Prayer Ministry teams at the end of Mass



This Week on FORMED Peter: Keys to following Jesus by Tim Gray

Dr Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter - from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and traditions Dr Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.

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

LEARN TO PRAY with André Regnier (founder: Catholic Christian Ministries, Canada)

Tuesday 18 February 2025, 7pm – 9.15pm, St John Vianney's Parish Hall, 23 Police Rd Mulgrave.

Do you desire a deeper encounter with God?

Do you want to be consistent with your prayer routine, and deal with distractions that come up?

Join us for a practical evening for the distracted and busy that will unlock a richer prayer life! Andre Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach and a leader in missionary outreach and ministry, will guide you through 5 steps to a daily prayer life.

You will come away with a clear, step-by-step approach to establish a prayer routine that fits your life and practical strategies to turn silence into sacred moments. All are welcome.

Save the Date - World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March 10.30am

This global ecumenical service held in over 170 countries in all different churches. This year's service for Mordialloc-Mentone will be held at **St Augustine's Anglican Church Como Parade Mentone**. Service begins at 10.30am, refreshments will be served. All welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22/23 FEBRUARY 2025

22/23 Feb	7th Sunday in OT Readings Year C 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38							Cuppa W'end
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Jennifer Ford	Julie Barnhoorn	Sonia Williams	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marie Medicott	Julie Buick	Danny Carey	Bernie Stuart Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Jane Standish	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Stephen Pooley	Barry Wheeler	Jack Guthrie	Odette Budge	Connie Nichols Jack Meyer
9.30am (A)	Martin Newington	Phillip Morris	Ron Schneider-Loos	Volunteer	Elizabeth Newington	Trish Le Brocq	Berna Wake	Jon Searle Mary Nayna
11.00am (M)	Michelle Campbell	Judy Lamb	Volunteer	Gail Bell	Philippa Pecora	Les D'Cruze	Christine D'Cruze	Nicky Winter Nola Petraitis
Counters	Group 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom				

Recently deceased: Fr John O'Reilly PE, Bruce Reid (Parkdale).

Anniversaries: Sophy Cherian, Eleanor Burns, Antonia Attar, Arthur Malone, John Tuagalu, Margaret (Anne) Cox, Emanuele Tovia, Francisca Diaz Amaya, Sofia Tovia, Olive Bellamy, Paul Brennan, John Earp, Jenny Harston, Judex Neeamuthkhan, Carmel Franklin, Mary Foley, Aileen O'Donnell, Faye Mattea, Tom Walker, Andrew Jones, Eric Dart, Edna Bryant, Jack Kennedy, Margaret Fitzgerald, Josephine Tranter, Catherine Varney, Jean O'Toole, Cyril Nunn, Robert Whitehouse, Stan Davies, Dorothy Rodriguez, Betty Pike, Marlene de Qudros, Patricia Atkins, Ron Jackson, Nicola Corda, Nan Plant, Arlene Roberts, Jean France Hennequin, Elizabeth Durham, Brian Tobin, Greg Riordan, Phyllis Cain, William Monaghan, Ronald Wintle, Bob Barker, Carmen Maré, Fortunata Cortese, Trilby De Hoedt, Kevin Franklin, Antonio Tenace, William Wilson, Mary Irene Graham, Marie Berg, Josef Laude, Lily Lebler, Nicole Strickland, Domnick O'Donnell, Bernice Marshall, John (Jack) Mooney, Brian Denman, Doris Lavery, Lucia Tenace, Peter Perazzo, Geoffrey Colwell, Robert (Bob) Dynes, Maureen Varney, Frank Shanley, Alexandrina Connelly.

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, Ben Quirk, Sam Finnochiaro, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Harry Spies, Caiden Hoare, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Donna Cardamone, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Andrea Williams, Fr Kevin Tortorelli (OFM), Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Virginia Hindall, Penny Proctor, Clayton Dunn, Keith Wiltshire, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Smith, Brian Gleeson.

Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



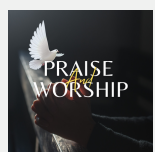
Children's Liturgy

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
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:
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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.