



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

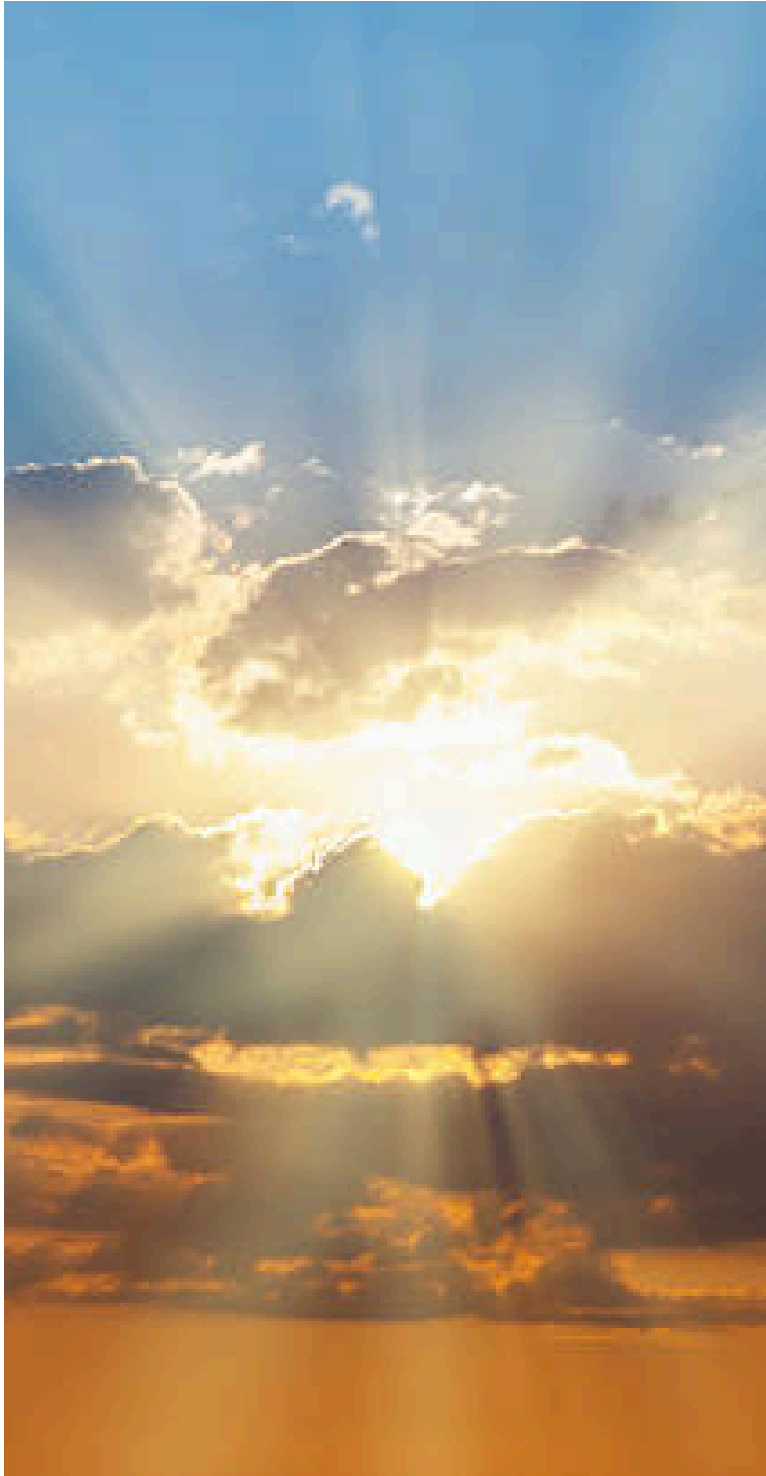
EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen,
Deacon: George Piech-Meat



Second Sunday of Lent 16 March 2025

Readings for Year C Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3: 17, 4: 1 Luke 9: 28-36



*From the shining cloud the
Father's voice is heard:
"This is my Son, my chosen,
listen to him!"*

In this passage, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While there, His appearance changes—His face shines, and His clothes become bright like lightning. Moses and Elijah appear, talking with Him. The disciples are amazed, and Peter wants to stay in that moment, but then a cloud covers them, and they hear God's voice saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!"

This moment shows us that Jesus is truly God's Son, sent to save us. Like Peter, we sometimes want to hold on to joyful moments, but Jesus calls us to keep moving forward in faith. Life isn't always easy, but if we listen to Him and trust in His presence, He will guide us.

May we open our hearts to hear His voice and follow Him, knowing His light is always with us, even in difficult times.

Michelle Barron,
St Louis School Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching Leader



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News and Announcements



Earth Hour Saturday 22 March 8.30pm

Take time out for nature and join the world's biggest movement to protect our planet! You have the power to create a brighter future for our planet. This action is symbolic and is not an action to save power. So, at the end of our Saturday 6pm mass we will be turning out the lights as you leave (but will turn them back on for a cuppa). When you get home, switch off your lights at 8.30pm for 60 minutes to show your support for the environment. Earth Hour supports WWF. You can help the cause by donating here <https://www.earthhour.org.au/sponsor/challenge-60>

SHAC Winter Shelter Training Day

Seaford Housing Action Coalition is holding a training day on **22 March at Peninsula City Church, Frankston South from 9am - 12pm**. Come along and learn what this is about and how you might help the homeless in the area. Two of our parishioners, Lucy Cameron and Vanessa Fenandes have helped out over the last couple of years, but they are always looking for new volunteers. The shelter is set up over the winter months to provide a meal and a bed for the night. To learn more go to: <https://www.pencc.org/wintershelter>

Cuppa and name tag Sunday next weekend 22/23 March

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.



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

Kidz Zone is on during all masses next weekend (22/23 March) 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

Praise and Worship

Please come along to our Praise and Worship night next **Friday 21 March 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.



Baptism Celebrations this Sunday

We welcome into our parish family:
**Rook Michael, Ever Frances,
Christian Jai, Eva Victoria**

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



Year 4 Eucharistic Commitment Masses

We welcome all our Year 4's from St Louis' and St Brigid's and their families to our Sunday masses this weekend as they continue on their journey towards receiving their First Eucharist later in the year. We pray the Holy Spirit may watch over them and continue to grow their relationship with Jesus.

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

by Father James Martin

Loving God,

We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that you Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.





The Season of Lent at St Mary of the Cross Parish

"May you be praised, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially brother sun through whom you lighten the day for us." Let Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation, be your guiding star this Lent.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Will be held on Monday evenings at St Louis church from 7.30 to 8pm. Stations will start on the 10 March and go through to 7 April. They will also be held on Friday mornings at St Brigid's church at 11.00am, Holy Rosary at 10.30am.

Lenten Small Groups - It's not too late to join

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. All are welcome. Why not bring a friend? Please register at the Welcome Desk.

+ Tuesday 10am @ St Louis Church led by Carmel Barker + Tuesday 2pm led by Mary Nayna in her home

+ Wednesday 10.30am @ St Brigid's church led by Kristian Tangso

+ Wednesday 7.30pm led by Tony and Josie Aloysius in their home + Thursday 7.30pm led by Ann Furlong via Zoom

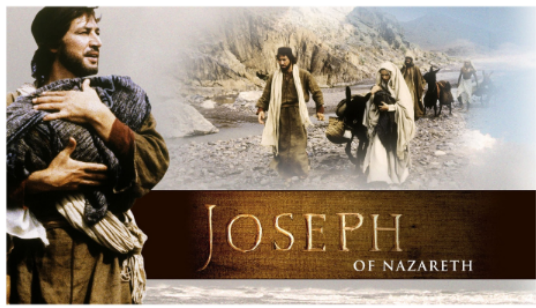
ACRATH Easter Chocolate Campaign

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of ACRATH's Easter chocolate awareness campaign. In the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday on April 20, Australians will spend billions of dollars on chocolate. Much of the chocolate consumed will be produced using cocoa beans picked by children and adults in conditions that are often unsafe and restrict a child's access to education. For more information: www.acrath.org.au



Choir practice for Easter

Is being held at St Brigid's church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. We will be practicing for Lent and the Holy Week services. All are welcome. Contact Trish for more details on 0421 604 849.



This Week on FORMED

Joseph of Nazareth: The story of the man closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him. Enter into the life of this great saint through this movie.

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

Project Compassion 2025

This week we introduce **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code on the right, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 22/23 MARCH 2025

22/23 March 25	Third Sunday of Lent Readings Year C Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julius Lau	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Anthony Barnhoorn	Ann Brennan	Danny Carey
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Carole Guthrie	Stephen Pooley	Jane Standish	Jack Guthrie	Angela Meo
9.30am (A)	Ann Furlong	Phillip Morris	Felice Cortese	Lesley-Anne Bailey	Volunteer	Norma Taylor	Trish Le Brocq
11.00am (M)	Vikki Fitzgerald	Adam Whatmore	Helen Rocks	Philippa Pecora	Jaun Wilson	Ellen Young	Judy Lamb
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley			

Recently deceased: Jock Bryant (Cheltenham).

Anniversaries: Connie Mellan - Hilda Hunter - Venderando Costanzo - Eileen Geary - Anne Blakeney - Chris Byrne - Fred Greenwell - Esme Gailey - Jessie Rebello - Beverley Mills - Frank Sweeney - Patrick James Keane - Lisa Malone - Amal Basry - Kathleen McNicholas - Michelle Cevec - Fr Ernie Smith - Verna Crane - Betty Teasdale - Antonino Indriolo - Michael Goss - Alan Stoppa - Peg Smith - Jaison Antony - Anthony (Tony) Medlicott - Jim Styne - Stacey MacInnes - Peg Weaver - Marie Dorian - Vivian Morillion - Gabrielle O'Donnell.

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, 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, Clayton Dunn, Keith Wiltshire, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Smith, Brian Gleeson, Adrian Smith, Graziella Marini, Br Michael McCabe (De La Salle), Fr Patrick Flanagan.

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
 Denise 0412 926 752

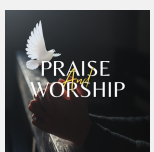
Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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

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.