



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

Easter Sunday 5 April 2026



Readings for Year A Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11 Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 44

Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With hearts full of joy and deep gratitude to God, I offer each of you my Easter greetings. As I celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord for the first time with St Mary of the Cross community, I feel truly blessed to walk together with you in faith, hope, and love.



As the new parish priest of St Mary of the Cross, I believe that this Easter is a moment of particular grace for all of us. Just as the first disciples, upon encountering the risen Jesus, were filled with awe, confusion, and a renewed sense of mission, so too are we being called into a new identity and purpose. Easter is not only about an event that took place two thousand years ago, but also about what God is doing within us, here and now, today, and into the future.

This parish carries a rich history and a beautiful spirit. I have already begun to witness in many of you a deep faith expressed through your families, your ministries, and your daily lives, marked by a spirit of service and dedication. I truly believe that God is inviting us toward an even greater future, filled with possibility, growth, and grace. Through the warmth of our community, our unity, and our joyful witness, let us make known the Resurrection of Jesus in Mordialloc and Aspendale.

Let us also be a Church that looks to the future with hope: a Church that welcomes, listens, and walks together. Let us not be afraid to dream boldly, not for our own glory, but for the Kingdom of God. May we become a community where both young and old feel at home, where every person, regardless of their background or life story, can encounter the living Christ.

May this Easter mark the beginning of a new chapter for us: a chapter filled with hope, joy, and a deep conviction that Christ is alive in our hearts, in our parish, and in our future.

With Easter blessings and my heartfelt prayers,

Fr Michael Duck Young Kong



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News and Announcements

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St Vincent de Paul Easter Collection

A Special Collection for St Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all our Easter Masses. Your donations will support the work of our two local Conferences.

Electronic donations can be made using QR codes for each Conference's donation page.



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Caritas Australia Project Compassion - Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



Any donation that will assist the work of Caritas is greatly appreciated. Apart from the Project Compassion boxes you can also donate by scanning the QR Code on the right, or call at 1800 024 413 or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Thank you for standing with us as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent



Baptisms on Easter Sunday

We welcome into our parish family - **Ruby Azalea, Hunter Lucas Christian and Laura Mei**
God has you in his hands on this special day. With every step you take, he guides you on your way.



JAG meeting Wednesday 8 April 7.30 - 9pm in St Louis meeting room

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 at St Louis' Church. All welcome.

Thank you

Many thanks to Frances North and Olga Lobianco and their families for generously donating palms for our churches last weekend. Also to all those who spent time making palm crosses to be blessed.

Divine Mercy Sunday next week

Divine Mercy Sunday was established after a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, when our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.



FORMED - The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartifiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection going back to the historical places where these world changing events happened.

Go to: <https://formed.org/signup> type in St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc and Aspendale, and enter your name and email address, for free access to this and much more great content.

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Fr Michael's Pilgrimage trip

Fr Michael will be away after Easter until 24 April while leading his Pilgrimage in Korea. During that time Friday and weekend masses will be as normal. Thanks Fr Peter for filling in for Fr Michael. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning masses will be replaced with Communion Services.

Building the Synodal Way Together



As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to: **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.

Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.

Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

New Serve Ministry Roster

The new roster has been sent out. Please check and let Ann in the office know if she needs to make any changes. There are also hard copies available on the Welcome Desk.

Serve Ministries - are you being called?

When we focus on helping others and honouring Christ, we soon discover that our needs are met far more deeply than we ever experienced otherwise. When you serve the parish, you serve God. We have ministries in Children's liturgy, music, sacristan, flowers, readers, special ministers and more.

Visit our [parish website](#) to find out more and contact the parish office to express your interest at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Shredder Donation

The parish office urgently requires a shredder.

If you have one at home that you don't use, please consider donating it to the parish.



Justice Action
Group

Choose your Easter chocolate responsibly

Choose chocolate free from labour exploitation this Easter.

Check the Chocolate Scorecard:

www.chocolatescorecard.com

Rainforest Alliance & Fairtrade labels mean the chocolate is made with social, economic, and environmental care.

www.acrath.org.au

Brigidine Asylum Seekers

Our friends at BASP are asking for our assistance this Lent to help refugees and migrants in need. From next weekend and for the next 3 weeks please help with: **100gm jars coffee; Black tea bags (50 or 100); 500ml dish washing liquid; 1kg box laundry detergent; 1 litre liquid laundry detergent; Spray & wipe/nifti cleaner; Long life milk 1 litre Full Cream; Sweet biscuits; Small cans tuna; Sardines; 1kg pack sugar; 1kg pack plain flour; Coconut milk.** Collection boxes in the church foyers.

Earthcare

Earthcare is a Catholic initiative sponsored by Caritas Australia and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Our parish Earthcare team are committed to creating awareness and action on environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and the need to live sustainably, as well as raising awareness on First Nations People. The team have compiled a short video highlighting their 2025 actions. You can view it at:

<https://vimeo.com/1171616624#t=0>

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 12TH APRIL 2026

11/12 April 2026	2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A) Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31 CUPPA						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Ann Brennan	Ann Furlong	Carmel Barker	Julius Lau	Anthony Barnhoorn	Danny Carey	Monique Bruce
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Jack Meyer	Carole Guthrie	Jack Guthrie	Tony Aloysious	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Ron Schneider-Loos	Felice Cortese	Volunteer	Niko Tovia	Mary Smith
11.00am (M)	Michelle Campbell	Dianne Wain	Helen Rocks	Louise Breslin	Philippa Pecora	Vanessa Fernandes	Mary Ann Farren
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley			

Recently deceased: Anne Lanh (mother of Fr Huy), Brother Hilary Walsh fsc (St Bede's), Aileen Martia O'Reilly (Mordialloc)

Anniversaries: Marjorie Kirkby, Placida Vieceli, Clotilda Herman, Sophie Medlicott, Keith Keating, Ross Stevens, Sharon Budge, Michael Alesci, Margaret Lloyd, Ana Vitulic, Louisa Vitulic, Thomas Shanahan, Doreen Jewell, Eric Ludwick, Dianne Veitch, Margarita Lacson, Leonora Rosia Salim Navarro, George Irving, Kitty Greenwell, Delfino Castenetto, Brian McMahon, Alan Vickers, Chinamma Eapen, Calvin Saddler, Giovanni Faoro, Patricia Forkgen, Noel De Quadres, Foster Varney, Hans Bongers, William Peart William Donald Smith Sinclair, Peter Grotto

Praying for healing and the sick: Les Scott, Julie Buick, Deborah Joseph, Chris Doran, Ruben David, Vasilos Garavelis, Mary Agiropoulos, Luis, Marisa, Rita Popley, Prunella Julien, Maree Wesols, Sophia Bicos, Jeffrey Sellar, Peter Waltho, Damian Haggerty, Noleen Dunn, Alasdair Hughes, Harry Donohue, Stephen Hopkins, Stephen Oldboldstone, Brilliant boys, John Catalano, Andrea Williams.

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:
catholicmassstmaryofthecross

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis' Mon 9.15am Communion Service,
St Louis' Tues 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 Fri after 11.30am Mass
St Louis' Sat 5.30pm before 6pm Mass

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Michael, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake, John Field

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 Michael Kong 9580 7981
Trish 0421 604 849
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752

Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



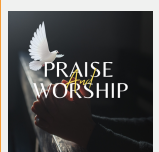
Children's Liturgy

5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. 6pm, 9.30am and 11am



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 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.