



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 July 2025

Readings for Year C Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 Colossians 1: 15-20 Luke 10: 25-37



*"Who is my neighbour?
... anyone in need"*

The Good Samaritan is one of the most memorable of the parables in Luke's Gospel. Human beings can be very sparing in our care for others: is this person in need 'one of ours?' The parable shows a traditional enemy of the Jews showing mercy to a Jew in need, while the other Jews seem more concerned about ritual purity. The Samaritan cares when others didn't and is very generous in caring for the man in need.

The parable shows us that there are no limits to God's love. God's love is grace. It is not earned. God's love flows like a mighty river. The answer to the question posed in the parable, 'who is my neighbour?' is 'anyone in need'. We are each challenged to rise to that: do I care for the person in need, whether they are like me or not? Do I limit my caring, my love?

**Patrick Jurd
Parishioner**



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News and Announcements



Invitation Changes

Everything:

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**Last weekend
to sign up**

**Special Parish Event -
Build a parish that
reaches out -
Sunday 20 July at
St Louis' - All Welcome**

Can a simple invitation really change a life? According to Michael Harvey, it absolutely can and often does. In this powerful, interactive session, renowned speaker and founder of Back to Church Sunday, Michael Harvey, will invite us into a bold new vision: a parish culture where invitation is second nature, not second thought.

Details: Sunday 20 July - 9.30am Mass at St Louis' followed by the session from 10.30am at St Louis' Primary School Hall, with a light lunch from 1.00pm. **If you haven't registered sign up at the Welcome Desk or online at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>** - scroll down for the Aspendale event.

Invite your family & friends - all welcome.

NAIDOC Week 6 - 13 July

NAIDOC Week events celebrate the enduring legacy of First Nations peoples and the hope carried forward by the next generation. As the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council declares, this is *'the living story of faith and culture walking hand in hand—of ancient traditions alive in Christ, and of a Church made more whole when all are welcomed, seen and heard.'*

Sea of Hands

The Sea of Hands is a symbol of solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and planting a Sea of Hands is an act of recognition. Last weekend our Sea of Hands installation took place at St Louis' and many beautiful messages of support were written. Look out for our parish magazine 'Blessings' at the end of the month to see these. The installation moves to St Brigid's this weekend. All parishioners are invited to place a hand and your message on the grounds around St Mary MacKillop, who of course demonstrated her love for and teaching of Aboriginal children.

Have you ever dreamed of singing and acting in a Catholic musical?

The Call of Guadalupe (COG) Theatre group is a Catholic musical theatre group, endorsed by various bishops. On the 26th of July, we invite you to an afternoon tea on how you can be part of this exciting show. You will see a preview of Mary Magdalene the Musical coming 2026. Sumptuous afternoon tea will be provided. Please RSVP via trybooking link by 22nd of July <http://www.trybooking.com/DBRJU> for catering purposes. 0413398528 or cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

Thanksgiving envelopes

Your thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the church foyers. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Parish Groups

Knitting Group & Winter Appeal

Thank you everyone for your generous donations. This appeal has now ended. We have made a difference to so many with your many wonderful donations.

Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship group will gather on **Thursday 17 July at 7.30pm at St. Louis**. Come along into this safe space to talk about faith and enjoy some new friendships. New members are very welcome.

Earthcare Group

We are supporting Plastic Free July again this year. Please drop off your blister packs from your medications and they will go to Chemist Warehouse for recycling. More information at the link below [**PlasticFreeJuly**](#)

Praise and Worship

All are welcome to **Praise and Worship next Friday 18 July at 7.30pm at our church at St Louis'**. Be filled with the Holy Spirit through scripture, song and prayer.



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Sacramental Preparation for Children - Reconciliation

Our parish has a long tradition of offering sacramental preparation for baptised catholic children from government schools and others who request the Catholic Sacraments for their children.

Our **new** sacramental preparation for **Reconciliation for children in year 3 and above** will commence on **Tuesday 5 August**. It is a six - week program involving parents and children on a journey of accompaniment which is designed to continue after the sacrament is received.

If you know of parents that might be interested in this for their children, and to understand the new approach we are taking, where parents and children walk together in a journey of faith, please share the registration form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yGWx1P9aqzbnY-yZh_6VNIhZtkhZpUNtEDG_d9XfTQY/edit or via the QR code above.



Serve Ministries - are you being called?

A healthy serving base is the lifeblood of our church. Serving is not just about filling a slot, or volunteering when no one else steps up. It is central to our mission to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples. Being involved in one of the many serving ministries means you are actively involved in our mission. It is so rewarding to give your time to something bigger than yourself. Maybe you are feeling unsure, or don't think you have what's required, don't worry we will provide training and assistance. Here are some of the many serve ministries we offer at St Mary of the Cross.

Music

Do you have a talent for singing or playing an instrument?

Audio visual operating

Do you enjoy operating cameras and creating engaging content with our Proclaim software?

Altar Flowers

Do you love flowers and arranging them, creating a beautiful altar?

Children's Liturgy

Do you enjoy celebrating the good news and love of Jesus in fun & engaging ways with children?

Sacristan

Would you love to prepare the sacred vessels, linens, books, and vestments needed for the liturgy?

Welcomng

Do you enjoy meeting and greeting people, especially guests and visitors?

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

As the parish office is currently preparing the September- December 2025 Serve Ministry roster, now would be the ideal time to express your interest. **For all current serve ministers, if you are going to be away during this period please advise the parish office asap.** Thank you.



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St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.

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NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20 JULY 2025

19/20 July 25	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	Marie Medlicott	Julius Lau	Marg De Vries	Gail Hamilton	Danny Carey
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysious	Paula Rodrigues	Marlene Tangso	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Volunteer
9.30am (A)	Lisa Tuke	Brenda O'Leary	Ron Schneider-Loos	Ann Furlong	Maureen Wraight	Berna Wake	Niko Tovia
11.00am (M)	Michelle Campbell	Dianne Wain	Peter Hannan	Louise Breslin	Volunteer	Mary Ann Farren	Helen Rocks
Counters 4	Susan Dornom	Bern & Geoff Terrell					

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Eric D'Cruze - Bob Scardoni - Bishop John Jobst SAC - Frank Buttigieg - Eric D'Cruze - Maisie Holbery - Dr Ron Roberts - Esther Toner - Rita Howard - Sarah Jayne McVay - Marshall Gray - Donald Waight - Frances O'Keeffe - Natividad Awa - Mary Frank - Joanne Sharpe - Joseph Bartlett (58/59 Battalion) - Moya Glenister - James Holbery - Linda Lourey - Antony Wakelin - Colleen Wilson - Charles Harrison - Catherine Gavan - Natividad Marquez - Fred Marshall Bernie Noonan - Christina Dunmall - Dorothy Carter - Beryl Lowe - Mary Valastro - Carol Bayard - Mary Dunne - Jim Lourey - Sam Naicker - Annie Louis - Felix Babasa - Brian Fallon - John Wise - Irene Sheehan - Alfio Musumeci - Eilene Hannan - Barbara Fernandez - Wesley Lazarus - Mary Violet McVeigh.

Praying for the sick: Trish Le Brocq - John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Gail Bell, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Sophia Bicos, Patsy Riordan, Fr Terry Kean, May Warrener, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Kees Meyer, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

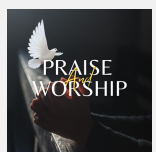
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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.

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

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

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.

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

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
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Helen 0498 178 899
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