



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 February 2025

Readings for Year C Isaiah 6: 1-8 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11



*Do not be afraid, from now on
it is people you will catch*

The story of the miraculous catch of fish is not just a historical event; it is a living invitation to each one of us today. Jesus calls us, in our moments of frustration and doubt, to trust Him. He invites us to step out of our comfort zones and to follow Him into the deep waters of faith. And when we respond with faith, He blesses us abundantly, often in ways that we never imagined.

The key is to follow, even when we don't understand, even when it seems risky or illogical. Jesus invites us to let down our nets, to trust that He will provide, and to answer His call to be His disciples. So, as we reflect on this passage today, let us ask ourselves: How is Christ calling us to follow Him more deeply? What nets do we need to let down in our lives? And are we willing to trust Him, even when we cannot see the full picture?

May we have the courage and faith to respond to Christ's call, just as Peter did, and experience the abundance of life He offers.

Shalom,
Fr. Andrew Jekot
Parish Priest



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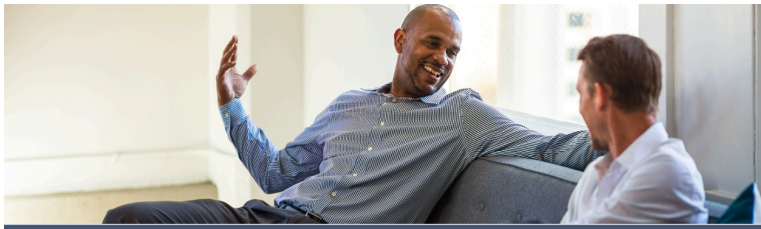


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News and Announcements



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 so we can know numbers.**

Help required for St Brigid's foyer renovation

Are you a cabinet maker or a handy man experienced in cabinet making? We would like to build a cabinet with benchtop and 4 cupboards to replace the trestle table currently underneath the notice board.

We would also like to include a storage area for the trestle tables.

Please contact Trish if you can help 0421 604 849

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

It's not too late to come along to the final week to learn more about the Gospel of Luke.

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

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.**

News from our Justice Action Group



Our first meeting for 2025 is on **Wednesday 12 February from 7.30-9pm** at St Louis'. We have an exciting and impactful year planned where we aim to raise awareness and take action in our core areas of Domestic & Family Violence, Refugees & People seeking Asylum, Homelessness, First Nations understanding, Human Trafficking, the Environment and Inter-Faith initiatives. If you are looking for ways to live out the mercy, compassion and love for others which Jesus has, then this might be the group for you. Have a look at our JAG Charter on our [parish website](#) or pick up a copy in the church foyers. All are welcome.

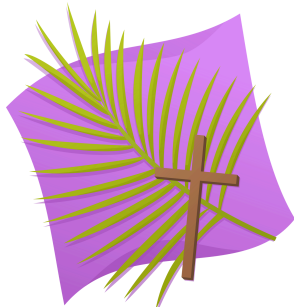
Domestic and family violence: What can we do?

The Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) is committed to raising awareness and taking action to address the issue of Domestic and Family Violence. The key activity will be a Parish Forum on **Saturday 15 March 2025, from 2 -3:30pm, at St Brigid's school hall. Please note the date. Apologies that the incorrect date was given in last weeks Bulletin.** We recognise that we all have a role to play in creating communities of respectful relationships that prevent domestic and family violence and we seek to answer the question "What can we do?" We will provide information about how to recognise domestic and family violence, how to respond to it and measures we can take to prevent it. A panel of people with involvement in the sector will respond to prepared questions on the topic. Following this presentation, there will be an opportunity to seek further information and support and to interact with the speakers and sector organisations over afternoon tea. This will be an adults-only event and bookings will need to be made. Further information coming soon.

News and Announcements

Alpha 2025

Please pray for our guests who are joining our opening night of Alpha on Tuesday 11 February. We also ask that you continue to pray for that one person whom you would like to invite to our Alpha sessions in 2025.



The Season of Lent

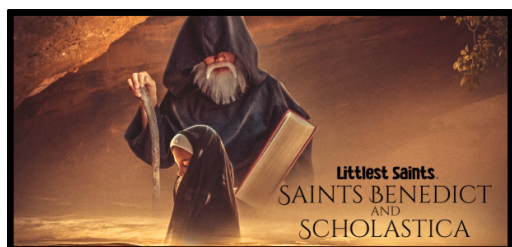
Our annual Lenten Retreat will be held on **Saturday 1 March - 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's**. More details and sign-up sheets soon.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is always six and a half weeks before Easter. Since Ash Wednesday is dependent on the date of Easter, it can occur as early as Feb. 4 or as late as March 10. This year, Easter is April 20, so **Ash Wednesday is March 5**.

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.



This Week on FORMED

Saints Benedict and Scholastica - Littlest Saints

A pair of Hoy twins, a cave and a group of naughty monks. Intrigued? This is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

A great chance to watch together with your children and grandchildren. Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Scripture and Friendship Group

The Scripture & Friendship Group resumes for 2025 this **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.

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

First meeting **Friday 7 March at St Louis meeting room 1pm to 2.30pm**. All are very welcome.

Contact Monique for more details 0422 155 694.



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



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).

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYOTK>

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15/16 FEBRUARY 2025

15/16 Feb 25	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings Year C Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 6-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Jenny Ferguson	Julie Buick	Marg De Vries	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Carmel Barker	Danny Carey
8.00am (M)	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Graham Jones	Jack Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Stephen Pooley	Carole Guthrie	Joan Healy
9.30am (A)	Lisa Tuke	Gerard Wagstaff	Maureen Wraight	Ann Furlong	Felice Cortese	Norma Taylor	Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Mark Carrazzo	Lucy Cameron	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Volunteer	Vanessa Fernandes	Mary Ann Farren
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley			

Recently deceased: Simon David, (brother of Kim Jeremiah nee David)

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, Brian Smith.

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

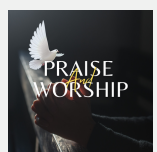
Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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

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.