



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 November 2025

Readings for Year C Malachi 3: 19-20 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Luke 21: 5-19



"The destruction of the temple foretold"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple and warns his followers that difficult times lie ahead – wars, persecution, betrayal, and suffering. Yet, within these sobering words lies a message of deep faith and hope. Jesus reminds his disciples that these trials are not signs of abandonment, but opportunities to bear witness to the truth of God's love.

In our own lives, we too face uncertainties, losses, and challenges that test our trust. This passage calls us to perseverance, courage, and faithfulness, even when the world around us feels unstable. Jesus redirects attention from what is temporary to what is eternal - a life rooted in trust in God. God's presence endures through every trial. By standing firm, as Jesus urges, we find not fear but peace – the peace that comes from knowing that our hope is not in buildings or systems, but in the eternal promise of God's saving love.

So let us take this time to reflect on what has been...and what is still to be.....

Marylene Douglas
St Louis RE Leader and Lead Learner



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News and Announcements



Advent Prepare the Way

Advent Groups - starting the week of 24 November

Our Advent Groups will be starting the week beginning 24 November - the week of the First Sunday of Advent. There are a number of choices, including 2 online Zoom groups. It is a great chance to share, discuss, reflect and pray with a small group and help us to allow hope to flourish in this Jubilee Year. The small group choices are:

Monday 7.30pm online via Zoom with John and Anne Field. Tuesday 10am at St Louis with Bernie Stuart. Tuesday 2pm at the home of Mary Nayna. Wednesday after 10am mass at St Brigid's with Kristian Tangso. Wednesday 7.30pm at the home of Tony and Josie. Thursday 7.30pm online via Zoom with Ann Furlong. Sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk to choose your preference.

Saturday 6 December Advent Retreat 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's church

"An encounter with Jesus on the way"

Come along to our retreat led by Mark Walsh who will help us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. We will use silence, prayer, lectio divina, visio divina, and spiritual conversation throughout the day. If the weather permits, we will also take a short walk in the nearby gardens.

Sign-up sheet on the welcome desk.

World Day of the Poor 16 November

World Day of the Poor offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that *"the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."* The full text of Pope Leo's message may be found at: [World Day of the Poor Pope Leo's message](#)

Men's Fellowship Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm

Men of the parish are all invited to attend our next meeting scheduled for **Thursday 20th November 7.30pm** at St Louis Church Meeting room. Come along into this safe space to talk about faith and enjoy some new friendships. New members are very welcome.

Also, please join us for dinner on **28th November 2025 at the Chelsea Chinese Restaurant**, 232 Wells Road Chelsea Heights, (BYO) for good food and fellowship. Please register your attendance with Tony Allday 0411 075 631 or ajallday@optusnet.com.au or John Bainbridge 0412 087 800 or jgb095@aussiebb.com.au by **25th November 2025**. All welcome.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family -

Sophia Nicole, Maxwell James, Joshua James, Patrick Lucas

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

Share the Dignity - 14 to 30 November

It's in the Bag is one of Australia's most cherished Christmas appeals, where we encourage everyday Australians to fill a bag (teen, adult, or mum & bub bag) with essential items and a simple handwritten note. For those willing and able to go above and beyond, we encourage the addition of an extra special touch. Each donation is personally checked, tagged and recorded by our generous volunteers, then transported to our trusty network of charity partners who will gift them to women and girls waking up in domestic violence shelters or homelessness refuges on Christmas Day.

Please drop your bags in the church foyers and we will take them to Bunnings to be distributed to charities.

Free to a good home: St. Brigid's wooden church pews

Various lengths. 2.05m (2 pews), 3.1m (1 pew). Please contact the parish office if interested. 9580 7981. First in, best dressed!

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Saturday 22 November 10am to 12pm - Parish Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Bring your whole family and walk with us from St Louis to St Brigid's. We will meet at St Louis, where you will all receive a blessing before you head off to St Brigid's along the beach or the footpath. A map of the route will be provided. Fr Andrew will also pose some questions you may like to think about or talk about while you are walking. Once you arrive at St Brigid's you will have the opportunity to pray and spend some silent time before the Blessed Sacrament. When all of our pilgrims arrive at St Brigid's, we will then end with another prayer and blessing. Please join us for a cuppa afterwards. There will be a bus to ferry you back to St Louis and your car, or you may choose to walk back.

Sunday 30 November Parishioner Volunteer Thank You Light Luncheon from 12.30 - 2pm

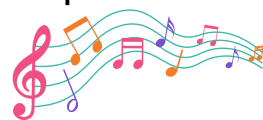
If you are a volunteer in any of our many serve ministries, please join us for a light luncheon in thanks for your service over the year. It will be held in the gardens of the Parish House, Mordialloc after 11am Mass. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk for catering purposes.

Will you be away in early 2026? Would you like to become a volunteer in our Serve Ministries?

To all our volunteers, can you please let Ann in the office know if you will be away/unavailable at all during January to April 2026 so she can get the roster finalised. Thanks.

Praise and Worship

Please come along to our Praise and Worship night next **Friday 21 November at 7.30pm** at our church at St Louis led by Rob Ward. Be filled with the Holy Spirit through scripture, song and prayer. All are welcome.



Christmas Choir practice from Tuesday 18 November @7.30pm

We are starting choir practice for all of our Christmas masses on Tuesday 18 November. Practice will start at 7.30pm and take place at St Louis church. All singers and musicians are welcome.

Contact Trish for more information 0421 604 849

Aspendale Vinnies invites you to Let's do Christmas lunch on Tuesday 2 December 12 to 2pm in St Louis church foyer

Cost is a donation which will go towards providing goodies and vouchers for the Christmas Hampers for families in need in this area.

Sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Movember collection



We will be having an extra collection next weekend for Movember. Mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer are all funded by Movember. Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men.

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Happy Birthday to Rosemary Grace

Happy 80th birthday Rosemary. We pray the year ahead is full of peace and joy with the Holy Spirit watching over you.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 7 December 9am

Aspendale Beach clean up

Join your neighbours down at the beach to help clean up the foreshore.

Saturday January 10 - 2pm to 4pm

Farewell for Fr Andrew and Fr Huy at St Brigid's School Hall

Join us for afternoon tea as we farewell our 2 much loved priests.



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Forming Catholics for *Life*.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - CHRIST THE KING - 25 NOV 2025

22/23 Nov 2025	Feast of Christ the King (Yr C) 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 Colossians 1: 12-30 Luke 25: 35-43						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Helen Healy	Julie Buick	Gail McGillivray	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Annette Brilliant
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Chris McAleer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Joan Healy	Jane Standish
9.30am (A)	Ann Furlong	Niko Tovia	Volunteer	Maureen Wraight	Felice Cortese	Jon Searle	Blessen Mathai
11.00am (M)	Dianne Wain	Peter Hannan	Gail Bell	Louise Breslin	Peter Wain	Robyn Worsnop	Helen Rocks
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Nelson Popley				

Recently deceased: John Poynton (Aspendale), Fr Francis Moloney SDB, Susanne Williams (family friend of Berna Wake).

Anniversaries: Concetta Rizzo, Marie Evans, Margaret Mellan, Barry Rainer, Alfred Ellul, Alan Lee, Margaret Booth, Terry Sier, Xavier Camilleri, Jack Greene, Herbert Nam, Nella Costanzo, Arthur Griffith, Bill Whyte, Antonio Paola, Sarina Paola, Eucaristica Borg, Pina Merlo, Mary Poda Faava Kwan-Him, Lorraine Iwanow, Maria Mota, George Dowker, Bernadette De Maskens, James Moloney, Guy Anquetil, Tammy Sullivan, Albert Weiss, Barry William Brown, Johanna (Joan) Jones, Colin Smith, Joyce Greene, Clemy Alphonso, Val Dickinson, Ellen Francis Jones, John Layton Jones, Gert Marshall, Laurie Worsnop, John McGinley, Jack Marshall.

Praying for healing and the sick: Deborah Joseph, Carmelo Nasello, Stephen Hopkins, Mary Farren, Harry Donohue, Ann Muir, Lina DiGiovine, Alex Bennett, John Davis, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Chris Doran, Chris Wardle, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Sophia Bicos, Fr Terry Kean, Kees Meyer, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

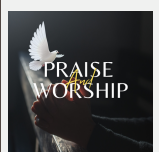
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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.

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.

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 9580 7981
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9580 7981
Trish 0421 604 849
Louise 0415 963 799
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752