



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

Third Sunday of Easter 4 May 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19



Jesus said to Simon Peter "Do you love me?" he answered "Lord, you know everything. You know I love you" Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep"

John's Gospel is a powerful reminder of the restoring love of Jesus and the clarity of our calling as disciples. It teaches that regardless of our past, we can be renewed and empowered to fulfil God's purpose in our lives.

As we embrace this truth, may we find the courage to follow Him wholeheartedly, serving others and sharing His love with the world.

Carmel Stutterd
St Louis Principal



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News and Announcements



Laudato si 10 year anniversary - Laudato si week 19-26 May

Turn Debt into Hope launch

Join us in this **Year of Jubilee** to launch the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice Ecology and Peace, and Caritas Australia invite you to join us in tackling the global debt crisis. But this isn't just about money—it's about people. Unjust debt crushes hope, steals opportunities, and leaves communities struggling to survive. Debt is harming communities and the Jubilee Year is a time for forgiveness.

Register for the Launch Webinar on **May 16, 2025, at 12:00 PM** by scanning the QR code. You will hear from: Archbishop Collieridge from Brisbane, Kirsten Sayers from Caritas Australia, Leba Tamari from Caritas Fiji and Luke Fletcher from Jubilee Australia. Stand with us in this global effort to build a more just world. Your participation in the "Turn Debt into Hope" campaign is a powerful statement of compassion and courage. Together, we can ensure that the goods of the Earth are shared equitably among all people.



Welcomers meeting after all masses on the weekend of 17/18 May

If you are a welcomer or would like to become a welcomer, please stay behind for a short time after Mass on the weekend of 17/18 May for an information session. More details to follow next week.

Thank you for your generosity

Thanks to all our parishioners who generously donated to these causes over Lent and Easter.

Good Friday collection for the Holy Lands we received \$1,962.

Easter collection for St Vincent de Paul we received \$3,056.



Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. **Our parish has collected over \$850 so far.** If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

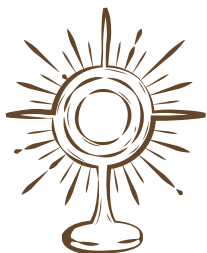
Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

Parish Bulletin Sick list please note

Our 'Praying for the sick' list has been refreshed. If you would like your relative or friend to remain on the list or you have a new request for healing prayers, please let Ann Fitzgerald know at:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



Eucharistic Adoration - additional prayer opportunities

Beginning **Monday 5 May** and each subsequent Monday from 7.30- 8.30pm at St Louis', our prayer group will be offering Eucharistic Adoration. This is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, silence. This is your personal time with Christ. All are welcome.

Good Shepherd Sunday - 11 May

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

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DFV Candlelight Vigil

On National Family Violence Remembrance Day, Wednesday 7 May, a candlelight vigil will be held from 6-6:45pm, at the Family Violence Memorial Garden in East Melbourne. Led by courageous survivors and passionate advocates, the Vigil provides a powerful witness to honour and remember those whose lives have been lost to family and domestic violence. Buildings across Victoria will be bathed in purple light and Vigils will be held in local and regional areas. We are all encouraged to pray for those who have experienced family violence and particularly those who have lost their lives. For further details, go to the website:

safesteps.org.au

High Tea Fundraiser for our refugee family

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE to Saturday 14 June 2-4pm St Brigid's Primary School Hall

This will be a major fundraiser for our refugee family. Please save the date so you can come along and support this cause. There will also be a 'trade table' so we need items to sell such as potted plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and biscuits etc. We also need some door prizes to give away.

If you would like to help with the set up and/or catering or have donations to drop off or be picked up please contact Helen Rocks on 0488 997 233.

St Patrick's Cathedral - *Light into the City*

A bipartisan \$60 million commitment to begin the restoration and revitalisation of St Patrick's Cathedral and its precinct was announced this week. From a letter from Archbishop Comensoli - 'St Patrick's was, and remains, a work of love and hope. It is also an investment not only in bricks and mortar but in the life and heart of our people, and their place in the story of this city. This is a life-giving project that will involve us all.' Please follow this [link](#) to access more on the archdiocese website.



Baptism Celebrations this weekend

We welcome into our parish family: **Axel Shane, Gracie Mireya Rose, Bryson Anthony**
God has you in his hands on this special day. With every step you take, He guides you on your way.



Parish Winter Knitting Group and Parishioner Appeal

Next get-together **Friday 9 May 1 to 2.30pm** at St Louis meeting room. Donations of blankets, beanies, scarves, socks, gloves, fingerless gloves and mittens are now being accepted, either homemade or store bought. Thanks for your generosity.

PLEASE NOTE - Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference has CANCELLED the Let's Do Mothers' Day Lunch on Tuesday 6th May, 12pm-2pm, due to a clash with the funeral of Dennis Procter at 11am at St Louis



Happy 55th Wedding anniversary to Lex and Rosemary Miller

Wishing you both every best wish on reaching this milestone. Enjoy your celebrations with all your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May the Holy Spirit continue to watch over you and bless you.

Young Adults (18-35) Catch up

We would love to get together for a coffee, walk, chat - nothing too heavy. We plan to meet every 1st Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass at St Brigid's, starting this Sunday 4 May. With no strings nor commitments, scan the QR code to learn more.



This Week on FORMED Lectio: Salvation

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and our salvation". But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10 part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical answer

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 10/11 MAY 2025

10/ 11 May 25	4th Sunday of Easter Readings Year C Acts 13: 14, 43-52 Revelation 7: 9, 14-17 John 10: 27-30 CUPPA WEEKEND						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Jenny Ferguson	Patrick Jurd	Marg De Vries	Julius Lau	Anthony Barnhoorn	Julie Buick	Annette Brilliant
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Joan Healy	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Marlene Tangso	Tony Aloysious	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Phillip Morris	Felice Cortese	Elizabeth Newington	Ann Furlong	Anne Marsh	Norma Taylor
11.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Diane Wain	Peter Hannan	Louise Breslin	Gail Bell	Volunteer	Helen Rocks
Counters 1	Ronald Soares	Gary & Joanne Partleton					

Recently deceased: Barry Wheeler (Mordialloc), John Leonard (husband of Denise), Dennis Procter (husband of Gladys), Bill Pedrazzini (husband of Polly - St Louis Primary School office)

Anniversaries: Mary Crowe - Thomas Maher - Brian Juliff
 Andrew Casey - Norma North - Nancy Daglish - Jessie Quek - Ron Smith
 Mollie Buxton - Joan Freeman - Nesan Murugayan - Nora Monaghan
 Eileen Owen-Tucker - Jim Rix - Marjorie Currigan - Noel Williams
 Pam Dusink - Barry Stanton - George Dawson - Byron Myles-Johnson
 Patrick Dundon Snr - Angelo Licciardo - Vincent Licciardo - Frank Jones
 John O'Toole - Marie Carson - Maria Brasacchio - Robert Mattea
 Helmut Hartig - Mary Shoppee - Brenda Balm - Brenda Jennings
 Rita Sarmento-Cardoso - Muriel Reed - Philip John Murphy - Tom Wain
 Helen Pedrazzini - William O'Brien - Patricia O'Leary - John Popley
 Virginia Popley - Eugen Vitulic - Wayne Williams

Praying for the sick: John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Gail Bell, Andrea Williams, Fr Patrick Flanagan, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Mary Norman, Sophia Bicos.

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

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

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
 Anthony 0407 505 341
 Robyn 0412 814 592
 Denise 0412 926 752

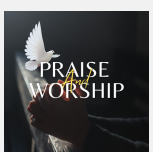
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
 5 - 12-year-olds.
 4th weekend of the month. 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
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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.