



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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 August 2025

Readings for Year C Ecclesiastes 1: 1, 2: 21-23 Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 Luke 12: 13-21

*"Security and happiness does
not come in owning more
possessions"*

Today's Gospel gives us some insight into the concerns of Luke's community- the issues of money, possessions and inheritance reflect the wealthier urban context of Luke's community. These same issues are very relevant for us today. How does a Christian live within the complex world of economics and global profit?

Jesus' words offer much wisdom. Security and happiness, does not come in owning more possessions

Real wealth lies in the abundant love of God – of living within and from that abundance. Such a person is never poor and is always able to live generously. They have inner wealth characterised by inner peace – generosity of spirit and goods – lack of envy – compassion for the neediness of others whose emptiness is insatiable and can never be filled – hospitality and freedom to act on behalf of the vulnerable and oppressed. How could we, as an individual and as a community, better strive to live out this gospel message?

Jodie Marziano
Deputy Principal St Brigid's Primary
School & RE Leader



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News and Announcements

Justice Action Group Nappy drive



During August, JAG will be collecting disposable nappies for families living in difficult situations; families escaping domestic violence, asylum seekers and families facing housing and food insecurity. At present there is a huge demand for nappy sizes for children aged six months to five years (sizes 2,3,4,5,6 and larger). Opened or unopened packs will be gratefully accepted. Boxes for donations will be in the church foyers over the next three weeks. Any queries contact **Maree 0407376505**

CREATING A HOSPITABLE CHURCH

10 PRINCIPLES TO BUILD A WELCOMING CULTURE



Workshop - St Benedict's Burwood Saturday 9 August

This practical workshop is a follow-up to Michael Harvey's talk on Building a Culture of Invitation. Because invitation and hospitality go hand in hand. In this session, Fr Justin Uzabeaga MGL and some St Ben's Team members will explore 10 key

principles that can help shape a culture of hospitality in your church—one that not only welcomes newcomers, but encourages them to stay, belong, and thrive. **This is sure to be a great formation session for our welcomers and for all who share our aim to be an exceptionally welcoming parish.**

Details: Saturday 9 August 2025, 6.00- 9.00pm (straight after the 5pm Mass).

St Benedict's Hall 283 Warrigal Rd, Burwood VIC 3125 (Church Parking via Loudon Rd).

\$10 – Includes dinner. **All welcome, register at:**

<https://stbenedicts.com.au/forms/68660848031fd60036d82428>



Michael Harvey ACORN Groups

Many parishioners attended the Michael Harvey Workshop “Invitation Changes Everything” on 20 July. Michael is a world- renowned international speaker who is passionate about bringing people closer to Jesus, and back to church. His powerful, transformative yet simple spiritual practice is known as ACORN which is an acronym for Ask, Call, Obey, Report, Notice. ACORN starts with a prayer, followed by a simple question to another, “How are you **really** doing?”

Could being a disciple, as the baptised are all called to do and allowing God to bring people closer to Him, be that simple? Why not find out? Michael is giving our parishioners an incredible opportunity to join Him for his ACORN online training experience. Just one hour per week, one day per week for 4 consecutive weeks, online from the comfort of your home. Training will occur during August at times from 4-7pm. **Places are strictly limited, so if you want to take part please email mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au before Wednesday 6 August.**

Archbishops Dinner Friday 29 August from 7.30pm at Moonee Valley Racecourse

This annual event is held in support of Catholic Education, especially that of Seminarians. The fund was established by the KSC to assist in the funding the Education of Seminarians and the continuing post Education of Priests. The Fund Patron is His Grace, Archbishop Peter. This annual event is this year celebrating its 25th Year. All are welcome to attend to support a worthy cause, which is for the future of Priests for and in our Parishes. Cost is \$170 per person. Guest speaker: Dr Andy Mullins

Enquiries: Angela Bonato 0413 669 585 angelabonato65@gmail.com RSVP by 8 August

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

St Louis Gardening Group

We are having a working bee on **Monday 11 August** from 10am. All are welcome to come and help with pruning, weeding and a bit of planting. Please bring your own tools.

News and Announcements



Celebrating Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day 8 August

Rooted in her deep faith and unwavering compassion, our parish's patron saint offers comfort and guidance for everyday life. May her words strengthen your spirit, her example inspire your actions, and her enduring presence among us bring you hope and draw you closer to the heart of God.

Words of inspiration from St Mary of the Cross:

"We have all very much for which to thank and love God." 1873

"There where you are you will find God." 1871

"God knows what is best for all of us." 1891

Pray: God at the centre of my being, help me to listen to your Word and know what you desire for me: For an open and attentive heart, For humility and courage, For trust and faithfulness to God's word, For a deeper understanding of God's will in my life, For truth and justice in the face of opposition, Mary of the Cross, intercede for us.

For more inspiration, reflections and prayers to honour St Mary of the Cross go to:

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/whats-on/feast-day-resources/>



Year 6 Confirmation Masses this Sunday afternoon 27 July for St Louis' students

May the Holy Spirit watch over them as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Fr Andrew. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Many thanks also to the teachers who have prepared the children for this sacrament.

RCIA Information Night – Thursday 7 August 7.30-8.30pm



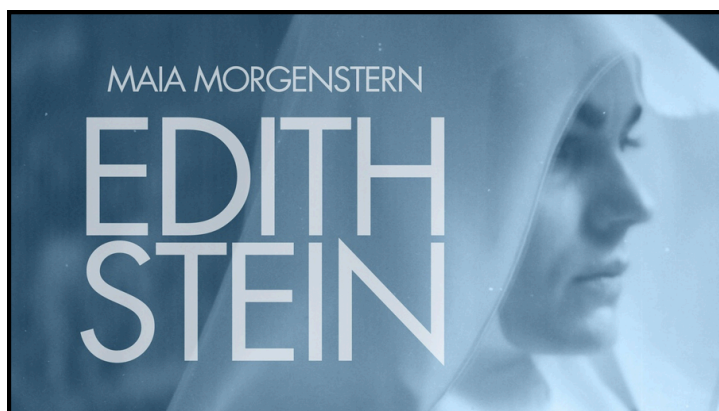
If you know of someone who is interested to take the next step in discovering God and the Catholic faith, please extend a warm invitation. This session will outline the program details and introduce you to our team. No obligation, just come and see. It will be held at St Louis' Church, 37 Dolphin Street Aspendale. **Contact** mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Save the date - Laudato si: 2000 years in the making

2025 is the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato si - 'care for our common home'. Come along to **St Louis' church on Thursday 28 August from 7.00 to 8.30pm** to learn, discuss and reflect upon the richness of this encyclical. Presented by Patrick Jurd.

Journeying with families - Sacrament of Reconciliation for children

Please pray for the parents and families who are joining our new program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for children from government schools which will commence this Tuesday 5 August.



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Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

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



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 10 AUGUST 2025

9/10 Aug 25	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Wisdom 18: 6-9 Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Luke 12: 32-48						CUPPA WEEKEND
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Debra Searle	Jenny Ferguson	Marie Medicott	Michael Barker	Marg De Vries	Berna Wake	Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Angela Meo	Stephen Pooley	Joan Healy	Frances North	Tony Aloysious	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Niko Tovia	Ron Schneider-Loos	Ann Furlong	Elizabeth Newington	Anne Marsh	Norma Taylor
11.00am (M)	Nola Petraitis	Jennifer Rodrigues	Philippa Pecora	Louise Breslin	Gail Bell	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze
Counters 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks						

Recently deceased: Fred Hamilton (husband of Gail). Fred's funeral will be held on Tuesday 5 August at St Louis' at 11am.

Anniversaries: Kerrin White - Daniel Murray - Jean Joseph Sin Mew Cheung - Melissa Thorne - Chandramouli Lingadi - Omana Thomas - Kathleen O'Brien - Antonio Meneghin - Loris Wilson - Jim O'Donnell - Rachael Carrington - Vivienne Ryan - Gaetono Iacono - John Ahern - Colin Forrest - Winifred Turner - Myrna Bamba - Gaetano Furnari - Maureen Noonan - Mary Agnes Angliss - Barbara (Helen) Beaman - Mick Sullivan - Vito Troisi - Macaria Gutierrez - Dorothy Williams - Thereza Vaz - Helga Rabich - Patricia Kerr - Joseph Gauci - Helen Gauci - Mary Sutherland - Mervat Marton - Gregorio Coutinho - Trish Wardle - Isabella Costanzo - Fr Michael Wheeler - Trevor Schneider-Loos.

Praying for the sick: Ann Muir, 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 Warrenner, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Kees Meyer, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

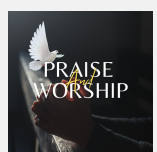
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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

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:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

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
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

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.