



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter 25 May 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29



*"A peace the world cannot give
is my gift to you"*

Jesus said to his closest friends, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." These words were spoken just before he faced great suffering. Even knowing what was ahead, Jesus wanted his friends to feel calm and comforted, not because everything was going to be easy, but because they wouldn't be alone.

The kind of peace Jesus offers isn't just about feeling relaxed or having no problems. It's a deep sense of being loved, safe, and supported, even when life is hard. This peace comes from a relationship with God, the loving presence that continues to guide and encourage us.

In today's world life can be full of uncertainty. Many of us carry stress from work, relationships, or the broader challenges facing our country and planet. We all long for a sense of peace, both inside ourselves and in the world around us. This part of the Gospel reminds us that real peace doesn't come from avoiding hardship. Instead, it grows when we feel connected to something bigger than ourselves, when we experience love, hope, and purpose.

Tanya Stefanec
Deputy Principal St Louis'
& Wellbeing Leader



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News and Announcements



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

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National Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

This is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme of Bridging Now to Next reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. It calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us. For more information go to

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>



Winter Appeal

As the cooler weather arrives parishioners are invited to donate new homemade or store bought adult-size beanies, scarves, socks and gloves for people experiencing homelessness in the community including those who are guests of the John Paul College Community van. Over the next three weekends, please place items in the baskets located in the church foyers. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



High Tea Fundraiser - Saturday 21 June

Who doesn't love a delicious high tea? Even better if you are helping a refugee family get a new start in Australia. The recent appointment of our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV underscores our obligation to show mercy. As a missionary in Peru, he has lived among the poor and has intimate knowledge of the root causes that compel people to migrate in order to survive. To assist our refugee family Omar, Jamileh and their 3 daughters with 12 months of practical, hands-on support we will be holding a **High Tea Fundraiser on Saturday 21 June from 2-4pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall in Mordialloc**. All are invited to come along and support this cause. There will be fabulous raffle prizes, spot prizes, entertainment. We are urgently seeking to loan teacup and saucer sets, side plates and tiered cake holders, which will be well looked after. If you can assist with this, please contact Helen Rocks on 0488 997 233. The TryBooking site will be available soon for bookings.



Year 6 Confirmation Commitment masses next weekend

Our Year 6 students from St Louis and St Brigid's will be at our weekend masses 31 May / 1 June. May the Holy Spirit watch over them as they journey towards their Confirmation in July. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Save the Date - Run Melbourne 13 July 2025

Are you interested in joining a team of walkers to raise money for BASP/CRISP (our refugee family) and ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking of Humans)?

The 5.5km course starts at 10.10am from Batman Avenue.

Our own Fr Andrew ran this last year but injury prevents him from repeating his record fundraising effort this year, so it's up to the rest of us. We need to get a team registered and start finding sponsors. If you are interested, please contact Trish on 0421 604 849.



John Paul College Van Thursday 12 June 4pm to 7pm - volunteers required

The van services people experiencing homelessness in the Frankston area. Volunteers greet guests and provide a snack and hot drink. Please call Sandy if you able to help 0412 057 177.

Parish Winter Knitting Group

Next get-together **Friday 30 May 1 to 2.30pm** at St Louis' meeting room. All are welcome.

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National Volunteer week 19-25 May

Acknowledging all our wonderful volunteers in Volunteer Week. Thanks to all those who give up their time and share their gifts to help out in our many serve ministries. We have over 150 parishioners who have stepped up, many in multiple roles, who contribute enormously to our community and bless us with their presence. And we especially thank our volunteers in the Safeguarding Team who work hard to keep all our volunteers compliant. If you are interested to know more about our serve ministries, please contact Ann in the office on 9580 7981 or email mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



St Louis Tennis Club 50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday 1 June from 12pm

Spit roast, salads and dessert. \$10 per person. \$20 per family.
Just pay on the day. BYO drinks. Bookings are essential with the QR code or contact Susan 0413 979 049.

Come along and share some memories with current and past members.
Singles Club Championship finals to watch and tennis activities.



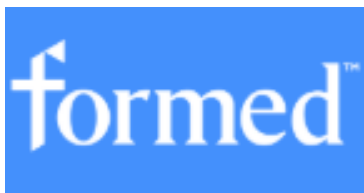
Movie Night Friday 30 May

We will be holding a MOVIE NIGHT for the parish children (aged 7-14) on **Friday, 30th May 2025** at 7PM in the St. Louis Foyer. We will be watching **The Prince of Egypt**, which is an animated musical about **Moses**, an adaptation of the Book of Exodus. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.



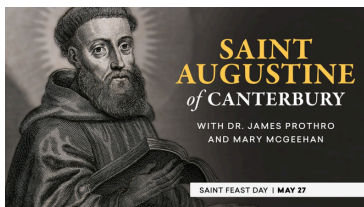
Scripture and Friendship Group - change of venue

This week's group will be held on **Tuesday 27 May** in the **St Louis' meeting room**. We begin at 10am and will finish with a cuppa about 11am. This group is open for anyone - we discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, questions or just listening. A great way to meet people in our Parish. All are welcome. Contact Bernie for any queries on 0434 928 703.



Formed

Did you know that all of our parishioners can access FORMED. Augustine Institute's "FORMED" Catholic Streaming service, offers trustworthy, high-quality content to nourish your relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



This Week on FORMED - St Augustine of Canterbury

St Augustine of Canterbury is often called the 'Apostle to the English'. A great missionary, St Augustine was pivotal in converting the Anglo-Saxons to the Catholic faith. Join Dr James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss this great saint and his witness to Jesus Christ.

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



Baptism Celebrations this weekend

We welcome into our parish family: **Oscar Nicholas, Hunter William, Thomas Stuart, Felix Thomas, Frankie Annie, Billie Lee, Tomas Seamus**

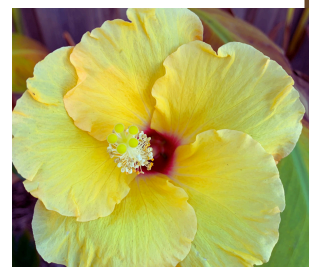
God has you in his hands on this special day.

With every step you take, He guides you on your way.

St Brigid's Gardening group - Next Gathering

Enjoy the garden plants (including this beautiful hibiscus) while working with fellow parishioners. Usual 8.30am start (or when you can get there) on **Monday 26 May**. Finishing with morning tea at about 10.30am.

Various jobs for various fitness levels.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 31 MAY/ 1 JUNE 2025

31May/1June	The Ascension of the Lord Readings Year C Acts 1: 1-11 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 46-53						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Confirmation Yr 6 reader	Confirmation Yr 6 reader	Julius Lau	Gail McGillivray	Sonia Williams	Berna Wake	Annette Brilliant
8.00am (M)	Graham Jones	Joan Healy	Chris McAleer	Jack Meyer	Jane Standish	Angela Meo	Odette Budge
9.30am (A)	Confirmation Yr 6 reader	Confirmation Year 6 reader	Ron Schneider-Loos	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Niko Tovia	Joe Corda
11.00am (M)	Confirmation Year 6 reader	Confirmation Year 6 reader	Peter Hannan	Christine D'Cruze	Volunteer	Mary Ann Farren	Lucy Cameron
Counters 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks						

Recently deceased: Fr. Paul Garland PE,
Bill Martin (Barry Le-Brocq's uncle)

Anniversaries: Rosario Costanzo - Faust Alphonso - K.M. Zachariah - Scarlett Forde - Dorothy Partleton - Dulcie Kulman - John Wain - Margarette Chung Yew - Vincent Fernandes - Hilda Sequiera - Lucia Soupe - Gaetano Di Benedetto - Paul Burrows - Tom Bibby - Laurence McCann Hudson - Jane Mannix - Branka Kuzmar - Chanelle Ibrahim - Robert (Bob) Orchard - Rupert Hood - Ashley Chatelier - James Edwin Silarsah - Eric Dickinson - Anne Thorne - Neal Joseph Frawley - Neil Bowd - Eddy Dalton - Alfred Anthony Sladen - Eric Anthony de Monte - Katrina Leason - Maureen Gray - Val Simpson - Eileen Headland.

Praying for the sick: John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Gail Bell, Andrea Williams, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Mary Norman, Sophia Bicos, Patsy Riordan, Fr Terry Kean, May Warrenner, Andrea Williams, 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

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

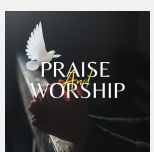
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
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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.