



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

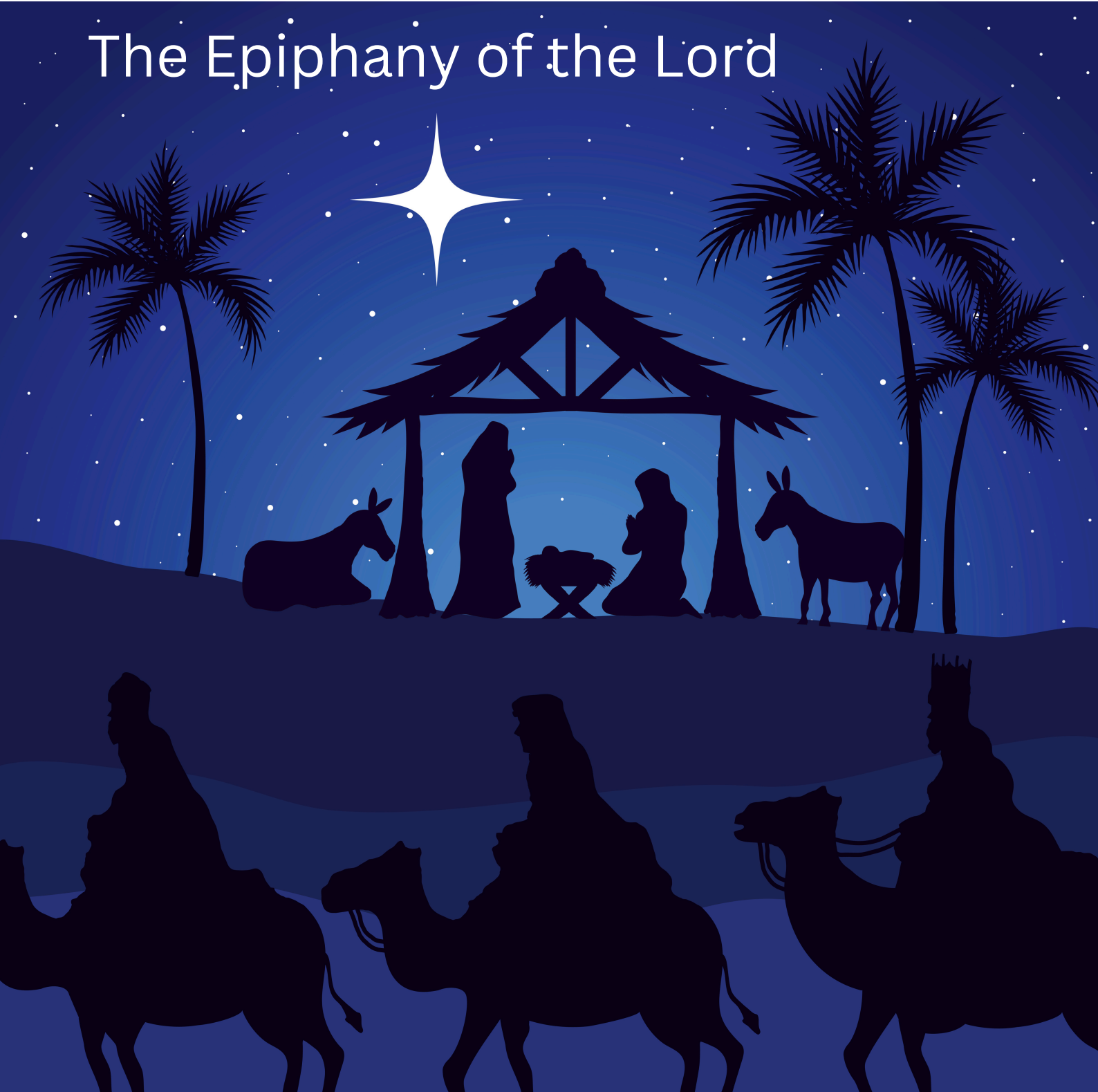
EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen Deacon: George Piech-Meat

The Epiphany of the Lord 5 January 2025

Readings for Year C Isaiah 60: 1-6, Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2: 1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord



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News and Announcements

Monday Communion Service

Monday Communion services at St Louis are taking a January break and will be back on 3rd February.

Parish Office Hours at St Louis' during the holiday period

Closed - 1st January 2025 - 24th January 2025.

Office resumes from Tuesday 28th January 2025.

If you wish to contact Fr Andrew or Fr Huy during this time please phone 9412 8432 or email

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Vinnies Christmas Collection

Thanks to all who donated so generously to Vinnies during all the Christmas masses - over \$4640 was raised. Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures. Your generosity will provide urgent relief for families in our community who are doing it tough and give them hope for a better future.

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans)

A big "thank you" to all who bought or sold ACRATH calendars or made a donation over the past couple of weeks. We sold all 60 calendars making \$600 for ACRATH. To learn more about the work of ACRATH, visit the website at <https://acrath.org.au/>

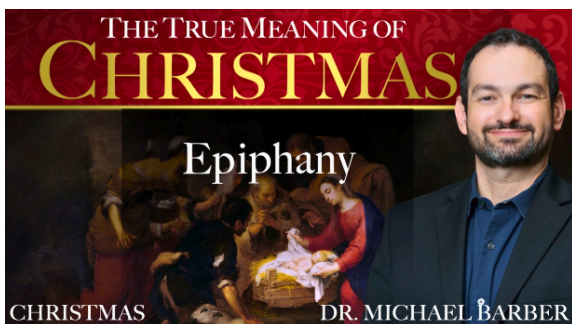
Divine Will Retreat

On January 10-12, 2025, there will be a special **Divine Will Retreat** led by **Fr. Hugh Thomas CSR** at **St Francis Xavier Church, Frankston**. The Retreat will be about the **Gift of Living in the Divine Will**, a sanctity inspired by the Italian mystic, Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta (1865-1947). There are 3 different sessions over the 3 days. You are welcome to attend one or all three and it is free. For bookings, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1327195>

Enquiries: **Graham Ebert - 0418 318 236**

FORMED

Have you signed up for Formed? If you are not aware, Formed is Netflix for Catholics. There is something for everyone: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming. Sign up for free at <https://formed.org/signup>



This Week on FORMED

The True Meaning of Christmas

Join Dr Michael Barber to learn the true meaning of the Epiphany

The Three Wise Men: Share your gifts

Ms Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts and teaches them to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



The Gospel of Luke presented by Patrick Jurd - Commencing Thursday 30th January 7.30pm at St Brigid's

This year - Year C in the church calendar, the Sunday Gospel readings come from the Gospel of Luke. The three sessions beginning on Thursday 30 January will help you to understand the Gospel better. Hopefully the sessions will also foster your faith and suggest how you might better live it. All are welcome to come along.

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Baptism Celebration

At our 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass last weekend, we welcomed into our parish family:

Joshua Charlie

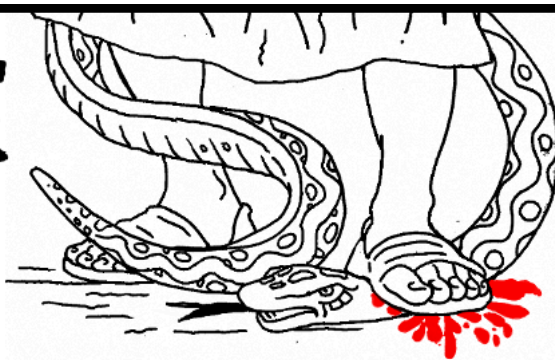
God has you always in His hands.

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

New Serve Ministry Roster

The new roster for January to March has been emailed out to all our serve ministers. Hard copies, are available at the Welcome Desk. Would you like to serve in our parish? We invite and encourage everyone to serve God and our parish. When you do, you find you are rewarded in many ways. To read about our Serve Ministries please pick up a booklet in our parish foyers or access online at our parish website.

BIBLE STUDY



The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation



Scan for more details

The Bible is amazing, but sometimes hard to read. Without a map, it's easy to get lost and confused.

But there is a narrative in the Bible that tells a single story – the story of God's plan for your salvation.

Come find out God's plan for you found in Sacred Scripture.

There is a small group planning to begin *The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation* bible study. Come join us!

Where:

When:

How much?

How to Join?

Part online (via Google Meets) and part in-person (Upper Room St. Brigid's Mordialloc)

6:30PM Tuesdays fortnightly (January 21st – late November)

Free – BYO snacks

Register by contacting Emily Wisniewski (emwisnie@gmail.com) or by signing up at the Welcome Desk at St. Brigid's.

, or at St Louis'.

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?



Alpha returns in 2025

Is there more to life than this? What do you believe? At Alpha you can ask anything...anything! Alpha is a safe place where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning. And the good news is that Alpha is returning to St Mary of the Cross Parish on the **11th of February** and continuing every Tuesday night for 8 weeks from 6.30-8.30pm. If you attended Alpha in 2024, please pray about who you would like to invite. Alpha bears fruit when friends invite friends.

We welcome you to watch this short video to learn more about what Alpha is all about and the endorsement of Alpha by the Catholic church - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNWsW_Ps1Hk

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 11/12 JANUARY 2025

11/12 Jan 25	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Readings Year C Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7 Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	Julius Lau	Marg De Vries	John Bainbridge	Annette Brilliant
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Paula Rodrigues	Marlene Tangso	Jane Standish	Carole Guthrie	Barry Wheeler	Angela Meo
9.30am (A)	Brenda O'Leary	Niko Tovia	Ann Furlong	Maureen Wraight	Felice Cortese	Berna Wake	Trish Le Brocq
11.00am (M)	Diane Wain	Peter Hannan	Gail Bell	Vikki Fitzgerald	Louise Breslin	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley			

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Urbana Reixach, Ida Morianos, Russell Mason, Jorte Alvarado, John Vines, Edward Drinan, Rose Robinson, Judith Sullivan, Amaro Rebello, Krystal Rozario, John Facci, Lidia Da Luz Rodrigues, Lidia Rodrigues, Anne Griffin, Amelania De Guzman, Herbert Jansz, Ruth Mary-Anne Keble, Martin Gannon, Michael Doyle, Carmen Rodrigues, Andrew Wiltshire, Andrew Keith Wiltshire, Michael O'Sullivan, Therese Leach, Maria Finnochiaro, Margaret Blackie, Rodney Rozario, Gregorio Aparo, Andrew Sims, Nigel David, Vincent Feehan, Rita Rebeiro, Brendan Stanton, Elaine Wise, Jack Phillips, Gaetano Masini, Christine Ewert, Jim Marshall, Bridget Murphy, Ronald Stone, Gianni Caretti, Pamela Carnegie, Bernard O'Reilly, Mani Paily, Wade Dunn, Joan Jackson, Rae McDonald, Delia (Theresa) Duffy, Peter Heffernan, Hubert Popley.

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, Desmond Dunn, 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.

Growing in Community & Belonging at St Mary of the Cross



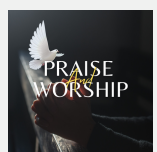
Children's Liturgy

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.

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