



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

Exultation of the Holy Cross 14 September 2025

Readings for Year C Wisdom 9: 13-18 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14: 25-33

*Our salvation comes from loving
unconditionally, as Jesus did*

The Romans used crucifixion as a way of disposing of trouble makers and keeping the rest of the populace 'in line'.

Christians turned this logic upside down. Christians said of the cross, 'This is what love looks like'.

Today's Gospel insists that Jesus' death on the cross was for us, because 'God so loved the world'. The love spoken of here is self-sacrificing love, unconditional love. Believing in Jesus, according to John's Gospel, means that all the actions of our lives align, demonstrating that we believe in Jesus.

The cross is a deep mystery. Part of its meaning is that Jesus shows us the way: our salvation comes from loving unconditionally as Jesus did. What does that look like for you?

In this Season of Creation, may our believing in Jesus be shown in our care for each part of God's creation, so that we sow seeds of peace and hope.

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner



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News and Announcements

Safeguarding Sunday 14 September

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Parish Grocery Drive

Our JAG team and parishioners are strong supporters of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP), who provide hospitality, practical support and advocacy for many refugees and people seeking asylum, many of whom experience daily trauma and uncertain futures. During this month we are asking parishioners if you can, to donate food items that will go directly to the many people BASP assist. Specifically, these are the items: **750 ml olive or vegetable oil; 100g jars coffee; sweet biscuits; medium size tuna in oil; 2 min. noodles and foil.** BASP would also appreciate shopping vouchers or cash as they try to give extra support to people over the Christmas season. There will be boxes in the church foyers where you can place these items.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) Fundraiser Raffle

"I was a stranger, and you made me welcome..."

Please support our 2025 fundraiser for BASP with our raffle over the month of September. There are several unique and wonderful prizes including: 1st Prize: Original oil painting from artist **Ann Stevenson**; 2nd Prize: Beautiful statue of St Michael; 3rd Prize: Two handmade woollen blankets; 3rd Prize: Garden wishing well & children's book; 4th Prize \$50 Dymocks voucher. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets on sale from this weekend.



PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of your wings till the storms of destruction pass by (Psalm 57:1). The storms of abuse have struck and have not yet passed by. We see the damage done and we seek shelter in you. Beneath your wings we gather the survivors and their loved ones, all the victims, living and dead. We gather those who work to bring healing and to make the Church a safe place for all. We gather all the faithful, the Body of Christ, bearing the wounds of the Cross. May the Church grow more like you, wings spread wide to provide shelter for all, till the storms of destruction pass by and peace without end has come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



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The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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



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Let's Do Footy Lunch

Please join us on **Tuesday 16 September 12 to 2pm in the St Louis' Church foyer**. Enjoy a special Footy themed lunch with a fun footy quiz and spot prizes. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's **Assist a Student Program**. All are welcome. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Praise and Worship Night

Everyone is invited to join in a joyful, uplifting and worshipful time with Jesus, through music, scripture and prayer. Come along, bring a friend and feel the power of the Holy Spirit. Our next gathering is **Friday 19 September from 7.30-8.30pm at St Louis' Church**.

Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Group support one another in their relationship with Christ. In a confidential, safe and caring environment the group help each other to navigate the responsibilities of life, deepening friendships and growing in faith. Our next get together will be on **Thursday 18 September at St Louis from 7.30pm**. All are welcome.



Season of Creation

Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that

human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

We recently had a parish talk from Patrick Jurd on Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si ; Care for our Common Home. If you missed it you can watch the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fg-R GTg7mM>.

Catholic Earthcare have also created this video Celebrating 10 years of Laudato Si' in Australia on Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/1112169729?share=copy>

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Families Journeying Together

On Tuesday 9 September our children from non-Catholic schools who together with their Mum or Dad have been journeying with us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation over the past weeks, received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a beautiful celebration presided by Fr Andrew.

This was the first time that we have invited parents and children to be part of the preparation journey for the special gift of Reconciliation for children from non-Catholic schools. The response and participation from the parents has been exceptional. Please continue to pray for Casey, Lenny, Lachlan and their families.

If you know of any families from government schools who have baptised children wishing to make the sacraments in 2026 please contact the Parish Office at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Parish archives

The parish has some archived history that requires some sorting. Do you have some spare time and are interested in our history? The Kingston Council are also available to assist with this project.

Please contact Fr. Andrew.



Blessing of pets

On the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals on **Saturday 4 October** we invite you and your family and friends to bring your pets for a blessing. Father will bless each pet and all will receive a blessing certificate.

When: Saturday 4 October

Where: St Brigid's Church, Mordialloc (on the steps)

Time: 10-10.30am

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

20/21 Sept 25	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Amos 8: 4-7 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 Luke 16: 1-13						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Marie Seddon	Joanne Partleton	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marg De Vries	Danny Carey	Carmel Barker
8.00am (M)	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Chris McAleer	Jack Guthrie	Marlene Tangso	Stephen Pooley	Odette Budge	Jane Standish
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Lisa Tuke	Ron Schneider-Loos	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Sr Gail Ryan	Joe Corda
11.00am (M)	Peter Hannan	Gail Bell	Phillippa Pecora	Jaun Wilson	Christine D'Cruze	Helen Rocks	MaryAnn Farren
Counters 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom				

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: William Blackie - Anthony Purcell - Dea Thomson - Kevin Worfolk - Leonarda Costanzo - Bridget Gallagher - Janos Pastor - Ribomapil Concon - Maureen Payton - Ellis Melder - Andrew Atherton - Alex Baptist - Michael O'Leary - Bernie Varney - Hilary Rooney - Gary Callaghan - Glen Callaghan - Verlie Callaghan - Gus Pottier - Joan Jose - Alexander Louis - Ruby Mannix - Maureen Allday - Rose Farren - Paolo Carnibella - Joan Phillips - Darbra Singh - Felecia Cresswell - Peter Crawford - Aniello Pollio - Zsolt Bogner - Francis Mannix - Ita Mary Munro - Owen O'Leary - Charlie Attard - Marie Celine Gregory - Anthony Lamperd - Richard Potter - Bridgid Murphy - Br. Calixtus Cusack FSC - Matthew Lazaroo.

Praying for healing and the sick: Fr Michael Shadbolt, Chris Doran, Chris Wardle, Ann Muir, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Sophia Bicos, Fr Terry Kean, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Kees Meyer, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

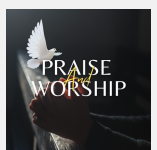
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
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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:

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