



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 October 2025

Readings for Year C Exodus 17: 8-13 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2 Luke 18: 1-8



*"Justice should shape our
conscience and guide our
actions"*

Pope Leo reminds us that justice is far more than the application of laws or the work of judges.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

True justice, he says, is seen in the widow's persistence that urges the judge to recover his sense of fairness.

As a cardinal virtue, justice should shape our conscience and guide our actions. When we act justly, we serve individuals, society and the state with full dedication. True justice honours the dignity of every person and seeks equality in both opportunity and respect, becoming real only when it reaches out to others.

Wendy Sullivan
St Brigid's Principal



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News and Announcements

Fr Andrew's announcement - Congratulations on your new appointment Fr Andrew

For those who were not able to make it along to any of our masses last weekend you may have missed the news that after 15 years, Fr Andrew's time at St Mary of the Cross is coming to an end. Fr Andrew has accepted the role of PP at Flemington/Kensington Parish. He will be leaving us on January 12, 2026. His replacement is not yet known but he will let us know as soon as it is decided. Fr Huy will also be transferred, and we will once again become a one priest parish. This news is sad for us all as we absorb the realisation that we will be losing our much-loved Fr Andrew and also losing Fr Huy who we were just getting to know well. But we will look forward and be confident in the strength of our Leadership and our parish community. We will trust in the Holy Spirit to send us a shepherd who will help continue the momentum of our parish. Our journey of renewal towards missionary discipleship will go on.

Food for Friends

Do you have an upright freezer that you no longer need? We would love to put it to use at St Brigid's to have another drop off and pick up point for our meals to help those in need. Call Helen 0488 997 233.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family Jack Matthew, Miles Pau, Myla Rose

God has you in his hands on this special day. With every step you take, he guides you on your way.



Are you able to help?

One of our Parishioner's who attends 11am mass at St Brigid's has recently been diagnosed with dementia and can no longer drive. Bevan lives in Heatherton and would love to keep coming. If you are able to help please contact Ann in the office 9580 7981.

All Souls Day 2 November and our Memorial Book

All Souls Day 2025 falls on Sunday, November 2nd. During the month of November, we have our Memorial Book placed on the altar at both churches observing, remembering and praying for departed family members and friends. If you have registered your loved one's name previously with the parish, they will be included automatically in the Parish Bulletin & the Memorial Book. If you haven't but would like to do so, there are forms available in the church foyers until **Friday 24 October**.

Scammer Alert

Parishioners be aware of any emails from the parish asking for donations via link.

A neighbouring parish has been scammed this way so be aware and vigilant not to respond to the request.

A Pastoral letter on euthanasia and assisted suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed the new laws would further weaken protection for vulnerable patients and reduce protection for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws. You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill



Be Your Best Now®: Two Special Wellbeing Workshops

Grounded in the modern science of human flourishing and thriving, these sessions will offer practical tools you can put into practice straight away to strengthen your wellbeing and live with greater happiness, balance and positivity.

Mark Carazzo (parishioner) will present **Wellbeing: The Foundations – Part One and Part Two on Tuesday 21 October and Tuesday 28 October, from 7:00–8:15 p.m at St Louis' Church.**

He will share the key elements that science shows are vital for us to truly thrive—while also uncovering the subtle barriers that can quietly undermine our happiness. **All are welcome, feel free to invite family and friends. Sign up at the welcome Desk.**

Mark holds a Professional Certificate in Positive Psychology (Honours) from the Centre for Wellbeing Science at the University of Melbourne. He is also a Certified Level 2 Wellness Coach (Wellness Coaching Australia) & a Qualified Meditation Teacher (Melbourne Meditation Centre), & holds Bachelor degrees in Law and Economics.

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Family Violence Workshop

Bystander Training

On **Saturday 25 October** from **2.00 - 4.00pm** we are holding a very important workshop at St Louis' on this major societal issue.

Topics to be covered include:

Understanding the nature and dynamics of family violence; recognising the signs and learning

strategies to respond. All are invited but we do need you to register. Places are limited. If this is of interest to you please contact Helen at rockshelen@yahoo.com by **22 October**.

Welcome to our school children and their families

Next weekend our Yr 2 children at St Louis and Yr 1/2 at St Brigid's will be joining us for our weekend masses. Please make them and their families welcome to our weekend celebration of the Eucharist and then join them for a cuppa after mass that will be served by the parents.

Parish survey coming next week

It is now 4.5 years since we embarked on our parish renewal entitled "Opening the Door's to Christ's Love" to move our parish from Maintenance to Mission, asking all to embrace the call of Jesus to make disciples, to grow deeper in faith, to serve in ministry and to invite and welcome all to experience the love of our parish community and of our Lord. The Parish Leadership Team have been working on taking our parish plans further and prior to sharing these with you, we seek your feedback as to how you feel the parish is progressing. Father will explain more over the next two weekends and we will have a simple parish survey which we invite all parishioners to complete as this feedback will be invaluable for our Parish Mission plans.

World Mission Sunday Third Collection this weekend

As we come to World Mission Sunday on **19 October**, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing prayers and support. Please continue to pray for the mothers and children of rural Zambia. We remember in a special way the mothers who walk for days in labour to give birth in makeshift shelters, and the children who walk over 10 kms to access education. Your prayers are a profound act of solidarity, carrying hope and compassion across the miles. [Donate online here.](#)

Name Tag Sunday & Prayer Ministry next weekend

Please pick up your name tag on the way into mass next weekend. Please drop your name tag in the box on the way out after mass. Next weekend is a cuppa one, please feel free to bring a plate to share. Prayer Ministers will also be available after each mass to pray with you for any intention.

Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) - Melbourne Cup Sweep 2025

The sale of tickets in our annual Melbourne Cup Sweep are available after weekend Masses through until Sunday 2 Nov. Horse numbers will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Eve (3 Nov) with lucky recipients informed by telephone. **Tickets cost \$2.** Proceeds fund \$100 Bursaries for nominated Grade 6 students at our 3 local Parish Schools. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Australian Catholic Summer Edition

The latest edition is available free of charge for you in our church foyers.



Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyla, who would one day become Pope John Paul III! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26 OCTOBER 2025

25/26 Oct 2025 30th Sund Ord Time Readings (Year C) Sirach 35:12-14,16-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14 **CUPPA W'END**

	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Year 2 level Family Mass		Carmel Barker	Anthony Barnhoorn	Marg De Vries	Gail Hamilton	John Bainbridge	Ann Brennan Berna Wake
8.00am (M)	Celine George	Volunteer	Jane Standish	Marlene Tangso	Jack Guthrie	Angela Meo	Joey Virginie	Connie Nichols Jack Meyer
9.30am (A)	Year 2 level Family Mass		Mary Nayna	Aida Adriano	Ron Schneider-Loos	Rosemary Miller	Blessen Mathai	Brenda O'Leary Felice Cortese
11.00am (M)	Years 1 & 2 level Family Mass		Gail Bell	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Ellen Young	MaryAnn Farren	Volunteer Nicole Mielczarek
Counters	Group 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom				

Recently deceased: Frances Kelson (Chelsea).

Anniversaries: Kathleen (Terrie) Beatie, Eileen Mary Ford, Peg Murphy, Florette Dunn, Aileen Osborne, Vivienne Meehan, Patrick (Cyril) Monaghan, Coral Phelan, Denis Foley, Charles Sterling, Esme Melder Francis, Ivy Woodwiss, Zennath Lobo, Sergio Bertolini, Valerie Boyd, Maria Tuagalu, Gregory Murphy, Beverley Cresswell, May Vaz, Bill O'Dwyer, Margaret Carey, Feliciana Maranon, John McFall, Joseph Fernandez, Raymond Cruickshank, Kevin Bailey, Estakee Baretto, John O'Sullivan, Jose Luis Assiego, Scott Close, Robert Bruce, Josip Bubica, Bob Wilson, Marie O'Dea, Stanley (Stan) Kelti, Marie Bateman, Enrique Madrid Flores, Mary Laws, Josie Tobin, Lou Van Beveren, Maureen Jackson, Clifford Jambu, Denise Wilson, Catherine Sterling, Bill O'Brien, Ivan Baptist, Bill Fergus, John Lazaro, Simon Au, Rosie Mendonça.

Praying for healing and the sick: Lina DiGiovine, Alex Bennett, John Davis, 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, Kees Meyer, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Craig Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

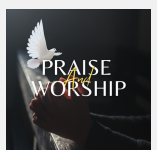
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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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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 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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Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9580 7981
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Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
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Denise 0412 926 752