



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 Body and Blood of Christ 22 June 2025

Readings for Year C Genesis 14: 18-20 First Corinthians 11: 23-26 Luke 9: 11-17

*"They all ate and
were satisfied"*

Pope Francis states 'Instituted during the Last Supper, the Eucharist was like the destination of a journey in which Jesus had prefigured through several signs, above all the multiplication of the loaves narrated in the Gospel of today's Liturgy. Jesus takes care of the huge crowd that had followed him to listen to his word and to be freed from various evils. He blesses five loaves and two fish, breaks them, the disciples distribute them, and "they all ate and were satisfied".

In the Eucharist, everyone can experience this loving and concrete attention of the Lord. Those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ with faith not only eat, but are satisfied. To eat and to be satisfied: these are two basic necessities that are fulfilled in the Eucharist.

When you are at Eucharist, eating that special meal of Jesus' body and blood, how do you remember Jesus? What do you think about?

Wendy Sullivan
St Brigid's Primary School Principal



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News and Announcements

Christmas on the Streets Faith Development

Night for Yrs 5 & 6 Tuesday 24 June 7pm at St Brigid's church

All are welcome to come along to listen to Roseanne Rofaeel, the founder of COTS, share her inspiring story. Inspired by Mother Teresa, she was drawn to the streets of Melbourne, to the margins, supporting those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Roseanne, guided by the Holy Spirit, strives towards breaking the stigma surrounding those who have found themselves in unfortunate circumstances and reminds whoever she encounters, that they are unconditionally loved, important and worthy. COTS is an extraordinary story of truly living the Gospel messages. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Let the Heart Listen Program from Heart of Life-Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation.

Online: 31 July- 30 Oct 2025

Let the Heart Listen Program is designed for those who accompany others through life's journey—through listening, presence, and support. This online-only experience invites you into a space of deep transformation and connection. Let the Heart Listen is grounded in the practice of contemplative listening—learning to respond with heart to yourself, others, and to God. Through this experience, you will develop the capacity to listen deeply and compassionately, becoming more present to the sacred in everyday life. For further details please see the link provided: [Let the Heart Listen](#)

Save the Date - "Invitation Changes Everything - Build a Parish that Reaches Out" with Michael Harvey. Sunday 20 July at St Louis School Hall 10.30 to 1.30pm



Can a simple invitation really change a life? According to Michael Harvey, it absolutely can and often does. In this powerful, interactive session, renowned speaker and founder of Back to Church Sunday, Michael Harvey, will invite us into a bold new vision:

a parish culture where invitation is second nature, not second thought. Together, we'll: Unpack the fears that hold us back from reaching out. We encourage all parishioners to register for this very special event. All are welcome, invite a friend. **Date: Sunday 20 July Time: 9:30am (Mass) - 10.30-1.30pm (Michael's Session)**

Venue: St Louis Church for Mass, St Louis' School Hall for the presentation. Lunch provided

Register [here](#) or at

<https://divinerenovation.org/calendar/%f0%9f%87%a6%f0%9f%87%ba-invitation-changes-everything-build-a-parish-that-reaches-out-3/>

Peter's Pence Collection - Next weekend

On 29 June the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. There will be a 3rd collection next weekend or you may wish to donate online [here](#).

Parish Groups & Activities

Scripture and Friendship Group

Our next Scripture and Friendship group will meet on **Tuesday, 24 June** at Ann's home, 47 Gothic Road, Aspendale. 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. **For any queries contact Ann on 0425 712 741.**

Kidz Zone

Our youngest children (5-12 years) sing, play and use their imagination to hear stories about Jesus and begin what we pray is a relationship with their lifelong friend Jesus. Kidz Zone is on during all masses **next weekend (28/29 June)** except 8am.

Prayer ministry

Prayer Ministry is the practice of two or more people praying with you for a particular intention. **We will have prayer teams available after Mass next weekend (28/29 June)** to pray for any intention that you have at this time. The prayer team will gently guide you, all you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God! Father will announce the Prayer Ministry teams at the end of Mass.

News and Announcements

Domestic and Family Violence: What can we do?

Family violence – also known as domestic violence or abuse – is any abusive behaviour that is used to control someone in a family, family-like or intimate relationship, and makes that person afraid for their safety and wellbeing or the safety of another person. If a child witnesses abusive behaviour or is exposed to the impacts of this, they are a victim of family violence in their own right. As explained in our recent bulletin notice, coercive control is a pattern of behaviour used to control, manipulate and dominate another person. It underlies other forms of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional, financial and spiritual. Physical and sexual violence are two of the most commonly recognised forms of domestic and family abuse. For more information, click on this [link](#).

24-hour help is available: Ring police on 000 for emergency support or 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 723) for confidential counselling and support.

Expert series: On Being Dad | Kingston Libraries - Monday 23rd June 2025

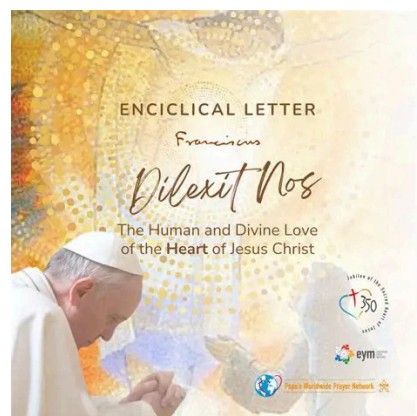
 **6:00pm - 7:30pm**  **Parkdale Library**

Join Steven Taylor, Program Facilitator from Relationships Australia Victoria, for an engaging and supportive session focused on fatherhood, mental health, and resilience. This session offers practical tools, expert insights, and a welcoming space for dads to reflect, connect, and build confidence in their parenting journey.



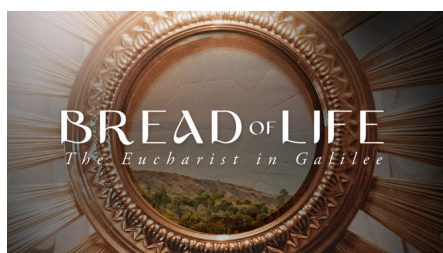
Feast of the Sacred Heart

This Friday is the special feast of the Sacred Heart which is celebrating the 350th anniversary of the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in France. School masses will be celebrated on Thursday 26 June, St Louis' school hall at 9.15am and on Friday 27 June at 11.30am at St Brigid's. You can read about Pope Francis' encyclical "Dilexit Nos" on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ at this link: [Pope Francis "Dilexit Nos"](#)



First Eucharist

This weekend our Catechist children are making their First Eucharist at the 9.30am mass at St Louis'. May the blessings of Christ be upon them always. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



This Week on FORMED -

Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist of the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr Tim Gray for this exciting 5 - part series. Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>



80TH

Happy Birthday Donald

Best wishes to Donald Laughlin on the reaching his milestone 80th birthday on June 19. May the Lord bless you with good health and the Holy Spirit watch over you.

Save the Date - Run Melbourne 13 July 2025

We are still looking for walkers to accompany a SMOTC team to raise money for BASP/CRISP (the refugee family) and ACRATH ? The 5.5km course starts at 10.10am from Batman Avenue. Come and join a pleasant walk in our great city. Contact Trish on 0421 604 849.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL - 29 JUNE 2025

28/29 June 25	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Apostles Year C Acts 3: 1-10 Galatians 1: 11-20 John 21: 15-19							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Michael Barker	Bernie Stuart	Gail McGillivray	Sonia Williams	Bernie Stuart	John Bainbridge	Bob Ward Carmel Barker
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Tony Aloysious	Joan Healy	John Guthrie	Marlene Tangso	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Jack Meyer Connie Nichols
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Elizabeth Newington	Ron Schneider -Loos	Felice Cortese	Ann Furlong	Volunteer	Joe Corda	Jon Searle Teresa Basile
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Nola Petraitis	Helen Rocks	Juan Wilson	Peter Hannan	Robyn Worsnop	Lucy Cameron	Nola Petraitis Nicole Mielczarek
Counters 5	Aileen Dynes	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn						

Recently deceased: Carmela Macaro (died in Italy- Aunt of Julia, Mordialloc)

Anniversaries: Urbana Reixach-Juliá - Joan Murray - Jack Cassidy - Evelyn Chatelier - Irene Dignam - Janette Lannen - Dorothy Whyte - Phoebe Wilson - Bridget Lindfield - Silvio Lobianco - Elaine Lawrie - Concetta Costanzo - Maureen Jackson - Peter O'Toole - Chris Kelly - Salvatore Barbagallo - Mary (Molly) Creaney - Flavian Fernandez - Daphne Sims - Max Sims - Rosina Castleman - Rosina Chalmers - Joan Weston - Lesley Lambert - George Aquilina - Marie O'Connell - Pat Currigan - Jeremiah Currigan - Donald Pearle - Iva Coletti - Joan Watkins - Wendy Harris - Rudy Rebeiro - George Foster - Gladys Foster - Mark Lyovic - Harry Bibby - Peter Wraight - Joyce Tulk - George Barbutt - Maria Macaro.

Praying for the sick: John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Gail Bell, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Mary Norman, Sophia Bicos, Patsy Riordan, Fr Terry Kean, May Warrener, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies.

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

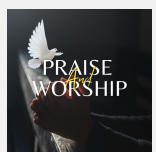
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
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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.

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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Helen 0498 178 899
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