



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 September 2025

Readings for Year C Amos 8: 4-7 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 Luke 16: 1-13

*"No one can serve
two masters"*

In a world that prioritises wealth and materialism, Jesus' message in Luke's Gospel challenges us to focus on the small, everyday actions that reflect true faithfulness.

While the world tells us to seek bigger homes, fancier cars, and larger bank accounts, Jesus reminds us that we must first be faithful in the small things before being trusted with greater responsibilities.

He warns that "no one can serve two masters," urging us to choose between serving God or wealth. Money can distort our view, turning people into mere resources rather than neighbors to love.

Serving God means living with love, grace, and justice at the heart of our decisions.

True wealth isn't measured by possessions but by virtues like generosity, compassion, and peace. In a world focused on accumulation, faithful living, through small acts of kindness, honesty, and generosity is a revolutionary act that embodies God's love in the world.

Tanya Stefanic
St Louis Deputy Principal
and Wellbeing Leader



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News and Announcements



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. Donation boxes are in the church foyers.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) Fundraiser Raffle

Please support our 2025 fundraiser for BASP with our raffle over the month of September. There are several unique and wonderful prizes: 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.

Food for Friends - Helping Others in need

Our freezer is looking a little bare. If you have some time to cook up a few meals to restock the freezer at St Louis' that would be very appreciated.

Social Services Sunday: Anchors of Hope



Sunday 21 September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.

Reflection question: How might we better support each other to support those doing it tough in our communities and society?

Family Violence: What can we do?

You sense something isn't ok. You see or hear something that concerns you. Now what?

Someone near you may be experiencing family violence. You want to help but you are not sure how. What should you say? What should you do?

As part of our parish focus on family violence, the Justice Action Group is offering a workshop on responding to family violence. It aims to develop participants' ability to:

Understand the nature and dynamics of family violence; Recognise the signs of family violence; Respond well to people experiencing violence; Respond well to people using violence.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday 25 October, 2-4pm at St Louis' church foyer**, followed by a cuppa.

Places are limited. Please contact Helen Rocks to book: 0488 997 233 or rockshelen@yahoo.com

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

70th

Happy 70th Birthday Pope Leo (September 14)

May the Holy Spirit Bless Pope Leo on his 70th Birthday. May he continue to serve our Catholic Community for many years to come as he spreads the message of peace and hope.



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Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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



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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>

Please join us outside after all our Masses this weekend to pray the Prayer of Creation, and enjoy the beauty of our church gardens. Also please take one of our sunflower seed sheets and plant it in your garden to enjoy these beautiful sunny flowers in the heat of summer.

PEACE WITH CREATION

Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become—from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ, who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships—with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation.

Prince of Peace, through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world. Through your resurrection, make us people of hope — with a vision of swords turned into plough shares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labor for your peace — a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family the following children:

**Lachlan Thomas, Michelle Indigo, Alexander Charles,
Addison Rose, Parker John, Patrick Lucas**

God has you in his hands on this special day.

With every step you take, he guides you on your way



Healing and Anointing Mass - Tuesday night 14 October 7pm at St Brigid's

Please join us for our Healing and Anointing Mass. All are invited to come along for healing and anointing - whether it be for ill health, mental health, spiritual health, family violence or anything really. Please take advantage of this opportunity - anointing and healing is for all of us.



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 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

27/28 Sept 2025	26 th Sunday Ordinary Time Readings (Year C) Amos 6:1,4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31 CUPPA WEEKEND							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Marg De Vries	Volunteer	Christine D'Cruze	Julius Lau	Volunteer	Gail Hamilton	John Bainbridge	Bob Ward Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Jane Standish	Frances North	Chris McAleer	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Josie Johnson Tony Aloysious
9.30am (A)	Ann Furlong	Niko Tovia	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Felice Cortese	John Searle	Felice Cortese	Teresa Basile Berna Wake
11.00am (M)	Volunteer	Peter Hannan	Louise Breslin	Helen Rocks	Peter Wain	Robyn Worsnop	Vanessa Fernandes	Graham Harrison Ellen Young
Counters	Group 5	Aileen Dynes	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn					

Recently deceased: Mario Turone (St Brigid's).

Anniversaries: Mattia Aparo - Sebastiano Costanzo -

Joyce (Dolly) Hendricks - Pat Edward - Dorren Keating - Betty Cutts - Margherita Trettel - Nayda Churches - Carl Beer - Marie Cooper - Lucy Rogen - Luciana Miglietti - Alexandra Grace Walsh - Ruby Stoppa - Clare Dunn - Mary Augello - Mary Gleeson - Stefan Mitula - Godwin Cassano - Rodelio Torres - Gwen Murfett - Ken Lawrence - Eileen Raphael - Msgnr Lawrence Chua - Zorka Marinovic - Ruth Hickey - Cyril Touhy - Bert Vickers - Annie McFall - Ron Argent - Greg Kellett - Denzil Popley - Don Swaine - Frank Buxton - Joseph Stuart Hamilton - Sarah McCorquodale - Paola Zahra - Therese Antonios.

Praying for healing and the sick: 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, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Kees Meyer, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Nancy Maxfield, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

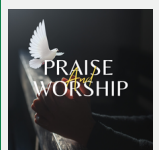
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
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 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:

Fr Andrew Jakot 03 9580 7981
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9580 7981
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