



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 June 2026

Readings for Year A Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33

"Do not be afraid"

Matthew 10:26

*"No faithful witness
is ever forgotten"*

The Gospel confronts the fears that often silence believers: fear of rejection, persecution, and the opinions of others. Jesus answers these fears by pointing to a deeper reality of God's knowledge, providence, and final judgment. He calls His disciples to courageously confess Him before others, assuring them that whoever acknowledges Him on earth will be acknowledged by Him before the Father in heaven.

Many Christians experience subtle pressures today to keep their faith private when it seems inconvenient or unpopular. Jesus speaks directly into this struggle, reminding us that truth in God's sight matters more than human approval.

He also teaches that we should not fear those who can harm only the body, but rather live with reverence for God, who holds our eternal destiny in His hands. This is not a denial of suffering but a call to rightly ordered courage.

Today, many of our Christian brothers and sisters continue to face persecution in regions such as West Asia, Nigeria, China, and elsewhere because of their faith in Christ. Their witness challenges and inspires us to remain steadfast, to proclaim the Gospel boldly, and to support them through our prayers and raising awareness among those in positions of leadership.

This Gospel reassures us that God knows and values every life. Nothing is hidden from Him, and no faithful witness is ever forgotten.

Tony Aloysious
Parishioner



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News and Announcements

Annual Winter Appeal for people experiencing homelessness



Our JAG group have started their annual winter appeal for people experiencing homelessness and at risk in our community. Please leave your donations of warm scarves, beanies, socks, gloves and blankets in the boxes provided in the foyers. These donations are so appreciated and needed by the charities that receive them.

Confirmation catechists children starting their journey

Please pray for our catechist children accompanied by their parents who are starting their journey this week towards their Confirmation in August. Please welcome them to our masses this weekend.

Food for Friends - Thank you

"We would like to thank all who made meals and donated to our Food For Friends freezer in the past month. We are now fully stocked and wish to share these meals with as many people as possible. If you think of anyone who may enjoy a home cooked meal please let us know at the Parish Office on 03 9580 7981."



FORMED - Saint Thomas Moore: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-

Reformation. In this episode, learn about St Thomas Moore, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII. Go to: <https://formed.org/signup> type in St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc and Aspendale, and enter your name and email address, for free access to this and much more great content.



This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to

catholicmission.org.au/united



During 2026, the Archdiocese will provide clear details regarding the purpose, process, and how this important journey for the People of God in Melbourne will unfold.

Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

Synodality and trust

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au



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News and Announcements

Mass for Harrison Kolodziej 9:30am Sunday 21 June at St Louis' Church

"Anna Kolodziej is a much loved member of the St Louis' school community, she has been at the school for many years. On the 23rd of May, her family was devastated with the life changing injury suffered by her 17 year old son Harrison. A Go Fund Me page has been set up to support Harrison as he faces ongoing specialist care. The community is supporting the Kolodziej family in any way we can. On the 21st of June Father Michael has invited their family and friends for a special Mass at 9.30am at St Louis' and a morning tea to follow." – *Eva Traynor (St Louis' teacher)*.

This Mass will be livestreamed, link at:

9.30am mass 21 June St Louis'

Link to the Go Fund Me page or QR code:

<https://gofund.me/32b66e135>

Please continue to keep Harrison, Anna, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Let the Heart Listen



Heart of Life, 69 Alto Avenue, Croydon
This is a 12-week online, part-time formation program 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.

This program is an invitation to: personal transformation, compassion and connections with others, and to deepen your relationship with God 12 x Thursday Evenings (Online only) from 31 July – 30 October. (Note: No sessions on 25th Sept & 2nd Oct due to school holidays) **Time:** 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Cost:** \$925 AUD.

Link for more information: [Let the Heart Listen](#)

Keeping our community safe

St Mary of the Cross is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults. Our parish follows strict safeguarding policies to ensure everyone can participate in our community safely. All serve ministers and staff must complete a Working with Children check and complete the archdioceses online safeguarding course. We encourage anyone with concerns about a child or vulnerable adult to contact our Child Safeguarding Team (see back page for contact details.)

Mass count numbers

May 2026 Weekend Mass Attendances					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
6pm St Louis'	132	143	123	138	536
8am St Brigid's	118	144	118	88	468
9.30am St Louis'	106	133	91	91	421
11am St Brigid's	145	162	122	170	599
	501	582	454	487	2024
Average					506
Online Views					
	141	114	131	110	496
Average					124

Serve Ministries

We invite, encourage and support everyone to serve in a ministry using the gifts that God has given them.



Love meeting new people? Join our Welcomer Team.



Passion for bringing the love of Jesus to children? Join our Children's Liturgy - KidzZone Team.



Do you love being present with another, listening and sharing God's love, comfort and mercy through prayer? Join our Prayer Ministry Team.



Do you love proclaiming the Word of God, bringing the Scripture to life for our parish community? Join our Lectors and Commentators Team.

Visit our [parish website](#) to find a full list of our Serve Ministries or pick up a copy of our Serve Ministries booklet in the church foyers.

Even easier please approach one of our Parish Leadership Team to have a chat, and find out more.

See where God is calling you to serve

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH JUNE 2026

27/28 June 2026	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10: 37-42						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Carmel Barker	Jennifer Ford	Sonia Williams	Marg De Vries	Bernie Stuart	Berna Wake	Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Volunteer	Tony Aloysious	Stephen Pooley	Jack Meyer	Jack Guthrie	Joan Healy	Joey Virginie
9.30am (A)	Ann Furlong	Maureen Wraight	Ron Schneider-Loos	Felice Cortese	Mary Nayna	Lex Miller	Joe Corda
11.00am (M)	Dianne Wain	Adam Whatmore	Louise Breslin	Christine D'Cruze	Philippa Pecora	Vanessa Fernandes	Volunteer
Counters	Group 4 Bern & Geoff Terrell Susan Dornom						

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: George Barbutt, Margaret Nichols, Ann Beruldsen, Marie Mitchell, Ali Gafayri, Alwyn Dunn, Kevin Brown, Ernest Burns, Ruth D'Astoli, Robert Moss, Urbana Reixach-Juliá, Joan Murray, Jack Cassidy, Evelyn Chatelier, Irene Dignam, Janette Lannen, Chris Kelly, Dorothy Whyte, Phoebe Wilson, Bridget Lindfield, Silvio Lobianco, Elaine Lawrie, Concetta Costanzo, Peter O'Toole, 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

Praying for healing and the sick: Alex Kalpakoff, Mim Rodolico, Michael Albert, Angela Meo, Fr Terry Keane, Luis, Marisa, Julie Griffiths, Steve Govac, Chris Wardle, Deborah Joseph, Chris Doran, Ruben David, Rita Popley, Vasilos Garavelis, Mary Agiropoulos, Prunella Julien, Sophia Bicos, Maree Wesols, Peter Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Noleen Dunn, John Catalano, Damian Haggerty, Alasdair Hughes, Andrea Williams, Brilliant boys, Leonard Hamilton.

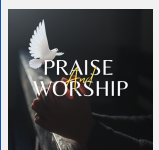
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. 6pm, 9:30am and 11am



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.

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

Pastoral care
If you would like a pastoral visit, we have volunteers 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

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:
[catholicmassstmaryofthecross](http://catholicmassstmaryofthecross.com)

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis' Mon 9.15am Communion Service,
St Louis' Tues 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 Fri after 11.30am Mass
St Louis' Sat 5.30pm before 6pm Mass

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Michael, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake, John Field

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 Michael Kong 9580 7981
Trish 0421 604 849
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Deacon George 9580 7981