



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

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King 23 November 2025

Readings for Year C 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 Colossians 1: 12-20 Luke 23: 35-43



*Prepare to welcome the
humble King*

The Feast of Christ the King invites us to pause at the threshold of a new liturgical year and remember who stands at the centre of our faith.

Celebrated in the final week before Advent, it acts as both a culmination and a beginning. We look back over the year just lived, recognising moments where Christ's gentle kingship- rooted not in power but in service, compassion, and truth, has shaped our lives.

At the same time, this feast turns our eyes forward. As Advent approaches, we prepare to welcome the humble King who comes not with force but with hope. Christ the King reminds us that true authority is found in love, and that our lives are meant to reflect His way of humility and justice.

Standing on the edge of Advent, we are invited to renew our trust in Christ who reigns now and comes again in glory.

Marylene Douglas
St Louis RE Leader
and Lead Learner



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Advent Prepare the Way

Advent Groups - starting the week of 24 November

Our Advent Groups will be starting this week beginning 24 November. There are a number of choices, including 2 online Zoom groups. It is a great chance to share, discuss, reflect and pray with a small group and help us to allow hope to flourish in this Jubilee Year. The small group choices are:

Monday 7.30pm online via Zoom with John and Anne Field. Tuesday 10am at St Louis with Bernie Stuart. Tuesday 2pm at the home of Mary Nayna. Wednesday after 10am mass at St Brigid's with Kristian Tangso. Wednesday 7.30pm at the home of Tony and Josie. Thursday 7.30pm online via Zoom with Ann Furlong. The sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk to choose your preference.

Saturday 6 December Advent Retreat 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's church "An encounter with Jesus on the way"

Prepare your mind and heart for Christmas with a gentle morning with Mark Walsh. We'll enter into silence, prayer, lectio divina, visio divina, and spiritual conversation throughout the day. If the weather permits, we will also take a short walk in the nearby gardens.

Sign-up sheet on the welcome desk.



The Advent period can sometimes feel hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! **In How to Advent**, you will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual

reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene. To access the short 12-15 minute weekly videos at Formed. If you are already a subscriber go to <https://app.formed.org/app/collections/1452578>. If you are yet to subscribe to our parish subscription (free of charge to you) go to formed.org/signup and select our parish.



sharethedignity

Share the Dignity - 14 to 30 November

It's in the Bag is one of Australia's most cherished Christmas appeals, where we encourage everyday Australians to fill a handbag (teen, adult, or mum & bub bag) with essential items and a simple handwritten note. Make Christmas special for someone living in crisis.

Fill a new handbag or a pre-loved one (in excellent condition) with life's essentials and a few luxury items to help someone in need. There is a list of the items on the Welcome Desk or access at <https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/> If you are creating a Teen or Mum & Bub bag, please tag your bag using a ribbon or a downloadable tag from our website. This tag will show the type of bag you have created. Teen bags should have a yellow tag/ribbon, and Mum & Bub bags a purple tag/ribbon.

Please drop your bags in the church foyers and we will take them to Bunnings to be distributed to charities.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family -

Isabelle

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

Funeral service for Br Bill

Br Bill Firman's funeral mass is at St. Patrick's Mentone at 11am on Tuesday 25th November.

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Sunday 30 November Parishioner Volunteer Thank You Light Luncheon from 12.30 - 2pm

If you are a volunteer in any of our many serve ministries, please join us for a light luncheon in thanks for your service over the year. It will be held in the gardens of the Parish House, Mordialloc after 11am Mass. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk for catering purposes.

Will you be away in early 2026? Would you like to become a volunteer in our Serve Ministries?

To all our volunteers, can you please let Ann in the office know if you will be away/unavailable at all during January to April 2026 so she can get the roster finalised. Thanks.

Aspendale Vinnies invites you to Let's do Christmas lunch on Tuesday 2 December 12 to 2pm in St Louis church foyer

Cost is a donation which will go towards providing goodies and vouchers for the Christmas Hampers for families in need in this area. Sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.



We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$2,877.00 contributed by St Mary Of The Cross, Mordialloc And Aspendale Parish. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

Christmas Choir practice Tuesday nights @7.30pm

We have started choir practice for all of our Christmas masses on Tuesday nights. Practice is from 7.30pm to 9pm and takes place at St Louis church. All singers and musicians are very welcome. Contact Trish for more information 0421 604 849.



Movember collection



We will be having an extra collection this weekend for Movember. Mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer are all funded by Movember. Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men.



Happy Anniversary to Clare and Michael

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to Clare and Michael Cartwright. We pray the year ahead is full of peace and joy for you both, with the Holy Spirit watching over you.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 7 December 9am

Aspendale Beach clean up

Join your neighbours down at the beach to help clean up the foreshore.

Saturday 10 January - 2pm to 4pm

Farewell for Fr Andrew and Fr Huy at St Brigid's School Hall

Join us for afternoon tea as we farewell our 2 much loved priests.



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Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Sacred Art

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 30 NOV 2025

29/30 Nov 2025	1st Sunday of Advent Readings (Year A) Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 37-44							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Volunteer	Julie Barnhoorn	Marg De Vries	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Danny Carey	Gail Hamilton	Bernie Stuart Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Frances North	Joan Healy	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Angela Meo	Odette Budge	Josie Johnson Tony Aloysious
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Mary Nayna	Ron Schneider-Loos	Maureen Wraight	Lex Miller	Joe Corda	Teresa Basile Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Mark Carazzo	Peter Hannan	Christine D'Cruze	Philippa Pecora	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues	Nicky Winters Volunteer
Counters	Group 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell	Susan Dornom					

Recently deceased: Br Bill Firman (former St Bede's Principal), Mary Bernadette Tyndall (Chelsea).

Anniversaries: Gaston Joseph, Carmen Melder, Helen Bibby, Claire Barrile, Elisabeth Gerlach, Saul Anthony Lemus, Frank O'Connell, Russell Brilliant, Alfredo Cardamone, Augusto Godeassi, Jack Vines, Brian Carroll, Elisa Villar, Brian Grace, Estrella Samson, Leticia Semeniano, Pina Pecora, Rita Kerlin, Charlie Vassallo, Alwyn Summerton, Thomas Edward Kelly, Leonie Laughlin, Bertram Cramer, Rosa Levidis, Frank Vojnic, Ryan Robertson, Nell Conway, Patrick O'Dowd, Judith Gray, Angela Davis, Anton Deckker, Maggie Madtha, Pius Mendonça, Arthur Mortimer, Denis Flanagan, Janice Drew, Judith Murphy, Judith Trowbridge, Edith Newington, Isabel Bramich, Walter Newington, Salvador Britto, Flo Holbery.

Praying for healing and the sick: Deborah Joseph, Carmelo Nasello, Stephen Hopkins, Mary Farren, Harry Donohue, Ann Muir, Lina DiGiovine, Alex Bennett, John Davis, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Chris Doran, Chris Wardle, 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, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

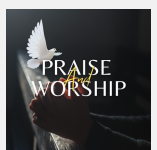
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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.

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, 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

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 Jekot 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