



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

Second Sunday of Easter 27 April 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 5: 12-16 Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19 John 20: 19-31



**From the Encyclical
Letter of Pope Francis -
Evangelii Gaudium
(*The Joy of the Gospel*)**

“Being Church means being God’s people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love.

This means that we are to be God’s leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing God’s salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way.

The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”
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***Rest in Peace
Jorge Mario Bergoglio
Pope Francis
17 December 1936-
21 April 2025***



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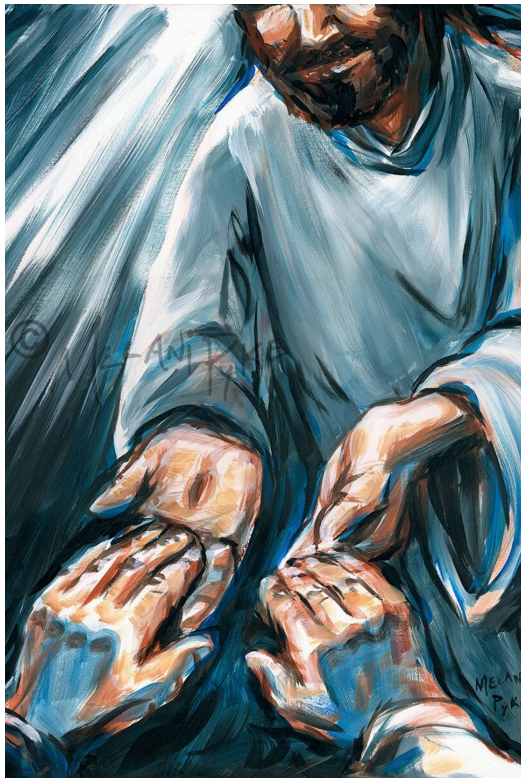


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News and Announcements



Gospel Reflection

In the light of the passing of Pope Francis, his words help us to understand the gospel message. He stated that when we feel 'like Thomas, with the same doubts ... we do not need to be ashamed.'

The story of Thomas shows us the need to acknowledge our struggles. 'Crises are not sins,' he explains, 'they are part of the journey. They rekindle the need for God and enable us to return to the Lord.' And, as the story shows, Jesus meets us where we are: he does not expect us to resolve every doubt before encountering him.

In reaching out towards the wounded body, Thomas realised Jesus Christ's identity. According to Pope Francis, we are invited to touch the wounds of Christ in those who are bearing wounds of all descriptions to understand Jesus Christ's identity.

And it is through Pope Francis' words and actions that we meet Jesus Christ. May he rest in God's Eternal Love.

Jodie Marziano Deputy Principal St Brigid's & RE Leader



Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

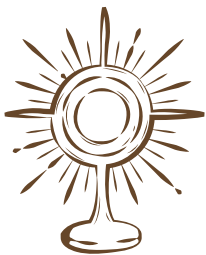
We will hold a memorial Mass to honour the passing of Pope Francis on Tuesday 29 April at 7pm at St Brigid's church. All welcome to pay their respects.



Parish Bulletin Sick list please note

Our 'Praying for the sick' list has been refreshed. If you would like your relative or friend to remain on the list or you have a new request for healing prayers, please let Ann Fitzgerald know at:

mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au



Eucharistic Adoration - additional prayer opportunities

Beginning **Monday 5 May** and each subsequent Monday from 7.30- 8.30pm at St Louis', our prayer group will be offering Eucharistic Adoration. This is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, silence. This is your personal time with Christ. All are welcome.

Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

Our regular first Saturday of the month Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 4.30pm - 5.30pm at St Louis' Church on **Saturday 3 May**. This is followed by Reconciliation at 5.30pm and our Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm - all at St Louis'.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 3 May 2025 10.00am - 11.30am

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on **Saturday morning, 3rd May** and will be in person. If you are interested email **Deacon Kevin Pattison** Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome at **Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne**.

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**Nepean Welcoming Immigrants
with Dignity (NEPEAN WIND)**



"I was a *refugee* and you welcomed me."

Jesus

For more information, contact us at nepean-wind@googlegroups.com

JAG Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Program - Latest Update

Ahead of our family arriving in late May, the team have been busy including:

- Presenting to Chelsea Rotary Club
- Securing banking at Community Bank Aspendale Gardens
- Receiving a \$250 donation from Aspendale Gardens IGA
- Getting to know the family via WhatsApp (thanks to Google translator)

High Tea Fundraiser for our refugee family - Sat 31 May 2-4pm St Brigid's Primary School Hall

This will be a major fundraiser for our refugee family. Please save the date so you can come along and support this cause. There will also be a 'trade table' so we need items to sell such as potted plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and biscuits etc. We also need some door prizes to give away.

If you would like to help with the set up and/or catering or have donations to drop off or be picked up please contact Helen Rocks on 0488 997 233.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Federal Election Guide 2025

The guide covers the key issues to reflect upon before deciding your vote: Dignity and the value of every human being, Fairness, justice and the common good, Religious freedom and conscience rights, and Responsible stewardship of God's creation. Download the guide online at bit.ly/ACBCElection2025

The **Australian Conservation Foundation** also have some resources regarding the election

<https://www.acf.org.au/election> There is a pledge to sign which is a powerful tool that will be sent to all candidates <https://www.acf.org.au/election-pledge>



Baptism Celebrations this weekend

We welcome into our parish family: **Arlo Jack, Mackenzie Barca, and Isaac Nicholas**

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

This Week on FORMED Divine Mercy

Renowned speaker and author Fr Michael Gaitley, tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St Faustina, the witness of Maximillian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St John Paul II Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to:

Let's Do Mothers' Day Lunch on Tuesday 6th May, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer. Enjoy a special lunch with a few fun games of Bingo and spot prizes. All welcome – it's not just for mothers. Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Young Adults (18-35) Catch up

We would love to get together for a coffee, walk, chat - nothing too heavy. We plan to meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 11am Mass at St Brigid's. With no strings nor commitments, scan the QR code to learn more.



St Louis de Montfort Feast Day 28 April



"Pray with great confidence, with confidence based on the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray."

~St. Louis Marie de Montfort

Parish Winter Knitting Group and Parishioner Appeal

Next get-together **Friday 9 May 1 to 2.30pm** at St Louis meeting room. Donations of blankets, beanies, scarves, socks, gloves, fingerless gloves and mittens are now being accepted, either homemade or store bought. Thanks for your generosity

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 3/4 MAY 2025

3 / 4 May 25	3 rd Sunday of Easter Readings Year C Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Jenny Ferguson	Julius Lau	Sonia Williams	Ann Furlong	Marie Medlicott	Monique Bruce	John Bainbridge
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysiuous	Paula Rodrigues	Carole Guthrie	Chris McAleer	Barry Wheeler	Angela Meo	Odette Budge
9.30am (A)	Irene Crowe	Gerard Wagstaff	Ron Schneider-Loos	Maureen Wraight	Martin Newington	Berna Wake	Norma Taylor
11.00am (M)	Volunteer	Adam Whatmore	Juan Wilson	Philippa Pecora	Peter Wain	Christine D'Cruze	Les D'Cruze
Counters 5	Aileen Dynes Julie & Anthony Barnhoorn						

Recently deceased: Pope Francis, Joe Oliveri (Mordialloc), Maria Morris (Chelsea), Anthony Breslin (brother - in - law of Louise Breslin).

Anniversaries: Betty Barker - Lorna Fan - Phil Ryan - Norm Smith - Grace Birch - Frances Carrick - Harold Smith - Donald Dunstall - Pierre Joshua - Babu Abraham - Alice Conlon - Doug Hallam - Matteo Camerino - Georges Louis - Jose De La Luz Amaya Diaz - Alice Dickinson - Euria Gutierrez - Lucy Costa - Salvatore Costanzo - Shirley Le Breton - Doreen Power - Remo Castenetto - Gwendolene Balm - Margaret Hickey - Chris Wragg - Gregory Costa - Mary Porter - Bill O'Connor - George Le Brocq - Charles Cromer - George Hannan - Kevin Campion - Mark Payton - Dylan Walker - Pierre Kennan - Anna Cortese - Maud Smith - Catherine Williams - Peter Taylor - Lilian White.

Praying for the sick: John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Gail Bell, Andrea Williams, Fr Patrick Flanagan, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Bishop Terry Curtin, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Ellen Young, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, John Leonard, Dennis Proctor.

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 ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm

RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

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 9412 8432
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9412 8432
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

Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



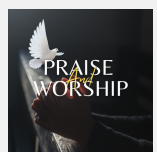
Children's Liturgy

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 - 9.5 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**

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.