



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 September 2025

Readings for Year C Amos 6: 1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6: 11-16 Luke 16: 19-31



Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

*"God has planted in us
seeds of peace and hope"*

The entire Bible helps those who read it to live a life of compassion and concern for others. The Hebrew Scriptures repeatedly speak of care for 'the poor, the widow and the stranger'. Luke's Gospel also contains the parable of the Good Samaritan, the person who helps his neighbour in need. Jesus tells us to 'go and do likewise'.

Today's Gospel paints the picture of a sharp divide between the haves and the have nots. After death, the former rich man is 'suffering torment in these flames'. After looking for some relief, the rich man wants to save his brothers this torment.

This Gospel reminds us that we have all we need in the Bible that saves us in this life and the next. In this Season of Creation, will we allow our possessions to choke the seeds of peace and hope that God has planted in each of us?

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner



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News and Announcements

Communion Service replacing Mass

Next Thursday **2 October** the 9.15am Mass at St Louis' will be replaced with a Communion Service.

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.

Healing and Anointing Mass - Tuesday 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. Family and friends very welcome.

Family Violence: What can we 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' in the church foyer**, followed by a cuppa. Places are limited. Please contact Helen Rocks to book: 0488 997 233 or rockshelen@yahoo.com

Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition Sunday 12 October 2025, 1.00pm – Sunday 26 October 2025, 5.00pm

A first-class relic of the first millennial saint will be exhibited at **Stella Maris Church in Beaumaris**, and then at **St Joseph's Hall in Black Rock**, as part of a two-week event in October. The event will feature his international exhibition of eucharistic miracles, a series of talks from priests and lay people familiar with the sad yet inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a special Mass and adoration, and a film viewing.

Find out more about the program and register at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/st-carlo-acutis-exhibition>

90th Happy Birthday Jeanette Youl (27 September)
Happy 90th birthday to Jeanette. May the Holy Spirit continue to watch over you and bless you. Every best wish to you for your special birthday.

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



Fundraising Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

1st Prize: Original oil painting from artist Ann Stevenson;

2nd Prize: Statue of

St Michael; 3rd Prize: Two handmade woollen blankets;

4th Prize: Garden wishing well & children's book; 5th Prize \$50

Dymocks voucher. On sale in church foyers. **Drawn 4 October.**

Grocery Drive

We are asking parishioners to donate food items that will go directly to the many refugees and people seeking asylum that BASP assist. Specifically: **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, until 4 October.

To learn more about the work of the Brigidine Asylum seekers Project and subscribe to their newsletter go to:

<https://basp.org.au/>

Nappy Drive

Thanks so much to all our parishioners who donated over **2,000 nappies** in our recent drive. They have been gratefully received by The Nappy Collective whose supplies support women and their families living in difficult situations. They were overwhelmed to receive such a generous donation.

News and Announcements

New Parishioners Welcome Morning Tea

**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER
10-11AM
PARISH HOUSE
MAIN ST, MORDIALLOC**

A special welcome event for those who are new to St Mary of the Cross or have been visiting for a while but haven't formally connected with our community. Meet our Parish Leadership Team and hear more about the parish. We would love to see you there!

*Sign up at the Welcome Desk
in the church foyer.*



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Migrant Festive Gathering

Saturday 4 October 2025 • 9AM-4PM
Loyola College Hall, 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia

Mass for All Nations

Sunday 5 October 2025 • 11AM
St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne



melbournecatholic.org/jubilee



Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, in war-torn lands.

"I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community," he said.

Holy Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration takes place at **St Louis' Church on Saturday 4 October from 4.30 - 5.30pm & St Brigid's every Friday from 10.30am.**



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. To learn more go to:

<https://acyf.org.au/>



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St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

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NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5 OCTOBER 2025

4/5 Oct 2024	27th Sunday Ordinary Time Readings (Yr C) Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Luke 17: 5-9						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julius Lau	Debra Searle	Sonia Williams	Carmel Barker	Helen Healy	Tom Hughes	Jan Hughes
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Jane Standish	Chris McAleer	Marlene Tangso	Jack Guthrie	Tony Aloysious	Jose Johnson
9.30am (A)	Lisa Tuke	Phillip Morris	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Maureen Wraight	Norma Taylor	Ann Furlong
11.00am (M)	Melwyn D'Mello	Mark Carrazzo	Peter Hannan	Christine D'Cruze	Philippa Pecora	Wence Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues
Counters	Group 1	Joanne & Gary Partleton	Ronald Soares				

Recently deceased: Giovanni (John) Giarratana (Mordialloc).

Anniversaries: Phil Wraight - Robert Mitchell - Megan Abbot - Lorenzo Barbarino - Paul Mooney - Peggy Quinn - Giovanna Di Benedetto Margaret Powell - Diego Fernandes - Bob Moorhouse - Audrey Quirk Audrey May Morris - Mary Newington - Paula Sims - Fr Michael Morgan Giuseppe Costanzo - John O'Donnell - Wladyslawa Mitula - Bill Wilson Giuseppe Iorianni - Tjakrawala Ahkiat - Annunziata Camilleri - James Tobin Teresa Healy - John Surrin - Elizabeth Major - Jean May Stone - Maud Erbs Frank Moor - Slavica Bubica - Charles Patrick - Mathew Braganza Subir Gopinath - Keith Reiter (Snr) - Laurie Rose - Bette McLaughlin Nadine Shakemamade - Bernadette O'Connor - Gordon White Sr Carmel of the Child Jesus Furlong - Vanessa Mary Davies - James Cooke Max Braganza - Elisabetta Condo - Edmund Partleton

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

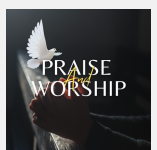
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
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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.

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:
m.stmaryofthecross.com/mass

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY ROSARY

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

EUCHARISTIC 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:

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Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9580 7981
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Helen 0498 178 899
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Denise 0412 926 752