



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18 May 2025

Readings for Year C Acts 14: 21-27 Revelation 21: 1-5 John 13: 31-35

*"Love one another,
as I have loved you"*

In this Eastertime, we are meant to reflect upon the ways that Jesus is risen, is truly present with us. Surely, one way is when we consciously live as disciples. 'Love one another, as I have loved you'. We think we know what this means. 'I love other people', we can say. Do we really? The word 'love' used here, means 'self-sacrificing love'. Do we really love other people in a self-sacrificing way? Others are supposed to know that we are disciples of Jesus because we love in that way.

'As I have loved you'. How did Jesus love us? Completely, up to and including death. A high bar. I think I can say that I love my wife and children that way. Yet Jesus is saying that we are supposed to love everyone like that. Rather than say that we have arrived as disciples, let's say that we are on that journey, together.

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner



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News and Announcements

Laudato si Week 19-26 May- Turn Debt into Hope

Right now the world is facing its worst debt crisis. Countries right around the globe – from Samoa to Malawi – are struggling under crushing debt. This problem has only been getting worse. This crisis is taking away hope, lives, and opportunity from the poorest people in the world. Caritas' 'Turn Debt into Hope' petition calls on world leaders, and public, private, and multilateral institutions to address this devastating situation. You can sign the petition online [here](#), or at the welcome desk.



Winter Appeal & High Tea Fundraiser

As the cooler weather arrives parishioners are invited to donate new homemade or store bought adult-size beanies, scarves, socks and gloves for people experiencing homelessness in the community including

those who are guests of the John Paul College Van in Frankston. We also invite you to donate child-sized beanies, jumpers, cardigans and toys (new or store bought) which we will sell at our High Tea on 21 June to raise funds for our Syrian refugee family. Over the next three weekends, please place items in the baskets located in the church foyers. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Parish Winter Knitting Group

Next get-together **Friday 30 May 1 to 2.30pm** at St Louis' meeting room.



High Tea Fundraiser - 21 June

Who doesn't love a delicious high tea? Even better if you are helping a refugee family get a new start in Australia. The recent appointment of our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV underscores our obligation to show mercy. As a missionary in Peru, he has lived

among the poor and has intimate knowledge of the root causes that compel people to migrate in order to survive. To assist our refugee family Omar, Jamileh and their 3 daughters with 12 months of practical, hands-on support we will be holding a **High Tea Fundraiser on Saturday 21 June from 2-4pm at St Brigid's Primary School Hall in Mordialloc**. All are invited to come along and support this cause. There will be a 'trade table' so we need items to sell such as potted plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and biscuits etc.

If you would like to help with the set up and/or catering or have donations to drop off or be collected please contact Helen Rocks on 0488 997 233. Also please contact Helen if you can assist with loaning suitable teacup, saucer and plate sets, tiered cake holders and 'grandma type' cake plates. The TryBooking site will be available soon for bookings.

We will miss you

To Judy and Jim Lamb

We give thanks for your presence and active faith in our parish. Judy, you have been a passionate supporter and advocate for social justice issues as a leader in our Justice Action Group and your support and guidance for others as part of our RCIA team. We wish Judy and Jim all of God's blessings as they begin a new chapter in Pt Lonsdale.

John Paul College Van Thursday 12 June 4pm to 7pm - volunteers required

The van services people experiencing homelessness in the Frankston area. Volunteers greet guests and provide a snack and hot drink. Please call Sandy if you able to help 0412 057 177.



Domestic & Family Violence Team

As part of our JAG focus on domestic and family violence, we are following up our March Parish Forum with a series of bulletin notices to raise awareness about the issue. Last Wednesday, National Violence Awareness Day was marked with a series of candlelight vigils across Australia and at the weekend, rallies were held protesting violence against women. Already in Australia 24 women have been killed in a family violence situation. In 2021-2, 4,620 women aged 15 years and over (13 women per day) were hospitalised due to family and domestic violence (AIHW 2023). (Link to further information on ourwatch.org.au.) Too many lives have been lost and too many families have been broken because of family and domestic violence. 24 hour help is available: Ring police on 000 for emergency support or 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 723) for confidential counselling and support. Further resources are available [here](#) We will also list these resources on the noticeboards in our parish foyers.

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Welcome Ministers Formation - Saturday 24 May 10.30am

Being a welcoming inclusive community is core to our parish missionary journey. We want everyone, especially our guests and visitors to feel a parish of belonging and hospitality where they can experience the love of Christ. We invite all who currently serve in this important ministry and those who are interested to do so, to a formation session on **Saturday 24 May from 10.30 - 11.30am at St Brigid's Church**. Morning tea will be provided.



St Louis Tennis Club 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday 1 June from 12pm

Spit roast, salads and dessert. \$10 per person. \$20 per family.
Just pay on the day. BYO drinks. Bookings are essential with the QR code or contact Susan 0413 979 049.

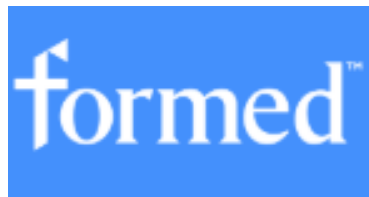
Come along and share some memories with current and past members.
Singles Club Championship finals to watch and tennis activities.



MOVIE NIGHT

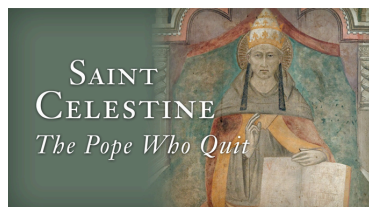
Save the Date

We will be holding a MOVIE NIGHT for the parish children (aged 7-14) on **Friday, 30th May 2025** at 7PM in the St. Louis Foyer. We will be watching **The Prince of Egypt**, which is an animated movie about **Moses**, an adaptation of the Book of Exodus. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.



Formed

Did you know that all of our parishioners can access FORMED. Augustine Institute's "FORMED" Catholic Streaming service, offers trustworthy, high-quality content to nourish your relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



This Week on FORMED - St Celestine. The Pope who quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the mysterious story of Pope St Celestine V, who retired from the papacy after a very short reign.

Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Name Tag Sunday and Cuppa weekend

All active parishioners in our parish database have been allocated a name tag to use on the fourth Sunday of the month (Name Tag Sunday). If you prefer to use a more colloquial name, just write the preferred name on the name tag and it will be amended for next time. If your name isn't there, please grab a blank tag and write your first name and surname and the office will produce a new one for you.

Parishioners are invited to drop off the name tags on the way out after mass. This small gesture helps us to get to know each other better and strengthens the bonds within our Parish family.

Next Weekend 24/25 May Prayer Ministry and Kidz Zone for children aged 5-12



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 24/25 MAY 2025

24/25 May 25	6th Sunday of Easter Readings Year C Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29 CUPPA WEEKEND							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Bernie Stuart	Marg De Vries	Julius Lau	Ann Furlong	Sonia Williams	Tom Hughes	Jan Hughes	Ann Furlong Bernie Stuart
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Chris McAleer	Stephen Pooley	Jack Meyer	Carole Guthrie	Joan Healy	Jane Standish	Josie Johnson Tony Aloysius
9.30am (A)	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington	Ron Schneider -Loos	Felice Cortese	Maureen Wraight	Niko Tovia	Trish Le Brocq	Jon Searle Felice Cortese
11.00am (M)	Michelle Campbell	Jennifer Rodrigues	Helen Rocks	Philippa Pecora	Peter Wain	Volunteer	Lucy Cameron	Nola Petraitis Nicole Mielczarek
Counters 4	Bern & Geoff Terrell		Susan Dornom					

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Evelyn Laragy - David Graham - Patricia O'Sullivan - Tony Drinan - Peter Fergus - Zoe McDonald - Meleisea Leugamata - Meleisea Si'u - Colin Spencer - Eileen (Gay) Cahir - Bill Poynton - Bruno Prochilo - Annette Corda - Anne Marie Dennis - Maria Luxton - Justin Bidgood-Kerlin - Grace Summerton - Monica Pickles - John Greenwell - Chris Harper - Rose Harper - Olive Maguire - John Pompei - Don Newcombe - Giuliana Forlin - Bill Perry - Carl Perry - Emily Perry - Les Perry - Winston Perry - Frank Rankin - Ted Munro - Mary D'Rozario - Mireille Martin - Brian Cuffley - Dianna Atherton - Eileen Dart - Barry Skehan - James S Noonan - Michele Inguanti.

Praying for the sick: John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Gail Bell, Andrea Williams, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Nelson Popley, Mary Norman, Sophia Bicos, Patsy Riordan, Fr Terry Kean, May Warrener, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith.

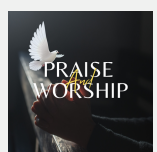
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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 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 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