



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 June 2026

Readings for Year A Exodus 19: 2-6 Romans 5: 6-11 Matthew 9: 36-10: 8



*"We are his people,
the sheep of his flock"*

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel).

When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom.

That is what every Christian must do. Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God? Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep?

After all, we were made in the image of God, and God gave us the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called us too, to work with him.

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Universalis*



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.

Year 5 Family Masses at St Louis

Please welcome our Year 5 children to our masses at St Louis this weekend. Join them for a cuppa and a chat after mass.

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

Let's Do Winter Lunch

on **Thursday 18th June, 12pm-2pm, in St Louis' Church Foyer.**

Enjoy a special Warm Winter Lunch with a fun game of Bingo and Spot Prizes. All welcome.

Cost is a donation to St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student Program. Please sign up at the sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Praise and Worship Friday 19 June 7.30pm at St Louis'

Please join us on Friday 19 June at St Louis Church for Praise and Worship from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Come along to pray, sing and worship among friends.

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 next weekend.

Men's Fellowship

The next get together of our Men's Fellowship group will be **Thursday 18 June 7.30pm at St Louis'**. All men of the parish are warmly invited to share in a discussion of faith in a safe and welcoming environment.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family **Cooper Paul, Stevie Elise, Rylie Elise, Atticus Miles, Billie Summer, Jack Laurence**

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

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



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 and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

Why the church is embracing synodality now.

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue and hope.

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



FORMED - Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist

This visually stunning film takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. The film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares powerful personal stories of lives transformed by the Blessed Sacrament

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.

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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.



PROCLAIM Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June 2026 at Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melb.

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.' Mk 16:15



This is an invitation for our leaders and parishioners to join world-renowned Catholic author on discipleship, **Sherry Weddell** at this Archdiocese event. Sherry is co-founder and Executive Director of

the Catherine of Siena Institute, author of the Called & Gifted charism discernment process and global best-seller book Forming Intentional Disciples. The Saturday Session is open to all parishioners. Please let Fr Michael or the office know if you would like to attend asap. For more details : [Proclaim26](#)

National Refugee Week 14 - 20 June

World Refugee Day 20 June



A Million Stories 14 - 20 June 2026

Since an initial agreement in 1947 to receive 4000 refugees from Central Europe after WWII, Australia has issued one million permanent humanitarian visas – welcoming people from all parts of the globe, people who have helped to build modern Australia.

Refugee Week 2026 is a moment to reflect on that milestone and to celebrate the million stories behind it.

As part of celebrating the 40th Refugee Week, a celebration born in Australia and now observed around the world, let's keep sharing stories, challenging stereotypes, and building a more inclusive society. Learn more [here](#).

Pope Leo XIV invites us to unite in prayer and action to respond to the urgent challenges faced by displaced people amid war, climate crises, and economic inequality. He urges us to renew our commitment to peace, dignity, and shared responsibility.

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.



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 - 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21 ST JUNE 2026

20/21 June 2026	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Volunteer	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	Anthony Barnhoorn	Annette Brilliant	Gail Hamilton
8.00am (M)	Celine George	Paula Rodrigues	Chris McAleer	Joan Healy	Marlene Tangso	Tony Aloysious	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Maureen Wraight	Lisa Tuke	Ron Schneider-Loos	Martin Newington	Ann Furlong	Jon Searle	Niko Tovia
11.00am (M)	Mark Carazzo	Peter Hannan	Juan Wilson	Christine D'Cruze	Philippa Pecora	Robyn Worsnop	Volunteer
Counters	Group 3	Joe Corda	Deborah Joseph	Nelson Popley			

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Francesco Taranto, Paul Williams, Mary Sparey, John Albert Coghlan, Catherine Brady, Margery Bridger, Helena Taylor, Diane Grayland, Ree Pierce, Carmel Therese Bowdern, Rose Calleja, Ken Lyons, Luciana Cavalli, Anthony Murphy, Joy Ambrens, Ron Sellar, Flora Mendonça, Marion Mendonça, Mervyn Garing, Mary Gowans, Margaret McCormack, Joan Bristow, Dorothy Sellar, Harry Pobjoy, Brian Kitto, Sandy Rhode, Liam Andrews, Antonio Divola, Patricia Moore, Maria Owen-Tucker, Ceriaco Baldano Olasso, Aileen Egan, Sarah Collins, Mariakutty Mathew, Agnes Brennan, Bjorn Michelsson, Erik Michelsson, Karen Park, Peter D'Astoli, Jerry Mendonça.

Praying for healing and the sick: Mim Rodolico, Michael Albert, Angela Meo, Fr Terry Keane, Luis, Marisa, Edith Vinton, 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, Harry Donohue, Andrea Williams, Brilliant boys, Leonard Hamilton.

Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



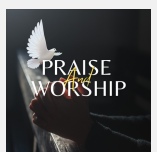
Children's Liturgy

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, 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 Bunorong 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

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

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 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
Denise 0412 926 752