



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 August 2026

Readings for Year A 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 22-23



**“Be a gift of love and
compassion for one another.”**

**St Mary of the Cross
Mary Mackillop Feast Day 8 August**



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News and Announcements

Parish Feast Day



Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to be constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely sick or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence, we join with Saint Mary MacKillop and ask that You grant our request for:

The prayers and intentions of all parishioners.

May our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mary MacKillop Today - Carrying Mary's work forward

Mary MacKillop Today is an international development organisation working in Australia and overseas. They build partnerships that create opportunities for self-determination through education and the teaching of practical life skills to women, men and children. To learn more about their work and support the work they do please go to <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/who-we-are/our-story/>



Saint Mary MacKillop didn't have resources, authority, or anyone's permission. What she had was a steadfast refusal to walk past injustice. She saw a child without a classroom and built one. She saw a community abandoned and walked straight towards it. She saw a need and she did something about it. This ethos drives our **Parish Justice Action Group**.

If you would like to follow in Mary's footsteps and "see a need and do something about it" you are very welcome to join our Justice Action Group. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.30-9pm at St Louis'. Our next meeting is **Wednesday 12 August at 7.30pm at St Louis'**.

John Paul College Companion Van - Thursday 13 August

We are calling for food for the volunteers to take along on the night - **Small tuna cans, two fruit tubs/cups, juice boxes (small prima size), noodle cups/packs, packets of sweet/savory biscuits.** Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the foyers.

Kidz Zone next weekend

Our youngest children (5-12 years) sing, play and use their imagination to hear stories about Jesus and begin what we pray is a relationship with their lifelong friend Jesus. Kidz Zone is on during our 6pm, 9.30am and 11am masses next weekend.

ACN - Aid to the Church in Need

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit:

aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Mary of the Cross for the generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. Your contribution of **\$1,167** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampira, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Fr Michael away - 10th - 14th August - Weekday Mass Communion Services

Fr Michael will be attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Conference during this week. As a result, all weekday Masses from 10th to 14th August will be replaced with Communion Services. Thank you for your understanding.

Archbishops Campaign 2026

This is now underway and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found in the foyers.

News and Announcements

A colorful poster for a Catholic Family Market. At the top, a yellow banner reads 'SUN 16 AUGUST'. Below it, the words 'CATHOLIC FAMILY MARKET' are written in large, bold, orange letters. The background is white with colorful confetti. There are illustrations of a popcorn stand, a hot dog, a ice cream cone, a jumping castle, and a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) playing. At the bottom, an orange box contains the text '12PM-3PM • FREE ENTRY' and 'OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 631 HIGH STREET, PRAHRAN'. Below that, a yellow box contains the text 'Join Catholic families from around Melbourne for a fun, relaxing day to come together and connect with others. The afternoon will include market stalls, food, music, jumping castle, and games for kids.' At the very bottom, a blue box contains the website 'armadaleetoorak.org.au'.

Who gets to go to the Melbourne Synod?

Do you know someone who could serve as a Melbourne Synod member? Over the weekend of 4-6 December, representatives from throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne will come together to pray, discern, discuss important matters, and make decisions to help shape our shared mission and ministry.

Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise approximately 180 Members. Sixty (60) lay Members, comprising fifteen (15) representatives from each region, will be selected through a parish nomination process to participate in the Synod.

If you are interested in nominating a parishioner to become a Synod member, nomination forms are available via:

<https://melbcath.org/synodnomination>

In the meantime, the invitation to gather as friends and family to participate in the consultation process is ongoing. Information can be accessed via: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

Scripture and Friendship Group Tuesday 11 August

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group is on this coming **Tuesday 11 August** at Ann's home, 47 Gothic Road Aspendale. We begin at 10am and will finish at about 11am for a cuppa. This group is open for anyone - we discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, questions or just listening. A great way to meet people in our Parish. For any queries contact Ann on 0425 712 741 or Carmel 0425773608.

Saturday 15th August – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. To mark this important feast, there will be Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10.30 am, followed by Mass at 11 am at St Brigid's Church. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend.

St Louis' Principal retiring

Carmel Stutterd, the St Louis' Primary School Principal for the last 6 years has announced her retirement effective end 2026. There will be a time to farewell Carmel later this year, but in the meantime, we thank Carmel for her dedication and for the wonderful learning she has provided for so many students.



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Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15 & 16 AUGUST 2026

15/16 August 26	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 Romans 11: 13-15 Matthew 15: 21-28						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Ann Brennan	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker	Marg De Vries	Sonia Williams	Volunteer	Julie Buick
8.00am (M)	Chris McAleer	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Joan Healy	Marlene Tangso	Jack Meyer	Carole Guthrie	Jack Guthrie
9.30am (A)	Brian Martin	Gen Martin	Felice Cortese	Martin Newington	Maureen Wraight	Rosemary Miller	Aida Adriano
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Peter Hannan	Juan Wilson	Christine D'Cruz	Helen Rocks	Robyn Worsnop	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Group 1	Joanne & Gary Partleton	Ronald Soares				

Recently deceased: Michael (Jim) Noonan.

Anniversaries: Isabella Costanzo, Trish Wardle, Fr Michael Wheeler, Trevor Schneider-Loos, George Michael Brink, William Bowles, Monica Pierce, Angelina Cortese, Judith Boileau, Elisabeth Bury, Dean Cowden, Jessie Guthrie, Andrew Basile, Verna Moorhouse, Ann Fosberry, Mariamma Johnson, Amanda McLaggan, Rita Beha, Hipolito Coutinho, Shelia Dawson, Keith Drinan, Edward James Sheehan, Adrian Pobjoy, Edna Bowden, Maureen Lyons, Mary Lavery, Gordon Dunstan, Roman Luvara, Marie Nanci Barbarich, Frank Mooney, Mary Wintle, Juanita Caday, Richard Craig, Fr John Carnie CSSB, John Byrne, Sarah Christensen, Felice Cortese, Frank Lebler, Paul Goodier, Gabrielle Margaret Southam, Yvonne White, Rye Johnson.

Praying for healing and the sick: Jan Mitula, Maree Wiltshire, Sammy Dahalid, Kathie Martin, Edith Venton, Marisa, Mim Rodolico, Michael Albert, Fr Terry Keane, Luis, Julie Griffiths, Steve Govac, Chris Wardle, Deborah Joseph, Chris Doran, Ruben David, Rita Popley, Vasilos Garavelis, Sophia Bicos, Mary Agiropoulos, Prunella Julien, Maree Wesols, Peter Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Noleen Dunn, John Catalano, Damian Haggerty, Alasdair Hughes, Andrea Williams, Brilliant boys, Leonard Hamilton.

Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



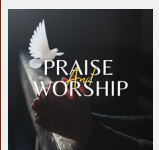
Children's Liturgy

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, we have volunteers 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:
[catholicmassstmaryofthecross](http://catholicmassstmaryofthecross.com)

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

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 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
Robyn 0412 814 592
Deacon George 9580 7981