



# St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

**4th Sunday of Easter 26 April 2026**

Readings for Year A Acts 2: 14, 36-41 1 Peter 2: 20-25 John 10: 1-10



*'... the sheep follow  
because they know  
his voice'*

John's Gospel is one that speaks to us at many levels.

In today's passage, Jesus reminds us to follow His Voice.

The earlier readings today remind us of the need for repentance and forgiveness. This is made easier if we remember all we have been blessed with, in particular, the infilling of His Spirit.

With hearts of praise and gratitude and a willingness to repent and forgive, we become disciples ready to listen. This can be done by reading the words of Scripture and asking the Lord to speak to our hearts.

In silence we become aware of the truth that;

*'He has come that we may have life and  
have it to the full?'*

**Jenny Ford  
Parishioner**



# News and Announcements



## Good Shepherd Sunday 26 April

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: *'Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.'*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

## This Weekend

**Kidz Zone** - 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 this weekend.

**Cuppa and Name Tag Sunday**, so please collect a name tag on your way into mass and remember to drop it in the box on your way out.

It is also **Prayer Ministry** weekend, so please come forward to our Prayer Ministers after Mass if you have an intention you would like a prayer for.

## Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

Next week at St Louis on Saturday 2 May 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

## Scripture and Friendship Tuesday 28 April

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group will resume on this coming **Tuesday 28th April 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



## Blessings Quarterly Parish Magazine

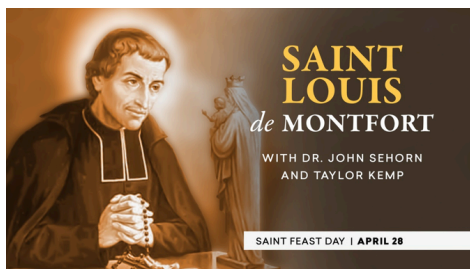
Our latest Blessings magazine is now available. Featuring many stories and photos, including:

Our Easter Triduum celebrations; Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees; Lenten Retreat and Small Groups, news from our schools and much more.

Please pick up a copy in the church foyers or online on our parish website.

## St Louis de Montfort Feast Day Tuesday 28 April 9.15am mass

Our 9.15am mass will be held in the school hall for a whole school mass. All parishioners are welcome.



## FORMED - Saint Louis de Montfort

Born in western France, St Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work and True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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.

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal - third collection next weekend

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, scan the QR code or donate online at

[www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515

*"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25:35)



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## Welcome back Fr Michael

Fr Michael has returned refreshed from his Pilgrimage in Korea. Weekday masses will be back to normal except for Tuesday 28 April 9.15am mass for St Louis' Feast Day which will be in the school hall. Thank you Fr Peter for filling in while Fr Michael was away.



## Anzac Day Saturday 25 April

We honour and pray for all Australian personnel who have served in wars, conflicts, and peace and humanitarian operations. We pray also for their families who have supported them.

## Mother's Day Cake Stall - save the date

We are now looking to help our friends at BASP with a fundraising Mother's Day Cake stall on the weekend of 9/10 May at all masses. Save the date to do some baking or save your cash to do some buying.



## Food for Friends

Are you able to cook a meal for our freezers at St Louis and St Brigid's? Stocks are getting low. Containers and labels for ingredients are available to be picked up from both churches.



## Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family - **August Walter, Isobel, Van Thomas, Gus Alfie, Gigi Mae, Lewis Charles Peter, August Blume Patrick,**

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

## National Count of Attendance 2026

This count will be taken at our masses over 4 weekends during the month of May.

## 'Anchored: Helping Kids Thrive—Developmental Changes and Digital Wellbeing' - Raising kids with confidence in a digital age

Parents and caregivers of children 12 and under are invited to join this webinar on **Tuesday 28 April 2026 from 7pm to 8pm** provided by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Facilitated by Kristen Roe from Real Talk, this practical and faith-centred webinar will help parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and under better understand key stages of childhood and adolescence, and how current culture impacts children; set healthy digital boundaries; and respond with confidence and care.

**Register [here](#)**



## Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East.

Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit

**[www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)**



## Building the Synodal Way Together

Preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are now underway. A synodal gathering is focused on pastoral renewal and can result in decrees or pastoral plans that guide the diocese in its planning.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has invited the community to focus on three key themes for the Synod:

- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email:

**[Synod2026@cam.org.au](mailto:Synod2026@cam.org.au)**

## Where does the word 'Synod' come from?

The word *Synod* comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning 'walking together on the road'. This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 3RD MAY 2026**

2/3 May 2026	5th Sunday of Easter (Year A) Acts 6: 1-7 1 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
<b>6pm (A)</b>	Patrick Jurd	Marie Seddon	Ann Furlong	Anthony Barnhoorn	Sonia Williams	Tom Hughes	Jan Hughes
<b>8.00am (M)</b>	Tony Aloysious	<b>Volunteer</b>	Carol Guthrie	Jack Guthrie	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Paula Rodrigues	Wence Rodrigues
<b>9.30am (A)</b>	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Mary Nayna	Maureen Wraight	Felice Cortese	Aida Adriano	Niko Tovia
<b>11.00am (M)</b>	Peter Hannan	Adam Whatmore	Christine D'Cruze	Philippa Pecora	Louise Breslin	Helen Rocks	Vanessa Fernandes
<b>Counters</b>	Group 1	Gary & Joanne Partleton		Ronald Soares			

**Recently deceased:** Anne Greaves (Aunty of Marie Seddon - Mordialloc), Inocencia Tangso (Mother of Virgil, and Grandma of Kristian)

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Buicke, Michael Maher, Marina Ferrer, Ellen LeClercq, Lily Rodrigues, Lon Vaisutis, Victor Vellozo, Betty Barker, Lorna Fan, Barry Wheeler, Chris Ryan, Phil Ryan, Norm Smith, Grace Birch, Frances Carrick, Harold Smith, Donald Dunstall, Pierre Joshua, Babu Abraham, Alice Conlon, Dennis Proctor, John Leonard, Doug Hallam, Matteo Camerino, Georges Louis, Jose De La Luz Amaya Diaz, Alice Dickinson, Euria Gutierrez, Salvatore Costanzo, Shirley Le Breton, Doreen Power, Remo Castenetto, Gwendolene Balm, Margaret Hickey, Chris Wragg, William (Bill) John Pedrazzini, Gregory Costa, Lucy Costa, Mary Porter, Bill O'Connor, George Le Brocq, Charles Cromer, George Hannan, Kevin Campion, Mark Payton, Dylan Walker, Pierre Kennan.

**Praying for healing and the sick:** Chris Wardle, Adrienne Kennedy, Len Scott, Deborah Joseph, Chris Doran, Ruben David, Vasilos Garavelis, Mary Agiropoulos, Luis, Marisa, Rita Popley, Prunella Julien, Sophia Bicos, Maree Wesols, Jeffrey Sellar, Peter Waltho, Noleen Dunn, John Catalano, Damian Haggerty, Alasdair Hughes, Harry Donohue, Stephen Hopkins, Andrea Williams, Stephen Oldboldstone, Brilliant boys,

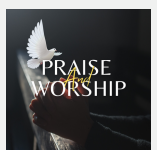
**Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross**



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Bunrong 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:**  
[catholicmasstmaryofthecross](http://catholicmasstmaryofthecross)

**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:**

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Helen 0498 178 899  
Anthony 0407 505 341  
Robyn 0412 814 592  
Denise 0412 926 752