



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

The Most Holy Trinity 31 May 2026

Readings for Year A Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18



*"For God sent his Son
into the world"*

Time and again Jesus speaks of himself as Son and that he was sent by the Father. The Holy Spirit is God's ongoing presence in the world who guides believers into 'all the truth' (John 16:13).

On this Trinity Sunday we celebrate God's triune nature, which is in our very selves, since we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). As three persons, God is in relationship within Godself.

Since we are each made in the image of God that explains why we need relationships - both to be, and be whole. It is in relationships that we learn how to truly love and be loved. In so doing we more fully live out the wisdom of 'God is love' (1 John 4:16), reflecting the divine image and living the fullness of our humanity.

May we each embody God's love in today's Gospel - with all of God's creation.

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner



News and Announcements



Annual Winter Appeal for people experiencing homelessness

We are starting our 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.

Can you help victims of church-related abuse?

For 14 years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia with generous donations of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000 - from deceased estates or no longer required). They can be directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, or sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities).

You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating an unwanted motor vehicle, such as a car from a deceased estate or which, for whatever reason, is no longer required.

Since the "Lifeboat Car Project" began in 2020, one single dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, which includes working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy etc. Can you help with this? Are you reasonably familiar with car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) for more information.

Please pray for our Called and Gifted Program and Participants

On June 5th and 6th our parish, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will be hosting the launch of the inaugural Called and Gifted program. 300,000 Catholics worldwide have experienced this workshop, wherein participants discern their charisms (spiritual gifts), through which God intends His love to reach others. A second workshop will be made available later in 2026 for all interested parishioners. We invite you to please pray for the success of this important and enriching initiative.



Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Update from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

"As a Church, we acknowledge with humility the history we share. We recognise the deep wounds experienced by so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. I also acknowledge that the Church has been part of this history. For this, we seek forgiveness, and commit ourselves anew to the path of healing and relationship. To this end, I have endorsed the formation of a discernment group of Aboriginal Catholics, together with clergy and lay supporters who will come together to prayerfully consider the future direction of Australian Catholic Ministry. The groups task will be to discern not simply a continuation of the past, but a renewed vision for the future - one that reflects the needs, hopes and voices of Aboriginal Catholics in the archdiocese today" *Archbishop Comensoli*



FORMED - I Am Who I Am - God. Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is. 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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Thank You for your generosity

Thank you to all who recently contributed to our Mother's Day appeal for the **National Breast Cancer Foundation**. NBCF were thrilled with the support. The amount raised was \$1476.00

Thanks also to all who contributed to the recent **Catholic Care** appeal. Catholic Care deliver a range of child, family and youth services, family relationship services, school counselling and pastoral care services, social housing, homelessness services, employment and advocacy services across Victoria. The amount raised was \$1382.

Prayer Ministry

Our prayer ministers will be available to pray for any of your requests this weekend. Everyone is invited to take part in this opportunity. It will only be for a few minutes. The prayer team will gently guide you, all you need to do is to present yourself and open your heart to God. Please come forward after Mass.

Name Tag Weekend and Age Count

It is name tag weekend and while you are getting your name tag please place a token in the container that represents your age group to help with the mass attendance count that is required by the archdiocese.

Sacramental Journey to First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the five children who, accompanied by their parents will receive the gift of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week at St Louis. Please welcome them also to our Parish masses this weekend. Our friends are Hunter, Lyla, Mateo, Natalie and Angelique. Please keep them in your prayers.



Lord, as Lyla, Angelique, Mateo, Natalie and Hunter prepare to receive their First Reconciliation, fill their hearts with peace and confidence in Your unfailing love. May they come to know the beauty of Your mercy, the joy of forgiveness, and the freedom that comes from being reconciled with You. Guide them always in Your light, that they may grow in faith and trust in Your goodness.

Succulents for sale

After the 9.15am mass on **Thursday 4 June** there will be a stall with succulents for sale by St Louis children along with Frank the gardener who helped them with the potting and growing. Gold coin donations

Key safe - please note

Please make sure you return keys to the key safe (and not accidentally take them home) when you use them to access either church.

ANCHORED Webinar for parents. Thursday 11 June. 7:00pm to 8:00pm

In today's rapidly changing digital and highly sexualised culture, this webinar, presented by Paul Ninnes, Founding Director of RealTalk, is offered especially for parents of young people who are navigating the many influences and pressures that shape their sense of identity and relationships. With warmth and wisdom, Paul will share practical tools and insights to support parents in accompanying their teenagers towards a healthy and life-giving understanding of consent, respect and relationships, grounded in the beauty of the Catholic vision. Please use the link below to register for the webinar.

[Anchored Webinar](#)



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.

In our parish we will pray together the Synod Prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide conversations and action.

Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

Synodality and the margins

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - 7TH JUNE 2026

6/7 June 2026	(Year A) Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 John 6: 51-58						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Julie Buick	Debra Searle	Carmel Barker	Volunteer	Volunteer	Gail Hamilton	Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Frances North	Joan Healy	Jack Guthrie	Carole Guthrie	Jack Meyer	Angela Meo	Joey Virginie
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Ron Schneider-Loos	Maureen Wraight	Mary Nayna	Gail Ryan	Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Gail Bell	Melwyn D'Mello	Helen Rocks	Peter Wain	Philippa Pecora	Patricia Chave	Vanessa Fernandes
Counters	Group 1	Joanne & Gary Partleton	Ron Soares				

Recently deceased: Jamie Holmes (Aspendale) Nuala Fitzgerald.

Anniversaries: Mathai Koshy, Val Simpson, Tom Bibby, Eileen Headland, Janet Angus, Ray Buxton, Moya Wain, Eugene Julien, Rita Costanzo, Maria Leonardi, Lyn McHugh, Audrey Higgins, Fr Larry Hunt, Colin Van Staveren, Mark Van Staveren, James Pobjoy, Edward Peril, Cecilia Donelley, Paul Le Clercq, Trevor McGillivray, Terri Page, James (Jim) Harrison, Maria Atherton, Peter Treacy, Margaret Aylward, Lucy Adams, Georgie Burrows, Bernence Gallagher, Patricia Monaghan, Bill Chick, Tom O'Donnell, Paolino Marani, James Harrison, Gloria Brereton, Peter Freese, Patricia Sloan, Joseph Conlon, Peter Kellett, Margaret Walsh, Belinda Joseph, Cath Hewitson, Eluvia Cassano Catharina (Cathy) Smit, Kath Rosen, Irene Woods, Kathleen Woods, Matthew Woods,, Frances Pujol, Mary Kathleen Tafia.

Praying for healing and the sick: Fr Terry Keane, Edith Vinton, Julie Griffiths, Steve Govac, Chris Wardle, Deborah Joseph, Chris Doran, Ruben David, Vasilos Garavelis, Mary Agiropoulos, Luis, Marisa, Rita Popley, Prunella Julien, Sophia Bicos, Maree Wesols, Peter Waltho Jeffrey Sellar, Noleen Dunn, John Catalano, Damian Haggerty, Alasdair Hughes, Harry Donohue, Andrea Williams, Brilliant boys.

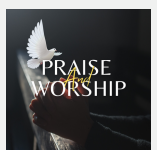
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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

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: 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:

Fr Michael Kong 9580 7981
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Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752