



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat



5th Sunday of Easter 3 May 2026

Readings for Year A Acts 6: 1-7 1 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12

I AM
THE
WAY THE
TRUTH
AND THE
LIFE
NO MAN
COMETH UNTO
THE FATHER
BUT BY ME

JOHN 14:6

This Gospel is set in Holy Week. The disciples know that Jesus is going - and Jesus is preparing them. We know that death is not the end for Jesus, nor for us. Yet, as humans, we can lack faith, fear takes hold. So today's Gospel is for each of us - 'don't let your hearts be troubled'.

Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth and the life". Since Jesus is the way, we need to live and behave as Jesus did - caring for those in need, loving everyone, including our enemies, as well as include everyone and so build community. Such a loving, inclusive community gives life to all who are part of it. May we each do all we can to live this truth.

Jesus' words and actions were because he and the Father are one. As believers, our union with God in prayer can be the source of our words and actions.

Patrick Jurd
Parishioner



News and Announcements

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal - third collection this weekend

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. 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 or call (03) 9967 2515

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



Our own **Deacon George** works for CatholicCare. He was featured in an article in The Age Good Weekend Guide just last weekend. Below are some quotes from the article:

"Jail is no place for any child", says Deacon George, which is why he drives his van all over Melbourne, stopping along the way to pick up the mothers of incarcerated boys, who have no other way of visiting their sons. He pulls a weathered Bible out of his pocket now, and recites a favourite Old Testament reading. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," he says gently.

"When the young people hear this, they say, 'Is this for me?' And I tell them, 'Yes.'" Sometimes, Deacon George will just sing the South Sudanese national anthem with them, to remind them of who they are: that they come from courage, and that love is waiting for them.

He sees his job as reconnecting these children with their families and preparing them for life. He runs sporting days with the Longhorns, and oversees a landmark educational program that led to five jailed teenagers graduating from high school last year.

Please support Deacon George and CatholicCare this weekend. May God continue to bless the work you do Deacon George.

New Parishioner Morning Tea 23 May - Save the Date

Are you a new or relatively new parishioner? You are invited to come along to a morning tea on **Saturday 23 May, 10am to 11am** in the foyer of our church at St Louis. Come and meet the Parish Leadership Team. You will get to meet other new parishioners and learn a little more about your new parish. Please let us know you will be joining us by signing up at the Welcome Desk.



FORMED - The boy from Milan

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing computer-loving "gamer saint". But through his quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness

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.

Laudatio Si' week 16 - 24 May

Laudatio Si' week is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. In the lead up to the week we will share more resources.

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile, and civilians urgently need humanitarian support. More than 2,000 people have been killed and over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide, including more than 390,000 children. Our partners Caritas Lebanon continue to deliver emergency food, water, shelter and health support across the country, maintaining humanitarian convoys to hard-to-reach areas in southern Lebanon. Stand with the people of Lebanon today. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



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DON'T FORGET

Mother's Day Cake Stall - next weekend

We need your donations - jams, sauces, preserves and your cakes and biscuits on the day for our last fundraiser for BASP for 2026. If you need help, Helen Rocks is happy to pick up on Saturday. 0488997233 Helen (JAG).

Parish Pastoral Council Workshop - Saturday 2 May

Please pray for our PPC as they meet this weekend to listen and discern our parish priorities and goals in line with our parish mission to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples and our four core focus areas to:

Grow Wider - Welcome and invite those outside in.

Grow Deeper - In our faith and personal relationship with God.

Servant Leadership - Where we are all called to serve our parish and God.

Weekend Experience - Create an exceptional weekend experience with hospitality, homilies and hymns under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 10am Mass is cancelled at St Brigid's this week

Wednesday's weekday mass is cancelled this week due to the funeral mass of Nancy Selby (RIP) at 11.30am.



Baptisms this weekend

We welcome into our parish family -

Orlando Dominic, Noah Gregory

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

Sacramental Journey towards First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the eight children from government schools who accompanied by their parents will begin the journey towards the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, this Tuesday 5 May.

National Count of Attendance 2026

This count will be taken at our masses over 4 weekends during the month of May. As this is a more comprehensive survey than previous years, we thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Cleaner required

The St Bede's De La Salle Brothers Community has a position available for a cleaner. The position entails about 8 hours work per week with very flexible hours. Anyone interested could contact **Br Ken**, at kennethormerod@delasalle.org.au to find out more details or make an application.



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 is not new.

Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen and discern together. In the Acts of the apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue and trust in the Holy Spirit.

Why listening matters in the Church

Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.

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 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 10TH MAY 2026

9/10 May 2026	6th Sunday of Easter (Year A) Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21						CUPPA WEEKEND
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Michael Barker	Ann Brennan	Gail McGillivray	Anthony Barnhoorn	Carmel Barker	Monique Bruce	Berna Wake
8.00am (M)	Paula Rodrigues	Celine George	Chris McAleer	Jack Guthrie	Marlene Tangso	Tony Aloysious	Josie Johnson
9.30am (A)	Niko Tovia	Brenda O'Leary	Ron Schneider-Loos	Martin Newington	Ann Furlong	Anne Marsh	Rosemary Miller
11.00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Dianne Wain	Gail Bell	Peter Wain	Juan Wilson	Mary Ann Farren	Volunteer
Counters	Group 2	Helen & Kelvin Rocks	Mary Nayna				

Recently deceased: Ashley De Vries (husband of Marg De Vries, Aspendale), Nancy Selby (Mordialloc).

Anniversaries: Jack Hogan, Anna Cortese, Maud Smith, Mary Crowe, Catherine Williams, Peter Taylor, Lilian White, Thomas Maher, Brian Juliff, Andrew Casey, Norma North, Nancy Daghish, Jessie Quek, Ron Smith, Mollie Buxton, Joan Freeman, Nesan Murugayan, Nora Monaghan, Eileen Owen-Tucker, Jim Rix, Marjorie Currigan, Noel Williams, Pam Dusink, Barry Stanton, George Dawson, Byron Myles-Johnson, Patrick Dundon Snr, Angelo Licciardo, Vincent Licciardo, Ivy Allen, John O'Toole, Marie Carson, Maria Brasacchio, Tomasita Elliot, Robert Mattea, Helmut Hartig, Mary Shoppee, Brenda Balm, Muriel Reed, Brenda Jennings, Rita Sarmento-Cardoso, Helen Pedrazzini Philip John Murphy.

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.

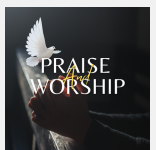
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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
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

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:

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Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752