



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Kong

Deacon: George Piech-Meat

Pentecost Sunday 24 May 2026

Readings for Year A Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23



*"Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love"*

When I hear the prayer "Come, Holy Spirit", I not only think of wind and fire, or even that still small voice, but readiness.

Playing cricket as a kid, I remember my coach teaching me as a fielder to walk in with the bowler, and to want the ball to come to me. I could not control where the ball was hit, yet my attitude made me alert, open, and ready to respond. I had prepared; now I had to be willing.

Some of my earliest experiences of the Holy Spirit were at youth camps in Wandiligong, near Bright. There were moments that felt powerful and tangible. They gave me a sense that God's presence was not just an idea. But what stayed with me most was the effect the Holy Spirit had on people: joy, openness, love, and a willingness to share faith without embarrassment. People embraced one another as one deeply loved by God. That helped open me to God's presence in me and to recognise God's presence in others.

So my prayer this Pentecost is simple: Come Holy Spirit. Make me ready. Fill my heart. Kindle in me the fire of your love.

Jon Searle
Parishioner



News and Announcements

Pentecost Sunday

Year 6 Confirmation commitment this weekend

Our Year 6 children from St Brigid's and St Louis' will be attending this weekend's masses with their families, to make their final commitment before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in August. So please make them welcome and share some cake, a cuppa and a chat with them after Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.



Special Eucharistic Ministers meeting Wed 27 May 11.45am

Fr Michael would like to invite all our Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to the housebound, sick, elderly and Aged Care to please come along to a meeting on **Wednesday 27 May at 11.45am at St Louis' church**. Fr Michael would like to get to know you all and give information on how he would like you to collect the Eucharist. The meeting will be followed by sandwiches and a cuppa. Please let Marie (0411 352 084) or the Office (9580 7981) know if you will be attending.



Happy 50th Anniversary Darel and Sherley
Congratulations to Darel and Sherley Atkins on your 50th Wedding Anniversary. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless you and keep you.

Scripture and Friendship Group Tuesday 26 May

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group is on this coming Tuesday 26 May 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



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

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 or via the QR code.



FORMED - St Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St Philip Neri's great love of youth, his warm sense of humour, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality and his amazing gift for miracles.

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 17 - 24 May From Hope to Action

Laudatio Si' Week is an annual global Catholic celebration marking the anniversary of Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical **Laudato Si' (Praise be to you)** on 'Care for Our Common Home'. It promotes ecological conversion through prayer, reflection and concrete action, encouraging communities to address climate change, consumerism and the cries of the poor.

We are asking for one action in one week from the ideas list as part of a Global Catholic Response.

Your Parish Earthcare Team

www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare

Ideas for Laudatio Si' Week

- Turn off unnecessary lighting
- Support your local charity winter appeal.
- Buy food from local producers
- Read a chapter from *Laudato Si'* or *Laudate Deum*



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News and Announcements

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. We would love to offer Kidz Zone more than once a month. If you can help, please contact Sangeetha at nsangeetha7@gmail.com

Prayer Ministry next weekend

Our prayer ministers will be available to pray for any of your requests. Please come forward after Mass.

Name Tag Weekend and Age Count next weekend

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 count that is required by the Archdiocese.

Reconciliation Journey Mass for our Catechist children

Please keep in your prayers the five children who, accompanied by their parents are finishing their journey towards the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Our friends are Hunter, Lyla, Mateo, Natalie and Angelique.

We welcome the children and their families as they attend our 9.30am Mass next Sunday at St Louis as part of their journey towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation that will take place on 2 June. Please welcome them and their families after mass.

St Brigid's Gardening Group Working Bee this Monday

Our next working bee is Monday 25 May with an 8.30am start finishing off with morning tea. Lots of pruning and weeding to do and we will also be installing some new edging. **If anyone has solid red or cream bricks lying around we can put them to good use.** All welcome Contact Graham on 0403 611 242

menALIVE Weekend - Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May



This is a National Catholic Ministry for Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The men of our Parish are invited to register to attend this seminar to help them become an active force of renewal in the community and the church.

The Catholic parishes of St Mary's Greensborough, St Thomas the Apostle Greensborough North and Sacred Heart Diamond Creek, are hosting this menALIVE weekend. **Saturday 30 May 8:00am to 9:00pm & Sunday 31 May 8:00am to 1:30pm. Cost is \$50** which includes lunch and refreshments on both days and dinner on Saturday.

For more information and to register, please go to menALIVE Or call Melwyn D'Mello on 0408 832 885



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.

What Synodality is NOT

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation - helping the church become more faithful, more welcoming and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

Why discernment is essential

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

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

NEW YOUTH GROUP @ ST PATS!

6:00-7:30PM
SUNDAY 24TH MAY

Contact Emily for more information
emwisnie@gmail.com

* FOOD
* FORMATION
* FRIENDSHIP
* PRAYER

* FOR TEENS (YR 7- YR 12)
ST PATRICK'S
MENTONE PARISH
CENTRE



NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24TH MAY 2026

30/31 May 2026	The Most Holy Trinity Readings (Year A) Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18							
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer	Prayer Ministers
6pm (A)	Volunteer	Carmel Barker	Bernie Stuart	Gail McGillivray	Michael Barker	Ann Brennan	Berna Wake	Bernie Stuart Ann Furlong
8.00am (M)	Tony Aloysious	Angela Meo	Joan Healy	Marlene Tangso	Chris McAleer	Wence Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues	Josie Johnson Tony Aloysious
9.30am (A)	Irene Crowe	Phillip Morris	Mary Nayna	Martin Newington	Ann Furlong	Eddie Joseph	Volunteer	Mary Nayna Jon Searle
11.00am (M)	Adam Whatmore	Mark Carazzo	Peter Hannan	Christine D'Cruze	Juan Wilson	Helen Rocks	Volunteer	Nicky Winters Nicole Mielczarek
Counters	Group 5	Aileen Dunes	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn					

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Dianna Atherton, Eileen Dart, Barry Skehan, James S Noonan, Michele Inguanti, Rosario Costanzo, Faust Alphonso, K.M. Zachariah, Scarlett Forde, Dorothy Partleton, Marie Fernandes, Dulcie Kulman, Margarette Chung Yew, Vincent Fernandes, Hilda Sequiera, Lucia Soupe, Gaetano Di Benedetto, Paul Burrows, John Wain, Laurence McCann Hudson, Jane Mannix, Branka Kuzmar, Chanelle Ibrahim, Robert (Bob) Orchard, Rupert Hood, Anne Thorne, Ashley Chatelier, James Edwin Silarsah, Eric Dickinson, Neal Joseph Frawley, Neil Bowd, Eddy Dalton, Alfred Anthony Sladen, Eric Anthony de Monte, Katrina Leason, Maureen Gray

Praying for healing and the sick: Kathy Martin, 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, Jeffrey Sellar, Noleen Dunn, John Catalano, Damian Haggerty, Alasdair Hughes, Harry Donohue, Stephen Hopkins, Andrea Williams, Brilliant boys, Stephen Oldboldstone

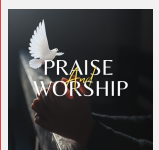
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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 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
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752