



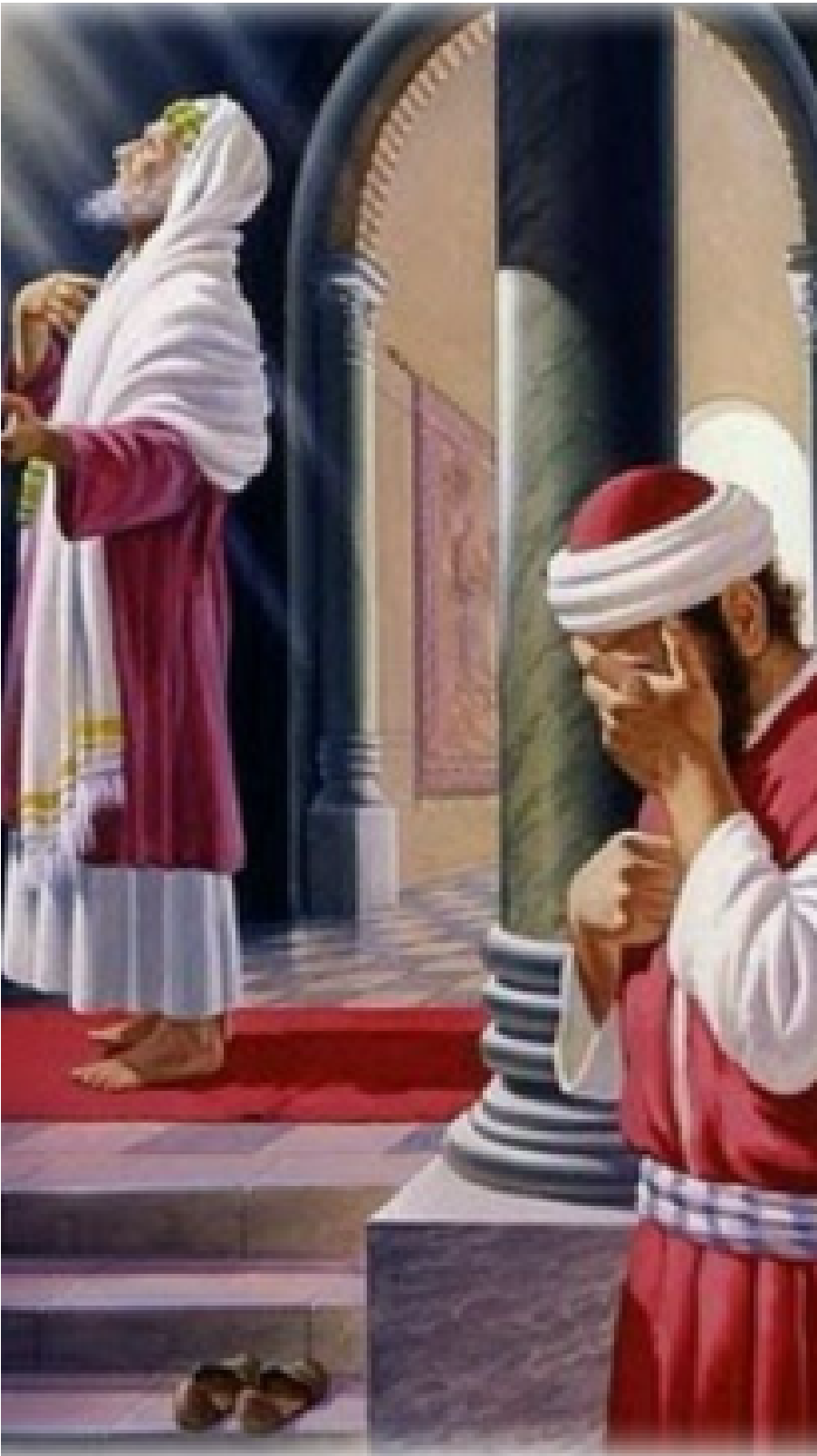
St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot, Assistant Priest: Fr Huy Nguyen,
Deacon: George Piech-Meat

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 October 2025

Readings for Year C Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14



*"The tax collector, not the
Pharisee, went home
justified"*

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector to challenge those who pride themselves on their own righteousness.

The Pharisee boasts of his good deeds, comparing himself to others, while the tax collector humbly acknowledges his sinfulness and pleads for mercy. Jesus makes it clear: it is the humble man, not the self-righteous one, who is justified before God.

This reflection invites us to examine our hearts. Do we approach God with pride, listing our virtues, or with humility, aware of our need for His grace? The Pharisee's mistake wasn't in doing good, but in trusting in his own merit and looking down on others. True holiness doesn't compare or condemn—it confesses and depends on God's mercy.

May we learn to pray like the tax collector: honestly, humbly, and with trust in God's boundless compassion. For "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Carmel Stutterd
St Louis' School Principal



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News and Announcements

Parish Survey

It is now 4.5 years since we embarked on our parish renewal entitled “Opening the Door’s to Christ’s Love” to move our parish from Maintenance to Mission, asking all to embrace the call of Jesus to make disciples, to grow deeper in faith, to serve in ministry and to invite and welcome all to experience the love of our parish community and of our Lord. The Parish Leadership Team have been working on taking our parish plans further and prior to sharing these with you, we seek your feedback as to how you feel the parish is progressing. To complete the survey please scan the QR code or you can access it online at <https://forms.gle/6KCvgfp21mGz41hF7>. There are also some paper copies on the Welcome Desk for those who can’t complete online. **Please complete by November 5**, thank you.



Parish Mission Plan - New Summary Document

Our Parish Mission Plan outlines our parish mission, vision, values and core focus areas. It guides the work of our Parish Leadership Team and Parish Pastoral Council. However, all of the baptised have a role to play in the church mission where we are asked to be disciples who listen deeply to each other, especially those who are far from the church, to walk alongside humbly and without judgement, sharing Christ through love. To learn more about our Parish Mission please access it via our parish website [here](#).

There are also some printed copies available in the foyers.

Welcome to our school children and their families

This weekend our Yr 2 children at St Louis and Yr 1/2 at St Brigid’s are joining us for our weekend masses. Please make them and their families welcome to our weekend celebration of the Eucharist and then join them for a cuppa after mass that will be served by the parents.



MISSION PLAN



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Be Your Best Now®: Wellbeing Workshop - Tuesday 28 October

On Tuesday 21 October Mark Carrazzo (parishioner) presented the first of two workshops on the modern science of human flourishing and thriving. He shared the key elements that science shows are vital for us to truly thrive—while also uncovering the subtle barriers that can quietly undermine our happiness. It was extremely well attended by over 70 people. Mark offered practical tools that we can put into practice straight away to strengthen wellbeing and live with greater happiness, balance and positivity. Attendee engagement was excellent, and many people commented how much they appreciated the session.

Mark will present the second session on **Tuesday 28 October, from 7.00- 8.15pm at St Louis’ Church**. The sessions are standalone so even if you didn’t attend last Tuesday you and your family and friends are welcome to join.

Mark holds a Professional Certificate in Positive Psychology (Honours) from the Centre for Wellbeing Science at the University of Melbourne. He is also a Certified Level 2 Wellness Coach (Wellness Coaching Australia) & a Qualified Meditation Teacher (Melbourne Meditation Centre), & holds Bachelor degrees in Law and Economics.

Body and soul: webinar explores a Christian vision for health and human flourishing

In a similar vein to Mark’s ‘Be Your Best Now’ Workshops:

“Christian perspectives on what it means to lead a full and flourishing life have much to contribute to our understanding of public health and wellbeing”, according to pre-eminent American public health scholar and theologian Prof Tyler J VanderWeele.

Speaking at a recent webinar co-sponsored by Australian Catholic University’s Plunkett Centre for Ethics and the de Nicola Centre for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, Prof VanderWeele—who is John L Loeb and Frances Lehman Loeb Professor of Epidemiology and director of the Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University—discussed his widely acclaimed new book, *A Theology of Health: Wholeness and Human Flourishing*. To read more please click the link below:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/body-and-soul-webinar-explores-a-christian-vision-for-health-and-human-flourishing>

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Name Tag Sunday & Prayer Ministry this weekend

Please pick up your name tag on the way into mass this weekend, and drop it in the box on the way out after mass. As it's cuppa weekend, our nametags will help us get to know each other, especially anyone we don't know. Prayer Ministers will also be available after each mass to pray with you for any intention.



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 all masses except 8am.

Scripture and Friendship Group

Our Parish Scripture & Friendship group will meet on **Tuesday 28th October**. Venue: **Carmel's home, 31 Inlet St, 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**

Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome and invited to pray to Our Lady and spend quiet time in adoration - **Saturday 1 November at St Louis' Church from 4.30- 5.30pm**.

Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) - Melbourne Cup Sweep 2025

The sale of tickets in our annual Melbourne Cup Sweep are available after weekend Masses through until Sunday 2 Nov. Horse numbers will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Eve (3 Nov) with lucky recipients informed by telephone. **Tickets cost \$2**. Proceeds fund \$100 Bursaries for nominated Grade 6 students at our 3 local Parish Schools. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Australian Catholic Summer Edition

The latest edition is available free of charge for you in our church foyers.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 22 November 10am to 12pm

Parish Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Bring your whole family and walk with us from St Louis to St Brigid's ending with a blessing and a cuppa. More details to follow

Sunday 30 November Parishioner Volunteer thank you lunch 12.30pm

To be held at the Parish House for all our serve ministers. Sign-up sheet to come.

Saturday 6 December Advent Retreat 9am to 12.30pm at St Brigid's church

Come along to our retreat led by Mark Walsh who will help us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Sunday 7 December 9am Aspendale Beach clean up

Join your neighbours down at the beach to help clean up the foreshore.

Saturday January 10 - 2pm to 4pm

Farewell for Fr Andrew and Fr Huy at St Brigid's School Hall
Join us for afternoon tea as we farewell our 2 much loved priests.



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Brother Francis - All Saints Day

Join Brother Francis in this special episode as he explores the lives of the saints.

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NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER 2025

1 / 2 Nov 2025	All Souls' Day Readings (Yr C) 2 Maccabees 12: 42-45 Philippians 3: 20-21 Luke 7: 11-17						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	Joanne Partleton	Marg De Vries	Gail McGillivray	Sonia Williams	Juliu Lau	Danny Carey	Ann Brennan
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Tony Aloysious	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Chris McAleer	Stephen Pooley	Joan Healy	Jane Standish
9.30am (A)	Gen Martin	Brian Martin	Aida Adriano	Martin Newington	Ann Furlong	Anne Marsh	Berna Wake
11.00am (M)	Mark Carazzo	Volunteer	Helen Rocks	Louise Breslin	Christine D'Cruze	Volunteer	Wence Rodrigues
Counters	Group 5	Aileen Dynes	Anthony & Julie Barnhoorn				

Recently deceased:

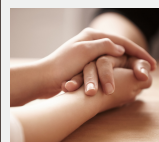
Anniversaries: Severino Lacson, Benny Pereira, Ron Hinksman, Jacob Jayabalan, Linda Peralta, Fr Tony Guelen, Vincenzo Renzella, Norah Beer, Dominic Fernandes, Grace Fernandes, John Ryan, Susannah Beeby Sinclair, Wendy Murren, George Kampf, Joe Pecora, Elsie Eddington, Babuji P.Y., Fermina Praddads Quilala, Mary Lamb, Julie Van de Garde, Lynette Gedling, Norina Castenetto, Stephen Eley, Yvonne Schneider-Loos, Elizabeth Ryan, Kenneth Balm, Bill Mellan, Derek Fernandez, Angela Angelone, Irene Wilson, Kevin Fernandez, Marie Cassidy, Lyell Renton, Glenda De Palo, Marie Elda Silarsah, Kathleen Cleary, Damien Jackson, Andy McManus, Maria Zagami, Jack Eddington, Joyce Newcombe, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Tess Rankin, Marie Temple, Errol Porter, Hazel Agnes Jellis, Louise Cotegah, Brenda Dorothy Payne, John Cincotta, Elizabeth Pigeot, Mary Foster, Didier Lubin, John Wallace, Christian John Kalis.

Praying for healing and the sick: Harry Donohue, Lina DiGiovine, Alex Bennett, John Davis, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Chris Doran, Chris Wardle, Ann Muir, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Janice Gillette, Michelle Parker, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho, Jeffrey Sellar, Alasdair Hughes, Sophia Bicos, Fr Terry Kean, Kees Meyer, Andrea Williams, Brian Smith, Michelle Burne, Rosemary Hall, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Craige Ross, Virginia O'Toole.

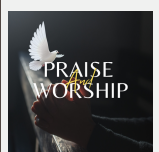
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



Children's Liturgy
5 - 12-year-olds.
4th weekend of the month. All masses except 8am.



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.

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

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

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:

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WEEKDAY MASSES

St Louis Mon 9.15am Communion Service, St Louis Tuesday 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 Friday's 12pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Andrew, Fr Huy, Trish Angliss, Berna Wake

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 Andrew Jakot 03 9580 7981
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9580 7981
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Louise 0415 963 799
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752