



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

Palm Sunday 13 April 2025

Readings for Year C Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11 Luke 22: 14 - 23:56



*"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord."*

This week, all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us. This is the most sacred week of our liturgical year, as we pause to remember and relive the Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus—His passion, death, and resurrection.

What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which leads to our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

On this Palm Sunday, in a special way, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We are reminded of his humility, love and hope that He brings to the world.

Whatever we do during this Holy Week, in whatever way we commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, may we grow in the love of God and neighbours by contemplating and following the example of Jesus who offered his life for love of us.

May this week be truly holy for all of us.

Fr Huy Nguyen
Assistant Priest



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HOLY WEEK 2025

13
APR

PALM SUNDAY MASSES AS PER WEEKEND SCHEDULE

17
APR

HOLY THURSDAY 7.30PM AT ST BRIGID'S

18
APR

GOOD FRIDAY - ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS 10.30AM AT BEESON RESERVE EDITHVALE, THEN THE PASSION 3PM AT ST BRIGID'S

19
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HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL 6.30PM AT ST LOUIS' (PLS BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)

20
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EASTER SUNDAY 8AM & 11AM AT ST BRIGID'S; 9.30AM AT ST LOUIS'



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All are invited and all are welcome

If you have not previously experienced the rich and beautiful fullness of the Triduum in our parish, why not make this the year? Think about bringing a friend.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of feet, concluding with a procession to the memorial garden, a place of repose and silent prayer.

Good Friday the Passion of Christ, a solemn and moving liturgy honouring the hour when Jesus actually died. The liturgy concludes with the veneration of the Cross, where the community together acknowledges the Cross as a sign of our salvation.

Holy Saturday we gather outside with the fire and blessing of candles, then proceed into the darkness of the church; we listen to the great vigil of readings; experience the joy of the initiation of our RCIA candidates and after the liturgy enjoy a light supper together.

Easter Sunday the joy of the day of our Lord's resurrection.



Holy Saturday Working Bee

19 April 10am to 12pm. Working bee at both churches. Morning tea provided. All welcome.

to Michael Aylward and Aileen Dynes for cleaning the brass at St Louis through the week.

Serve ministry roster

Please note the volunteers still required for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please let the office know if you can help. Also, let Ann know if you are going to be away during May to August or would like to be removed from the upcoming roster, or would like to be a new volunteer.

April 2025	HOLY WEEK ROSTER - HOLY THURSDAY 17 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL EASTER VIGIL 19 APRIL						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomers	
Holy Thursday (M) 7.30pm	Patrick Jurd	Paula Rodrigues	Carmel Barker	Jack Meyer	Not required	Vanessa Fernandes Ann Brennan Tung Pahn	
Washing of the Feet	1. Jenny Ferguson	2. Irene Crowe	3. Martin Newington	4. Volunteer	5. Volunteer	6. Volunteer	7. Volunteer 8. Volunteer
Good Friday (M) 3.00pm	Helen Healy Peter Hannan Paula Rodrigues	Volunteer	Lesley-Ann Bailey	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Jack Meyer	Berna Wake, Monique Bruce Vanessa Fernandes Robyn Worsnop	
Easter Vigil (A) 6.30pm	1 Ann Furlong 2 Marylene D 3 Julie Buick 4 A Brennan 5 Jenny F 6 Carmel B 7 Paula R 8 Elizabeth N	Volunteer	Sonia Williams	Krystyna Wrzesinski	Jack Meyer	Danny Carey Berna Wake Tung Pham	
Sacristans	Holy Thursday: Glenice Laughlin		Good Friday: Glenice Laughlin		Easter Vigil: Susan Dornom & Marie Medlicott		

News and Announcements

Love one another
as I have loved you.

John the Apostle

JAG Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Program - Refugee Family Arriving Soon!

Mum, Dad and their 3 daughters under 10 years are arriving in late May. Our family is an Arabic speaking family of five - Omar, Jamileh, Jana, Ghina and Mira. Two of the children are school aged and the third a preschooler. Finding suitable accommodation will be our biggest challenge. If you or your family and friends have a 3 -bedroom house that is currently a holiday home, Air BnB or you will be away, it would be amazing if our refugee



family could rent it for a short period until they find permanent accommodation. We are busily raising funds and if you would like to contribute, you can do so via the QR code here or via the account details -Account: Nepean Welcoming Immigrants BSB:633 000 Account no: 2175 67445

High Tea Fundraiser for our refugee family - Sat 31 May 2-5pm St Brigid's Primary School Hall

This will be a major fundraiser for our refugee family. Please save the date so you can come along and support this cause. Contact Helen Rocks if you would like to help 0488 997 233.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Federal Election Guide

The ACBC has produced a guide to the Federal Election 2025. It covers the key issues to reflect upon before deciding your vote: Dignity and the value of every human being, Fairness, justice and the common good, Religious freedom and conscience rights, and Responsible stewardship of God's creation. Scan the QR code to download the guide or online at bit.ly/ACBCElection2025 Some printed copies are available in the church foyers.



The **Australian Conservation Foundation** also have some resources regarding the election

<https://www.acf.org.au/election> There is also a pledge to sign which is a powerful tool that will be sent to all candidates <https://www.acf.org.au/election-pledge>

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

This annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendances around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you for your support.



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Margareetha Westerbeek on turning 80 years old. Margareetha is a long time parishioner and member of our choir. Wishing you good health and wonderful family celebrations on the 16 April. May the Holy Spirit continue to watch over and bless you.

Parish Bulletin Sick list please note

All names on the sick list will be removed after Easter. Please let Ann Fitzgerald at mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au know if you would still like your relative or friend to remain on the list for healing prayers.

This Week on FORMED Triduum: A spiritual pilgrimage

This video cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Access FORMED at <https://formed.org/>

Welcome
New Parishioners



Hello, have you recently joined our parish?

We are so glad you are here, and we look forward to meeting you and to help you grow in your relationship with God and to find your place of belonging in our parish. Please fill in a card on the Welcome Desk and we look forward to catching up.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVE MINISTERS ROSTER - EASTER SUNDAY - 19/20 APRIL 2025

19/20 April 25	Easter Sunday Readings Year C Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9						
	Reader	Commentator	Special Minister	Special Minister	Special Minister	Welcomer	Welcomer
6pm (A)	See Holy	Week	Roster	See	Holy	Week	Roster
8.00am (M)	Angela Meo	Ann Furlong	Barry Wheeler	Marlene Tangso	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
9.30am (A)	Volunteer	Mary Nayna	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Norma Taylor	Volunteer
11.00am (M)	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Tung Pham	Volunteer
Counters							

Recently deceased: Michael Alesci (Mordialloc), John Rhoden (ex St Bede's teacher).

Anniversaries: Michael John Healy - Helena O'Toole - Peter Wain - John Smith - Bishop Camillo Balin - John Myles - Margaret Burns - Maria Carmen Duch-Camps - Gayle Magee - Gerardo Velona - Josefa MacDonnell - Marie Ange Cheong-Lan - Matilda Grace Stevenson - Angelina Bambir - Berislav Bambir - Peter Bambir - Rosaleen McAlinden - Sydney Smout - Yvonne Farrell - Ivy Pearle - Joan Mooney - Pat O'Connor - Heather Velfrage - Benjamin Fernandes - Ronald Wilton - Marie Therese Hoban - Lena D'Cruz - Pat Dalton - Gisele Labonte - Chris Morris - George Saddler - Nance Patrick - Peg Hayes - Arthur Lamb - David Morris - Sebastiano Accaputo - Edmond Allen - Thomas Brennan - Fr Gerard Briglia - Fr Maurice (Lou) Heriot - Michael Anderson - Ronald Henessy.

Praying for the sick: Fr Terry Kean, Walter Young, Julie Griffiths, Naldi Junaldi, Nik Selepak, Sophia Bicos, Steve Gobac, Therese Brown, Fernanda Barbarino, John Nicholson, Peter Waltho, Sam Finnochiaro, Michelle Ives, Graham Owen, Norreen Spies, Caiden Hoare, Gail Bell, Sarah Gilbert, Brenda Cortese, Peter Baxter, Deborah Hall, Patty Hood, Heidi Soeding, Janice Gillette, Peter Shoppe, Natalian Constanzo, Flynn, Andrea Williams, Joseph Michaleff, Geraldine Bennett, Brian Smith, Charmaine Milne, Michelle Lieour, Louise Hawes, Clayton Dunn, Michelle Parker, Basil Van Der Merwe, Brian Gleeson, Adrian Smith, Graziella Marini, Br Michael McCabe (De La Salle), Fr Patrick Flanagan, Bishop Terry Curtin, Greg Hayes, Sue Waltho.

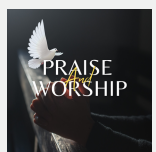
Growing in community & belonging at St Mary of the Cross



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 - 9.5 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

Contact us

Parish Office: 03 9580 7981
OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's 9am to 4.30pm
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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 ROSARY

St Brigid's every Fri 10.30am
St Louis 1st Sat of the month 4.30pm

RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's Friday's 12pm
St Louis Saturday's 5.30pm

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

Debbie Poynton 0403 471 931

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 Jekot 03 9412 8432
Fr Huy Nguyen 03 9412 8432
Trish 0421 604 849
Louise 0415 963 799
Joe 0407 354 568
Helen 0498 178 899
Anthony 0407 505 341
Robyn 0412 814 592
Denise 0412 926 752

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.