

St Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale
& St Brigid's, Mordialloc

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PARISH MASS TIMES:

Weekends: Saturday: **6pm** (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale Sunday: **9.30am** - St Louis', Aspendale
Sunday: **8am** - St Brigid's, Mordialloc Sunday: **11am** - St Brigid's, Mordialloc
Weekdays: Monday (Communion Service) 9.15am - St Louis', Tuesday 9.15am - St Louis',
Wednesday 10am - St Brigid's, Thursday 9.15am - St Louis' & Friday 11.30am - St Brigid's
Reconciliation: Friday 12noon - St Brigid's, Saturday 5.30pm - St Louis'
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 9.45am - St Louis', Friday 10.30am - St Brigid's

BAPTISM BOOKINGS through Parish Office 9580 7981

PARISH SCHOOLS: St Brigid's School, 129 Albert St, Mordialloc **9580 4518** www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au
St Louis de Montfort's School, 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale **9580 5169** www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au

Third Sunday of Advent- Year C – 15th & 16th December 2018

Our readings for this week are: **ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-18, PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7, LUKE 3: 10-18**

Gospel Reflection:

John the Baptist, made it very clear for those who would listen to him over two thousand years ago and his message is equally clear for us today. We must prepare ourselves for the Messiah! It's a simple message, he says "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.", and to the tax collectors "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." And to the soldiers, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." And to us if he were he today it might be 'live justly, act tenderly and to walk humbly with our God.'

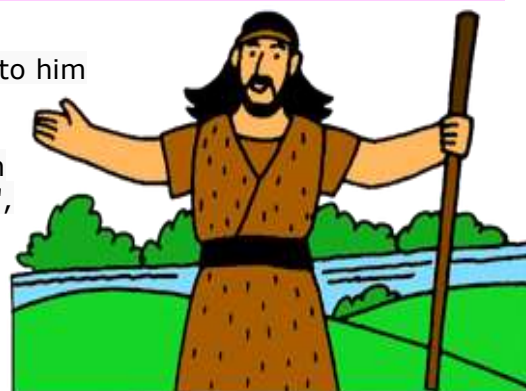
Through the very thing John did to Jesus (Baptism) we are called, through our own baptism to live with justice, to act tenderly and to walk humbly with our God. Each week at mass we say 'I believe' but do we? Or, how much do we believe? Believing is not just saying it, believing calls us into action, what ever action our age and or our health enables us to do.

Believing is that beautiful word 'Namaste' (translation: the divine in me honours the divine in you). We need to know that Jesus the Christ lives in each one of us, that Christ is the divine. The living Christ who continues to work God's miracles here on earth does so through you and me, and when someone loves us in word and action it is the living Christ who loves us through the other.

John the Baptist is certainly one of scriptures unsung heroes! He knew the answers as to how we ought to live and he lived that way himself. There needs to be a conscious decision from each one of us to committing ourselves to the Way of Christ. The question for us today with all our distractions, smart TVs, phones, iPads, Facebook and heaven knows how many other things, can we choose to live justly, to act tenderly and to walk humbly with our God?

May you know the presence of our good and generous God over this Christmas season.

Bernadette Carr



Parish Vision Statement: We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God.
We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need
with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.

NEXT SUNDAY: 22nd & 23rd Dec 2018

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent in Year C. Our readings are:

MICAH 5: 1-4

HEBREWS 10: 5-10

LUKE 1: 39-44

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Jenny Ford	Julius Lau
8am	Tanya Jhoomun	Graham Jones
9.30am	Lara Joachim-Rovira	Lidia Rovira-Duch
11am	Jennifer Rodrigues	Paula Rodrigues

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Bernadette Stuart, Joanne Partleton, Trish Fiore, Brian Hoyne, Carmel Jamieson

8am: Liz & Paul O'Farrell, Barry Wheeler, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

9.30am: Trish Amor, Brian Martin, Sue Waltho, Brenda & Felice Cortese

11am: Sr Reba Woodwiss, Peter Hannan, Gail Selwyn, Mary Cassar, Peter Wain

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Mark Barnhoorn, Helen & John Pedrazzini

Mordialloc:

Carole & Jack Guthrie

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 23rd December 2018

Communion Service: Trish & Barry Le Brocq

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

Thank you to the parishioners who have been donating the amount they pledged.

THANKSGIVING: 9/12/2018

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,917	\$2,555
Average:	\$2,042	\$1,613
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:



All volunteers in our two Parishes are required to have a current Working With Children Check.

To obtain a WWCC apply at:

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Counters and those who visit Nursing Homes will be asked to also have a Police Check. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain the forms for a Police Check or if you need any assistance applying for a Working With Children Check.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)

Sun 16th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent

Tue 18th Dec St L Anointing Mass 9.15am
St L Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm
St B Yr 6 Graduation Mass 7pm

Wed 19th Dec St B Anointing Mass 10am
Students' Last School Day for 2018

Sun 23rd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent

Mon 24th Dec Christmas Eve

Tue 25th Dec Christmas Day

Wed 26th Dec Boxing Day Holiday

Sun 30th Dec Feast of the Holy Family

Mon 31st Dec New Year's Eve

Tue 1st Jan New Year's Day

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Sun 6th Jan The Epiphany of the Lord

Sun 13th Jan The Baptism of the Lord

Sun 20th Jan 2nd Ordinary Sunday

Sat 26th Jan Australia Day

Sun 27th Jan 3rd Ordinary Sunday

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

Everyone is invited to reflect on the question: "**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**"



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent group sessions to discuss the Plenary Council. There are copies of the discussion points available in the Church Foyer.

Everyone is invited to have their say on this important issue and you are asked to do this by **6th March 2019**. Simply go to: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported last week's Melbourne Overseas Mission appeal. This assists missionaries to provide material aid, education and services to developing communities throughout the world.

Total collected was:

Aspendale \$715 Mordialloc \$545.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Sr Lia Commadeur** who celebrates her 50th anniversary of religious profession with the Brigidines.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Thank you to everyone for the generous donations that were left under our Parish Christmas Trees. The food and gifts will be distributed by St Vincent de Paul members to local families.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There is a special collection for St Vincent de Paul Society at all the Christmas Masses. Your donations will be shared between Aspendale and Mordialloc conferences and will be used to help the work of these two groups in this area. Please give generously.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

CHELSEA CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH:

The hugely successful Christmas Lunch is now in its third year. This year they need a little more Community support. If you are able to help with any of the items below they would love to hear from you.



DONATIONS OF LADIES HANDBAGS:

Handbags filled with items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, fragrances, sanitary items and any other products or goodies that you would be willing to donate! Filled bags can be left in St Louis' church foyer.

For further details call **Jess 0408 390 675**

MAGICIAN/FACE PAINTERS WANTED



If you perform magic tricks OR can face paint and can spare an hour or so between 11.30am - 1.30pm on Christmas Day, we would love to hear from you.

Contact **Vanessa 0414 257 912**

DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation to help support this initiative, please check out the follow the link below.

www.chelseacommunitychristmaslunch.org.au

Thank you all for your support.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE :

Monday 10th Dec to Friday 11th Jan
at **St Elizabeth's Parish,**
107 Bakers Rd, Dandenong North



ENTRY IS FREE. For info go to:

<http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene

or contact **Wilson: 0428 927 110**

or **St Elizabeth Parish office: 9795 6217**

Viewing times: After Mass or by appointment.

Each week the nativity scenes changes to reflect the story of the birth of Christ.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

YR 11 & 12 BURSARIES:

Students entering Yr11 in 2019 at a Catholic College are encouraged to apply for the Jack Guppy Bursaries. Applications to:

Chris Bennetts: cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au

For more info contact Chris on 0402 823 040

YR 6 BURSARIES:

Thanks to your support through the Melbourne Cup Sweep, the Knights of the Southern Cross are able to offer bursaries to students from St Louis', St Brigid's and St Joseph's Schools (3 students at each school).

These Bursaries are presented to students at their Yr 6 Graduation Ceremonies.

CHILD SAFETY HINT:

Our Parish is committed to the safety of the children within our care and will do whatever is within our power to protect them.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that we are a child safe Parish. If you see anything that concerns you please say something.



WEEKDAY WEEDING WARRIORS:



St Brigid's Church Gardening Group's final get together for the year will be on this **Monday 17th December.** There will be a short working session starting at **11am** followed by lunch at Mordi HQ to celebrate our achievements during the year.

RECENT

Marjorie Ryan (Mordialloc)
Estelita Lacson-Hortaleza (sister of Rosemarie Lacson)
Doris Genovese (Aspendale Gardens)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill, Ivy & Michael Bateson, Dot Cartmar, Carmel Cantwell, Pasqualina Costanzo, Thomas Aspery, Cath Cuffley, David Whelan Gladys Kennedy, Lorna Woodhead, Craig Blair, Golbert D'Cruz, Francis Lebler, Julian Murphy, Emily Aquilina-Saliba, Fr Desmond Cameron, Brett Drinan, Gerardine Kerlin, David Porter, Richard Rebeiro, Albert Rodriques, Marilyn Schneider-Loos, Salvatore Aparo, Edward Dunn, Frank Garlick, Brian Murphy, Margot Poynton, Sean Passagne, Anne Sleeth, Mariano Sumavao.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Roslyn Kilpatrick, Bob Murphy, Mark Hall, Barbara Andersen, John & Shirley Earp, Jesse Nombreuse, Richard Williams, Ben Quirk, Maree Wesols, Brigid Martin, Salvatore (Sam) Finnocchiaro, Aileen Pedersen, James Schumacher, Norman Taylor, John Nicholson, John Jones.

BAPTISMS:

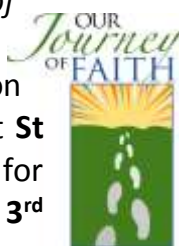
There will be a baptisms at **St Louis'** on this **Sunday 16th December** at **12.30pm**. We welcome into our Parish Family

Scarlett Hendrika Hillenaar



RCIA PROGRAM: (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA Group meet this week on **Saturday 15th Dec** at **6pm Mass** at **St Louis'**. This will be the last meeting for this year. RCIA resumes on **Sunday 3rd February** at **St Brigid's** at **8am Mass**.



YR 6 GRADUATION MASSES

There are special Graduation Masses for Yr6 students from our 2 schools on:

Tues 18th Dec - 6pm -St Louis' School Hall

Tues 18th Dec -7.30pm - St Brigid's Church

BLESSINGS MAGAZINE:

The latest edition of our Parish magazine, Blessings, is out now and available from the Church foyer. Please pick up your copy.

COMMUNITY CAROLS THANK YOU:

Chelsea Inter Church Council wish to thank **Tony Allday** and his merry men from Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group for helping with the set up and pack up for the Community Carols event last Sunday. It was very much



appreciated and all the ministers from the Churches send them their blessings.

The Community Carols was a great success

MASSES OF ANOINTING:

There are two special Masses of Anointing this week on:

Tues 18th Dec 9.15am-St Louis'

Wed 19th Dec 10am-St Brigid's

If anyone needs help with transport please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Mass times are:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

6pm Mass in St Louis' School Hall

Carols at 5.30pm

8.30pm Mass in St Louis' Church

Carols at 8pm

Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church

Carols at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.30am Mass in St Louis' Church

10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS:

The Christmas Family Mass on **Monday 24th Dec** will be in **St Louis' School Hall** at **6pm** (with Carols starting at 5.30pm).

All children are invited to come along dressed as Christmas characters (such as Shepherds, Angels, Kings)



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Matilda Woods & Mark Devereaux** who were married at **St Brigid's Church** on **Saturday 15th December**.

