St Mary of the Cross Parish St Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale & St Brigid's, Mordialloc Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Jekot **Deacon:** Brian Muling

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PARISH MASS TIMES:

Weekends: Saturday: 6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale Sunday: 8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc Sunday: 9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale 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

Feast of the Ascension - Year C - 1st & 2nd June 2019 Our readings for this week are ACTS 1: 1-11; EPHESIANS 1: 17-23; LUKE 24: 46-53

Gospel Reflection:

This week we read Luke's account of the Ascension of Jesus. For Luke, the Ascension was a significant moment in the disciples' personal transformation and the advance of the gospel through the church. This is evident in the fact that the Ascension is the conclusion of Luke's gospel and is the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles (also written by Luke). "The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same

ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time." (Greg Sunter) In Luke's account, there are two challenges laid down for us- firstly to have faith that enables us celebrate Jesus life with joy and secondly to be witness

to Jesus life in the world. Pope Francis shared his thoughts regarding the celebration of Jesus life displayed by the disciples when Jesus ascended to heaven and how the disciples reaction appears quite strange on first reading: 'They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God'

'Usually, when we are separated from our family members, from our friends, definitively, and especially when caused by death, we are naturally sad because ... we can no longer enjoy ... their presence. Instead, the Evangelist emphasises the Apostles' profound joy. Why? Precisely because, with the gaze of faith, they understand that, even if gone from view, Jesus remains always with them. He does not abandon them and, in the Father's glory, He sustains them, guides them, and intercedes for them." —Pope Francis, general audience, Saint Peter's Square, 17th April 2013.

So our challenge is to have faith in Christ and trust in his promise of the Holy Spirit to enable us to take the time at this Feast of the Ascension to reflect on where we see the presence of Jesus alive in our midst and to celebrate with joy.

The second challenge is the call to be witnesses to Christ in the world today. World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney took this as it's theme 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.' (Acts 1) As the last words spoken by Jesus, this is a reminder to us that we are called to be witness. But the question remains- How do we bear witness? As we celebrate the Ascension may we reflect on the fact that we have not been left alone; we have hope, we have each other and we have his power- the Holy Spirit. Together with the Spirit we can be witness to Christ for the world. Jodie Marziano

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- 8th & 9th June 2019

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost in Year C: Our readings are: ACTS 2: 1-11; ROMANS 8: 8-17;

JOHN 14: 15-16, 23-26

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - please see Father before Mass			
	<u>Reader</u>	Commentator	
6pm	Reader	Pauline Parker	
	Reader		
8am	Kristian Tangso	Melissa Ellis	
	Olgica Dilber		
9.30am	Reader	Chester Ryan	
	Niko Tovia		
11am	Reader	Andrea Williams	
	Dianne Wain		

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Marg de Vries, Marcella Reiter, Marie Seddon, Marie Medlicott, Rose Costa
8am: Barry Wheeler, Sr Deidre Malone, Helen Magee, Liz & Paul O'Farrell
9.30am: Leanne Glenister, Melinda Hewitson, Jane Standish, Erin Napier, Brenda O'Leary
11am: Michelle Campbell, Donna Cardamone, Jaun Wilson, Nola Petraitis, Gail Selwyn
COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Margaret McCormack, Mary & Serge Nayna Mordialloc: Glenice Laughlin, Debra Joseph

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 9th June Communion Service: Gerard Wagstaff

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 26/5/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,756	\$1,373
Average:	\$2,033	\$1,603
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:

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



them. If you are part of any of our Parish Ministries we need you to have a **current Working With Children Check**.



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY: Sun 2nd Jun Feast of the Ascension Stewardship Program Week 4 Wed 3rd Jun Yr 5 Spirit Filled People Night Sun 9th Jun Pentecost Sunday Mon 10th Jun Queen's Birthday Holiday Wed 12th Jun JAG Guest Speaker Night Thu 13th Jun Men's Group Meeting Sat 15th Jun **Confirmation Commitment Mass** Yr6 & Yr5/6 Family Mass 6pm Sun 16th Jun Trinity Sunday **Confirmation Commitment Mass** Yr6 & Yr5/6 Family Masses Men's Group Bunnings BBQ Wed 19th Jun Confirmation Family Activity Night Thu 20th Jun Confirmation Family Activity Night

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PENTECOST SERVICE:

Chelsea Inter Church Council invites you to a Pentecost Ecumenical Service on Sunday 9th June at 3pm at Chelsea Baptist Church



67 Bondi Rd, Bonbeach

(Wear something RED for Pentecost) Supper after (please bring a plate to share). ALL WELCOME

NEW ROSTERS:

A new roster is available for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for June to July. Please pick up your new roster from the Church Foyer.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MEN'S GROUP:

The Men's Group are holding a fund raising



BBQ at Bunnings, Mentone on Sunday 16th June from 8am to 5pm. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Helpers (men or women) are needed for the day for

1-2 hour slots. If you can help please put your name and time available on the list in the church foyer

or ring Tony Allday on 9580 7344.

JAG GUEST SPEAKER:

The next meeting for JAG (Justice Action Group) is on: Wednesday 12th June, at 7.30pm.



in Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.

All welcome.

At this meeting there will be a special guest speaker from **SHAC (Seaford Housing Action Coalition)** This is a group that works with the homeless in the Seaford area.



KILBREDA 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION



Kilbreda 50th Anniversary Reunion for the **Classes of 1964 to 1969** is on **Sat 31st August**

at the College, **2.30pm - 5:30pm** followed by dinner (optional)

RSVP by 1st August to Patricia Stabb (nee Pat Chapman) <u>stabbpm@optusnet.com.au</u> or Denise Leonard, Chair Past Pupils <u>denise127@optusnet.com.au</u>

GILBERT & SULLIVAN MUSICAL EVENING:

St Nicholas Anglican Church invites you to: Gilbert & Sullivan Musical Evening on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Mordialloc cnr Bear & Barkly St, Mordialloc

\$20 per person (includes supper)

For info & bookings call Wyn 0418 534 168

PP&FF SOCIAL GROUP LUNCH:

Chelsea/Aspendale Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to join their Past, Present & Future Friendship (PP&FF) Social Group.

Their next event will be Lunch

on **Thursday 6th June** at **12noon** at the **TRAX's Restaurant, Bonbeach**.

Nepean Hwy, opposite Bonbeach Station For bookings call **Keith Reiter 0417-350-733** or Pat Adams 0448-866-020. All welcome.

CHELSEA MEN'S NIGHT:

Chelsea/Aspendale Knights of the Southern Cross and St Joseph's Men's Ministry are jointly hosting a Men's Night:

An Evening With Fr Paul Chandler discussing: 'Being A Man, A Man Of God - The changing understanding of masculinity in the Western world from a Catholic understanding'

on Wednesday 12th June at 7pm

in the **St Joseph's Parish Centre, Chelsea** Evening concludes with pizza and drinks.

To assist with catering please contact **Mike** at <u>mandmshaw@bigpond.com</u> or **0418-122-966.**

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB:

Topic: Women In The Contemporary Church – Opportunity Or Scandal?

Four committed women will present from a variety of personal backgrounds, providing examples of the range of talents and life experiences that women could bring to enhance the Church to carry out its mission.

on Wednesday 5th June at 8pm

at St Andrew's Hotel,

128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy Meals available from 6-7pm.

Remember: support the pub that supports Spirituality in the Pub—dine at St Andrew's.

2019 MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

The Life, Marriage and Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to a Mass for Expectant Mothers celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

on Sunday 2nd June at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Registration: 9287 5587 or <u>Imf@cam.org.au</u>

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gloria Beattie (aunt of Monique Bruce) ANNIVERSARIES:

Terri Page, James Pobjoy, Lucy Adams, Maria Atherton, Georgie Burrows, Tom O'Donnell, Peter Treacy, Peter Freese, Gloria Brereton, James Harrison, Peter Kellett, Margaret Walsh, Bill Chick, Irene, Kathleen & Matthew Woods, Kath Rosen, Eluvia Cassano, Frances Pujol, Sheila Bailey, Patricia Miller, Daniel Farren, Maria Rodolico, Deborah Williams, William Magee, Joyce Sims.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Trish Wardle, Beryl Osborne, Dorothy Hine, Ron Sincock, Richard Williams, Shirley Earp, Maree Wesols, Bob Orchard, Trina Wilson, Maddie Bateman Duffy, Stephen Nicholson, John Brideson, Helen Caruana, Clare Lang, Helen Pedrazzini, Matthew Guthrie.

BAPTISMS:

There are Baptisms on this Sunday 2nd June at St Brigid's at 12:30pm. We welcome into



our Parish Family: Mia Castaneda Eve Joy Jackson Arian Simukai Jani Noah James McClymont Lola Iris Pinto

Violet Ainslee Pinto

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Our Young Adults Group (for anyone aged

18 to 35 years) meets this week on Friday 7th June at 7pm in the Upper Room at St Brigid's Church.



This is a Faith Formation & Fellowship Night. They'll be reflecting on the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost.

They are also planning their fundraising BBQ for Caritas so extra helpers will be very welcome. Contact **Kristian 0490 357 852**



PARISH STEWARDSHIP 2019:

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Stewardship Program.

In recent weeks we have reflected on the role of **faith** in our lives and the importance of



gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend. We have also considered the notion of our parish as a *community* of faith and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries. This week brings it all together. We look to the **future** – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual is we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry
- Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

We welcome **Fr Alan Fox** who will be with us for all Masses over the weekend encouraging us with our commitments. We also welcome **Lorella Di Paolo**, our Program Co-Ordinator from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Lorella will be available at all Masses if you need further information.

Our pledge card has provision for pledging to both the Presbytery Collection which goes towards supporting our Parish Priests and pledging to the Stewardship Collection which funds the upkeep of the parish including utilities, insurance, salaries etc. If you were not at our Parish Forums last Wednesday and would like more information on what was presented, please see Lorella after Mass to have the information emailed.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

SCRIPTURE REMINDS US

"The Church of God that will last into eternity is the Church of living stones, built upon the cornerstone of Christ that must constantly be built up." (1 Peter 2:5)