

Sunday Bulletin

St Mary of the Cross Parish

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

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C – 27th & 28th April 2019

Our readings for this week are **ACTS 5: 12-16; APOCALYSE 1: 9-13, 17-19; JOHN 20: 19-31**

Gospel Reflection:

John's gospel speaks to us today – firstly in the very clear message of our mission as followers of Christ 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' and secondly in Christ's response to Thomas 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Pope Francis connected these two concepts together. In his morning meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sancte Marthae, (3rd July, 2013), he stated 'How can I find the wounds of Jesus today? I cannot see them as Thomas saw them. I find them in doing works of mercy, in giving to the body – to the body and to the soul, but I stress the body – of your injured brethren, for they are hungry, thirsty, naked, humiliated, slaves, in prison, in hospital. These are the wounds of Jesus in our day'

"What Jesus asks us to do with our works of mercy", the Pope concluded, "is what Thomas asked: to enter his wounds".

With the Holy Spirit, we are called to go out to give the good news as Jesus did. But how do we do this? Pope Francis says that in the works of mercy we extend to others, we are treating the wounds of Christ. And at the same time we are overcoming our doubts and strengthening our faith "The Risen Jesus passed on to his Church, as her first task, his own mission of bringing to all the concrete message of forgiveness. This is the first task: to announce forgiveness. This visible sign of his mercy brings with it peace of heart and joy of the renewed encounter with the Lord" (Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, April 23, 2017).

This is not always an easy task, particularly in the current time where acts of terror, like those of Christ Church and Sri Lanka, violence within our communities and families, discrimination, illness, and enduring hunger put our faith to the test.

"And yet, Easter reminds us that there is something more powerful than suffering and death: the love of the God who, in Christ, has taken upon himself our broken humanity." (Brother Silas Henderson, SDS | Apr 07, 2018)

'But when faith is lived and shown in service to others, then many doubts vanish because we feel the presence of God and the truth of the Gospel in the love that, by no merit of ours, lives in us and that we share with others' (Pope Francis 23rd Nov 2016)

If we work with the Spirit to share the mission of Christ, our doubts are overwhelmed by the love of God and we share that love with all those we meet and it through these relationships that we encounter the Risen Christ and can like Thomas exclaim 'My Lord and my God!'



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- 4th & 5th OF MAY 2019

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter in Year

C: Our readings are:

ACTS 5: 27-32, 40-41;

APOCALYSE 5: 11-14;

JOHN 21: 1-19

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Commentator</u>
6pm	Marg De Vries	Rekha Taylor
8am	Debi Atherton	Bill Atherton
9.30am	Shaun Healy	Brenda O'Leary
11am	Paula Rodrigues	Jennifer Rodrigues

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Anthony Barnhoorn, Bill Mellan, Adrienne Kennedy, Gail Hamilton, Carmel Barker

8am: Joan Healy, Carole & Jack Guthrie, Stephen Pooley, Sr Deidre Malone

9.30am: Brenda O'Leary, Lidia Rovira-Duch, Mark Barnhoorn, Martin & Elizabeth Newington

11am: Patsy Riordan, Juliana ZedonerDavis, Jean Spencer, Christine D'Cruze, Jaun Wilson

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Bernadette & Geoff Terrell, Anthony Barnhoorn

Mordialloc:

Bill & Debi Atherton and Marlene Tangso

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 5th May

Communion Service: Gerard Wagstaff

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 21/4/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$2,012	\$1,489
Average:	\$2,036	\$1,606
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Boxes are due to be returned from now. Please place your box in the basket in the Church foyer.



PARISH CENSUS:

Thanks to everyone who filled out a Parish Census Card at Mass recently. Cards are still available in the Church foyer if you have not yet filled out a card.



COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

Sat 27th Apr First Eucharist Journey Mass

Sun 28th Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Eucharist Journey Masses

Sat 4th May Car Raffle Draw

Sun 5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter

St B First Eucharist - 12.30pm

Wed 8th May JAG Meeting

Thu 9th May St Louis' Feast Day School Mass
Men's Group Meeting

Sun 12th May 4th Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Program Week 1
Mothers' Day

Sun 19th May 5th Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Program Week 2

St L First Eucharist - 12.30pm & 2.30pm

Sun 26th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Program Week 3

St L First Eucharist - 12.30pm & 2.30pm

CHILD SAFETY:

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



HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations on Good Friday to the special collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places. The total collected was: **\$1,272**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:

Thank you to everyone who supported the special collection at all Masses last weekend for St Vincent de Paul Society. The money collected will be shared between our Aspendale and Mordialloc Conferences and will be used to assist families in our area. Total amount collected was: **\$2,664,**



PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2020:

Applications for enrolment for Prep in 2019 at St Louis de Montfort's & St Brigid's Schools open on **Tuesday 23rd April** and close on **Friday 17th May**.

Contact the School Office for more info, application forms, details of school tours etc.

St Louis' School: 9580 5169

St Brigid's School: 9580 4518

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB:

Topic: *'Jesus and the Origins of Misogyny in the Catholic Church'*

Speaker: **Christopher Geraghty**

on **Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm**

at **Sandringham Hotel cnr Beach Rd & Melrose St**, Meals served from 6pm.

Bookings for meal: Phone Hotel 9598 7255

For more info on SIP see noticeboard

or call Vin 9530 6004

THEOLOGY @ THE PUB

Topic: *'How To Win An Argument Without Losing A Soul'*

on **Monday 6th May, 6.30pm–9pm**

at **The Royal Melbourne Hotel,**

629 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Theology @ the Pub and Catholic Vocations Melbourne are proud to host internationally renowned author, podcaster and speaker **Matt Fradd** on his Melbourne tour. Matt's podcast 'Pints With Aquinas' receives hundreds of thousands of downloads every month. An Aussie by birth, Matt lives with his wife Cameron and their children in Georgia. Join us as Matt shares from his vast experience on the topic. **Registrations:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBABQ>

CAR RAFFLE:

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets in the Combined Catholic Parishes Car Raffle.

The Raffle will be

drawn on **Saturday 4th May**. Good luck.



JAG MEETING:

The next **JAG** (Justice Action Group) meeting is on:

Wed 8th May at 7.30pm.

In the **Indigenous Gathering Space** at **Mordialloc Life Saving Club.**

Other events planned for this year are:

Guest Speakers on Housing & Environment
Social Event to showcase refugees' talents.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING:

The next meeting for St Mary of the Cross Men's Group will be a **Dinner Meeting** to farewell Fr Justel on **Friday 10th May at 7pm**

at **Guzel Istanbul Restaurant**

102 Nepean Hwy, Mentone.

All men of the Parish welcome.

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.

This group is organising Evening Dinners & Lunches on the First Thursday of each month.

Their next event will be **Lunch**

on **Thursday 2nd May at 12noon**

at the **Cove Hotel, Patterson Lakes.**

Ring Keith Reiter 0417-350-733

or Pat Adams 0448-866-020 for a booking.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

This Sunday, 28th April is the second Sunday of Easter and also Divine Mercy Sunday.

BLESSINGS MAGAZINE:

The latest edition of the Parish Publication 'Blessings' is now available in the Church foyers. It has news and reflections from our Parish of St Mary of the Cross.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is not on this weekend because of the First Eucharist Journey Masses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. Safety guidelines we need at least two adults to be with the group. Are you able to assist occasionally? If you would like to help please contact the Parish Office.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Donald Booth (husband of Margaret),
Janos (John) Marton (Mordialloc)
Paul Lajoie (husband of Solange)**

ANNIVERSARIES:

**Grace Birch, Frances Carrick, Doug Hallam,
Donald Dunstall, Pierre Joshua,
Harold Smith, Matteo Camerino,
Salvatore Costanzo, Jose Jesus Amaya Diaz,
Alice Dickinson, Euria Gutierrez,
Shirley Le Breton, Georges Louis,
Doreen Power, Gregory & Lucy Costa,
Margaret Hickey, Chris Wragg, Mary Porter,
George Le Brocq, Bill O'Connor,
Kevin Champion, Charles Cromer,
George Hannan, Pierre Kennan,
Mark Payton, Anna Cortese, Maud Smith,
Peter Taylor, Lilian White, Mary Crowe,
Catherine Williams, Brian Juliff,
Thomas Maher, Norm & Norma North,**

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

**Clare Lang, Richard Williams, Ron Sincock,
Shirley Earp, Helen Caruana, Bob Orchard,
Dorothy Hine, John Brideson, Matthew Bell,
Maddie Bateman Duffy, Maree Wesols,
Helen Pedrazzini.**

BAPTISMS:

There will be baptisms at **St Louis'** on this **Sunday 28th April at 12.30pm**. We welcome in



to our Parish family:
**Harper Willow Rivalland
Katherine Emily Thompson
Leonardo Jozef Velluto**

This Sunday during **9.30am**

Mass at St Louis' we also welcome

Solomon Ehrhardt Schwerdtle who will be received into the Church. Solomon and his brother **Benson Schwerdtle** will also receive their First Eucharist at this Mass.



FIRST EUCHARIST JOURNEY MASSES:

This weekend there are Journey Masses for the children from both our Parish Schools plus the Catechist Class preparing for their first Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP:

In honour of Our Blessed Mother our Young Adult Group invites everyone (young and old) to join them for a special evening of prayer for **May:**

**the Month of Mary
on Friday 3rd May
7pm – 9pm
at St Louis' Church.**



The evening will include prayers, songs and making rosary bracelets for our elderly friends at Mercy Place - Nixon Hostel.

All welcome.

FUNERALS:

The graveside service for **Denise Hender** (former director of Nola Barber Kindergarten) will be held at Cheltenham Cemetery on **Monday 29th April at 10am** and will be followed afterwards by refreshments in the foyer at **St Louis' Church**.

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Don Booth at St Louis' Church** on this **Wednesday 1st May at 11am**.

NEW ROSTERS:

A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for June to November. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

Please note that all volunteers who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be omitted from this roster.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:

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

If you do not have a current WWCC you will no longer be eligible to participate in some ministries. Our Child Safety Team (**Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Deb Poynton & Robyn Worsnop**) will be following up with all our Parish Groups to ensure members of groups are obtaining their WWCC.

