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 Sunday:
 8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc
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 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

4th Sunday of Easter - Year C – 11^{th} & 12^{th} May 2019

Our readings for this week are ACTS 13: 14, 43-52; APOCALYSE 7: 9, 14-17; JOHN 10: 27-30

Gospel Reflection:

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small throughout Israel. Every sheep flock mattered. Every sheep had a name as well as a value. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result, when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd, he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has for his sheep.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead because we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other interests such as sport. Whereas for true followers, every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. It is not always easy to follow the Gospel. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

Let's take time today to reflect on the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead and thereby guaranteeing not only safety but also eternal life

Tom Lindeman

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- 18th & 19th May 2019

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Easter in Year C: Our readings are: ACTS 14: 21-27 APOCALYSE 21: 1-5; JOHN 13: 31-35

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - please see Father before Mass

Reader6pmTanya Jhoomun8amGraham Jones9.30amTrish Amor11amMichelle Campbell

Commentator Marie Seddon Helen Magee Marj Reed Helen Rocks

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Rose Costa, Ann Brennan,
Debbie Poynton, Julius Lau, Sonia Williams
8am: Barry Wheeler, Melissa Ellis,
Helen Magee, Liz & Paul O'Farrell
9.30am: Mary Nayna, Leanne Glenister,
Melinda Hewitson, Jane Standish, Erin Napier
11am: Donna & Joe Cardamone, Gail Selwyn,
Peter Hannan, Sr Reba Woodwiss

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Joe Corda, Nelson Popley, Bernie Hambridge **Mordialloc:** Helen & Calvin Rocks

<u>SANDY LODGE ROSTER:</u> 19th May Communion Service: Elizabeth Donohue

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 5/5/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$2,065	\$1,384
Average:	\$2,035	\$1,605
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

NEXT WEEK: SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Next weekend there is a special collection at all Masses for Chaplaincy Sunday. Donations will go towards supporting Catholic Chaplains who work with: patients and their families in public hospitals, people affected by mental illness, men and women in Prisons, young people in youth justice facilities & seafarers.

For more info watch the video on: www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy





PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

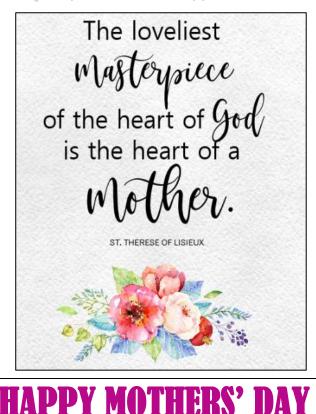
It's not too late to return your Project Compassion Box.

Total collected so far is: \$4,656.60

Caritas compassion

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

This Sunday is Mothers' Day and we will have a special collection at all Masses to raise funds for the Mothers' Day Breast Cancer Appeal.



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

CAR RAFFLE:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Combined Catholic Parishes Car Raffle.



Unfortunately we didn't win any prizes this year. The results for the Raffle are the notice board in the Church Foyer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Happy Birthday to **Bernie Hambridge** who celebrated his 90th Birthday last week.



BEREAVEMENT THANKS:

Margaret Booth & family would like to thank Fr Andrew, Fr Justel & Bernadette Carr for their love and prayers for Don during his illness. They would also like to thank all those parishioners who attended Don's funeral and offered condolence and support.

"DID YOU KNOW?"

There is an explanation of how the new parish logo came about on the inside cover of the current edition of Blessings.

Thank you to the team who have been assisting me with some of the ideas regarding our new parish status. The team are Bernadette Carr, Berna Wake, Judy Dickinson, Michael Russo, Tom Lindeman & Jodie Marziano.

Watch this space as there are a lot more exciting things to come...!!!! Fr. Andrew



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:

Hosted by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on **Thursday 16th May. 7am – 9am** at **CQ Club**, *113-123 Queen St, Melbourne* Guest speaker: **Joe De Bruyn** (Union Leader) Cost: \$45 per person

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/484991

FR KEVIN BURKE'S RETIREMENT:

Fr Kevin Burke worked as administrator of Mordialloc Parish 1985-1986 and is retiring as Parish Priest of Eltham on 29th May. He invites parishioners to his **Farewell Mass**:

at Our Lady Help of Christian's Parish,

Henry Street, Eltham

on Sunday 26th May at 2.30pm.

There will be afternoon tea at the School Community Centre after the Mass. RSVP: <u>olhc@alphalink.com.au</u> or 9439 9206.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB:

Party For Single Catholics Aged 28–60 on Saturday 25th May, 8pm at Benedict House,

301 Warrigal Road, Burwood **Cost:** \$13 -includes supper & lucky door prizes **Enquiries:** Peter on 9885 2167

NEW ROSTERS:

A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for **June to July**. 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:

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ignatius Fernandes (Jan Pagliuca's father), ANNIVERSARIES:

Inez Garlick, Vito Giarratana, Barry Hirning, Beryl Lomas, Samuel Dornom, Terry Feely, Margaret Maley, Norm & TerryMcCloud, Rodney Aldridge, William Doherty, Guiseppe Favola, Maria Godeassi, Joe Curtain, Maisie Slattery, Daniel Bennett, Kathleen Noonan, Tony Drinan, Peter Fergus, David Graham, Evelyn Laragy, Patricia O'Sullivan

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

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

FAREWELL FOR FR JUSTEL:

Fr Justel is leaving our Parish on 30th May to take up his new appointment as Assistant

Priest at St Albans Parish. All parishioners are invited to a

FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

FOR FR JUSTEL at St. Louis Church on Saturday 25th May from 2pm to 4pm (Formalities at 3pm)



Please come along to say goodbye, thank him and wish him well in his new Parish.

WELCOME:

This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday and we again welcome **Vinh Do**, the seminarian who will be doing his pastoral placement in our Parish from July. Vinh will be speaking about his vocation at all Masses.

LET'S DO LUNCH:

You are invited to the next 'Let's Do Lunch':



on **Tuesday 21st May** at **12noon** in **St Louis' Church** All welcome.

Come along catch up with some other parishioners and enjoy a yummy lunch

with a few fun games of Bingo afterwards. Sign up in the Church Foyer

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mass on this **Tuesday 14th May** at **9.15am** at **St Louis'** will be replaced by a Communion Service.

FIRST EUCHARIST:

There are special First Eucharist Masses for St Louis' children on the next two Sundays, **19**th **& 26**th **May** and



the Catechist class will receive First Eucharist Mass in June. St Brigid's School children received their First Eucharist on 5th May. Please keep these children in your prayers.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 2019:

Welcome to the first weekend of our Parish Stewardship Program.

The Program recognises that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to

reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community here at Aspendale and Mordialloc.

We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website and our parish Facebook. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

This weekend we will hear a special message of welcome from the Archbishop, Peter Comensoli and members of the Program Leadership Team will be distributing our Parish Brochure and Groups & Ministry Form – you may have already received your copies by email and copies can also be viewed and downloaded from the parish website.

PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM:

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special event as part of the Program



OUR PARISH FUTURE FORUM on Wednesday 29th May at 11am in St Brigid's Church & 7.30pm in St Louis' Church.

It will be a great opportunity to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future and to enjoy a cuppa together.