

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

6th Sunday of Easter - Year C - 25th & 26th May 2019

Our readings for this week are **ACTS 15: 1-2, 22-29; APOCALYSE 21: 10-14, 22-23; JOHN 14: 23-29**

Gospel Reflection: I read in a gospel commentary recently that the French language is sometimes more precise than English. "Goodbye" is a case in point. The French use *Au revoir* for those everyday brief separations, while *Adieu* is reserved strictly for a more final departure; it means roughly "until we meet in heaven." In many ways, life is a succession of *Au revours* and *Adieus*. The latter grow more with the passing years. Our hearts and memories are peopled with faces that once were dear to us. Some, like our parents, died. Others moved away out of our lives never to reappear again. If their names crop up in conversation we say, "I wonder what became of so-and-so." They may say the same about us too. Life is a series of little deaths until our own death which for us will be the last great *Adieu*.

In our life of faith we are a pilgrim people, on the move. We need faithful friends who travel with us. In today's gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say *Adieu* but *Au revoir*. "I am going away, but I shall return." We never really say goodbye to God, for God always goes with us.

As I pen this reflection, I am very much aware of my impending "departure" from the parish. Next Thursday marks another chapter in my life as I take up my new appointment as Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart Parish in St Albans. But before I get to the business of saying "thank you", allow me first to share a brief reflection on my stay here in Mordialloc-Aspendale. Two years ago when I first arrived, I had already set out some expectations for myself. Along with the physical stuff I brought with me are my "personal goals" and a long list of "target areas of involvement" in the parish that can potentially make my time here more meaningful and enjoyable. Looking back now, although I must admit I wasn't able to meet all the goals and expectations I listed, my expectations exceeded what I could ever imagine and hoped for. The first on the list was my intention to meet as many people as I can. To be honest, greeting people after Sunday Mass and at least remembering their names was enough for me to fulfil my goals. But what struck me is that what I thought to be only "two minute doorstep conversations" have slowly developed into friendships. To come here as a stranger and to be able to listen to your stories is truly a remarkable experience for me.

But what truly touched me are those quiet parishioners, who, out of the mundane, are living the gospel of Christ: An elderly woman caring for her also elderly mother, a loving wife who took care of her dying husband until his last breath and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers who quietly visit the homes and listen to the stories of the poor and less fortunate people of society to name a few. These are real people who do not set high expectations on themselves; simply living as Christ lived, moving on silently in life with Christ at their side.

To Bernadette, Susan and Ann, the parish staff and especially to Fr. Andrew, thank you for being a mentor and friend to me. All of you have played a big part in my ministry. The fun memories we had will always be treasured in my heart.

To all the parishioners of St. Mary of the Cross Parish, I want to sincerely thank you all for welcoming me and inspiring me to become a better Christian. Although I am sad to leave you, I am optimistic of my future as I continue to minister to God's people.

Au revoir and I hope to see you again one day. God bless.

Fr Justel

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- 1st & 2nd June 2019

Next Sunday is the feast of the Ascension in Year C: Our readings are:

ACTS 1: 1-11;

EPHESIANS 1: 17-23;

LUKE 24: 46-53

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Commentator</u>
6pm	Debra Searle	Julie Buick
8am	Barry Wheeler	Liz O'Farrell
9.30am	Imelda McMahon	Gerard Wagstaff
11am	Gail Selwyn	Peter Hannan

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

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

8am: Debi Atherton, Marlene Tangso, Fred Burns, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

9.30am: Trish Amor, Brian Martin, Mary Nayna, Brenda & Felice Cortese

11am: Juliana Zedoner-Davis, Patsy Riordan, Jean Spencer, Christine D'Cruze, Carolyn Ellul

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

John Sleeman, Sandra Ramos, Mark Barnhoorn

Mordialloc:

Carole & Jack Guthrie

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 2nd June

Communion Service: Mary Nayna

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 19/5/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,842	\$1,323
Average:	\$2,034	\$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**.



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COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

Sat 25th May Fr Justel's Farewell Afternoon Tea

Sun 26th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Program Week 3

St L First Eucharist - 12.30pm & 2.30pm

Wed 29th May Parish Forum 11am & 7.30pm

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Thank you to everyone who helped support
the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal last Sunday

Total collected was:

ASPENDALE: \$482

MORDIALLOC: \$684



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 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 August 1st to Patricia Stabb (nee Pat Chapman) stabbpm@optusnet.com.au or Denise Leonard, Chair Past Pupils Denise127@optusnet.com.au

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**



FIRST EUCHARIST:

This weekend there are special First Eucharist Masses for St Louis' children on this **Sunday 26th May**. The Catechist class will receive First Eucharist Mass in June.

Please keep these children in your prayers.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS:

Copies of the Winter edition of **Australian Catholics** magazine are now available. It features several articles on the theme: *'Mind, Body, Soul – Mental health & Wellness'*.

Pick up your free copy from the Church Foyer.



READERS IN OTHER LANGUAGES:

We are looking for multi-lingual parishioners who are willing and able to read the readings at Mass in a language other than English on the feast of Pentecost (8th & 9th June). If you would like to help please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**



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**

Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

Registration: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au

WAR ON WASTE:

You are invited to a talk by Freya Vickery (City of Kingston) on care for our environment at **OLA Church, Cheltenham**

on **Wed 29th May 10.10am -11.15am**

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Lane Meleisea (Chelsea),
John Greenwell (husband of Jenny)**

ANNIVERSARIES:

**Vincent Fernandes, Gaetano Di Benedetto,
Hilda Sequiera, Lucia Soupe, John Wain,
Branka Kuzmar, Jane Mannix, Anne Thorne,
Eric Dickinson, James Silarsah, Eddy Dalton,
Eric de Monte, Alfred Sladen, Tom Bibby,
Eileen Headland, Val Simpson, Janet Angus,
Ray Buxton, Eugene Julien, Moya Wain.**

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, Trish Wardle,
Shirley Earp, Helen Pedrazzini,
Trina Wilson, Matthew Guthrie.**

FAREWELL FR JUSTEL:

Fr Justel is leaving our Parish on this Thursday 30th May to take up his new appointment as Assistant Priest at St Albans Parish. It is not too late if you wish to make a donation for Fr Justel's farewell gift. The donation box and farewell card is in the Church Foyer.



WELCOME DEACON BRIAN:

We welcome back **Deacon Brian Muling**. Deacon Brian has been appointed to our Parish as a deacon until his ordination to the priesthood later in the year when he will become our new assistant priest. He has already spent time here with us as part of his pastoral training for the priesthood so is very familiar with our Parish.



POPE FRANCIS SAYS

"A parish is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach" – Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 28



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PARISH STEWARDSHIP 2019:

Welcome to week three of our Parish Stewardship Program. This week celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community where people are welcomed, known and loved. It is a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.



This means that we have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others – making our time available to be involved in one of our many Groups and Ministries. We all have a contribution to make – so have a look at the "Groups & Ministries" form to see what best suits you.

Today we will hear from members of the Parish Leadership Team who will share with us the impact of faith and our parish on their lives and how important it is for us all to make our contribution to parish life. We thank them for doing so!

'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

We remind all parishioners that our Forums will take place next week.

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

This is a great opportunity to get together, celebrate our achievements and discuss our plans for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided. Please complete the RSVP cards available at all Masses over the weekend or the RSVP form on the parish website.

NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend is the final weekend of our Program – OUR FUTURE WEEKEND. We welcome Fr Alan Fox who will be celebrating Mass with us and we remind all parishioners to return the completed Groups & Ministries Form and the pledge slip on the back of the Parish Brochure. There will also be the opportunity to complete both at Mass on the weekend. We thank you in advance for your generous support.