

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

1st Sunday in Lent - Year C

9th & 10th March 2019

Our readings for this week are: **DEUTERONOMY 26: 4-10; ROMANS 10: 8-13; LUKE 4: 1-13**

Gospel Reflection:

The story of Jesus' temptations is not to be taken lightly. It's a warning that we can ruin our lives if we stray from the path God wills for us. The first temptation was decisively important. On the surface it is a desire for something innocent and good: why not call on God power to satisfy our hunger. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread," the tempter says to Jesus. His reply is surprising: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." We must always seek God's will above all. At every moment we must listen to God's Word, seek God's will.

Our deepest needs are not met by physical food and drink. Human beings need and yearn for more, for spiritual nurture. To help save other people from hunger and misery, we need to listen to God our Father, who awakens in our conscience a hunger for justice and solidarity.

Perhaps our great temptation today is to "change things into bread", to reduce our desires to what is tangible and consumable. Indiscriminate consumerism is all around us, but it is hardly the way to progress and liberation. A consumerist society leads to emptiness and discontent. Why do the number of suicides keep growing? Why do we barricade ourselves in gated communities, and build walls and barriers to stop hungry people from sharing our prosperity and disturbing our peace?

Jesus wants us to be aware that human beings do not live on bread alone. We also need to nurture the spirit, know love and friendship, develop solidarity with those who suffer, listen to our conscience, open to the ultimate Mystery of sharing, that joins us with God. **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- 16th & 17th March 2019

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday in Lent in Year

C: Our readings are:

GENESIS 15: 5-12;

PHILIPPIANS 3: 17 – 4: 1;

LUKE 9: 28-36

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Julius Lau	Jenny Ford
8am	Melissa Ellis	Sr Deidre Malone
9.30am	Marj Reed	Trish Amor
11am	Helen Rocks	Michelle Campbell

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Debbie Poynton, Marie Seddon, Rose Costa, Ann Brennan, Sonia Williams

8am: Stephen Pooley, Debi Atherton, Joan Healy, Carole & Jack Guthrie

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

11am: Annemarie Harrison, Louise Breslin, Andrea Williams, Gail Selwyn, Peter Hannan

COUNTERS:

Aspendale: Carmel & Brian Smith, Tony Allday

Mordialloc:

Mike Love, Helen & Graham Jones

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 17th March

Communion Service: Mary Nayna

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 3/3/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$2,020	\$1,554
Average:	\$2,038	\$1,608
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

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

The RCIA group will meet this week on **Sunday 10th March** at **St Brigid's** at **8am Mass**.

The RCIA group meet next week on **Sunday 17th March** at **9:30am Mass**. After this they go to **St Patricks Cathedral** for their **Rite of Election** at **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.



COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)

Sun 10th Mar 1st Sunday of Lent

Mon 11th Mar Labour Day Holiday

Wed 13th Mar JAG Meeting

Thu 14th Mar Men's Group Meeting

Sun 17th Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tue 19th Mar Prayer Group's Rosary Night

Wed 20th Mar St B First Eucharist Family Night

Thu 21st Mar St L First Eucharist Family Night

Sun 24th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

JAG MEETING:

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

Wed 14th March at 7.30pm.

in **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'**.

All welcome.



HELPING REFUGEES FORUM:

Catholic Social Services invites you to a Parish Forum: **'Helping Our Refugee Families'**

on **Saturday 23rd March**

9.30am – 1.05pm

at **Cardinal Knox Centre,**

383 Albert St,

East Melbourne

Cost: \$20 includes lunch

Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWMI>

See noticeboard for more details.



REFUGEE FILM NIGHT:

Screening of the movie **'The Merger'**

Fundraiser for Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 14th March**

at **Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation**

535 Elizabeth St, Melbourne. Cost \$20

Book: <https://trybooking.com/469539>

See noticeboard for more information and other upcoming movies.



MELBOURNE CATHOLIC:

The March edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available for \$4 from the Foyer. It has an article on our Parish's Young Adult Group and also an article on Sr Brigid Arthur and the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. .

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETINGS:

Mordialloc's St Vincent de Paul Group usually meet on 2nd Monday of each month except for this month when because of the Labour Day holiday they will meet on **Monday 18th March** at 7pm in the Upper Meeting Room at St Brigid's Church.



Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Group meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE:

Our JAG (Justice Action Group) is again supporting the ACRATH Campaign to buy slavery free chocolate at Easter



'every person ought to have an awareness that purchasing is always a moral- and not simply an economic –act' Pope Francis 2015
Buy Slavery-Free Chocolate at Easter

When you choose your chocolate this Easter, or anytime, look for a label that shows the cocoa has been sourced ethically (ie. not produced with the forced labour of children) Look for: **"Fairtrade", "Rainforest Alliance" or "UTZ Certified"**



Leaflets with more information are available in the Church Foyer.

CAR RAFFLE:

The Combined Catholic Parishes Car Raffle has not just one but **3 chances to win a car** and a total of 14 great prizes altogether.

Tickets are only \$2 each and are now available.



MEN'S GROUP:

The next meeting for Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group is on this **Thursday 14th March** at **7.30pm** in the **Penola Meeting Room** at **St Brigid's**. All men of the Parish are welcome.

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**. We would like all volunteers to have WWCCs by **31st March**. To apply for a WWCC go to: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au



You need to apply for a **volunteer WWCC** and list either **St Louis de Montfort's Church** or **St Brigid's Church** as the organisation where you volunteer. Once you have filled in the form online you will need to go to the Post Office for a photo and finalise your application

There is no charge.

WWCC is valid for 5 years.

If you already have a card please bring it to the Office so we can take a copy and you need to add the Church as one of the organisations you volunteer in.

If you need assistance with your application please contact the Parish Office.



EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE:

Choir practices for our Easter ceremonies are on **WEDNESDAYS** at **7.30pm** at **St Brigid's Church**. New singers and musicians from both Churches are most welcome

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE:

David Dunn is a Spiritual Director who has trained at The Heart of Life Centre in Box Hill within the Melbourne College of Divinity and now offers his services to help members of the parish of St Louis Aspendale and St Brigid's Mordialloc. He can be contacted through Bernadette Carr in the Parish Office.

MYERS BRIGGS REFLECTION DAY:

You are invited to a Myers Briggs Reflection Day: **'Gifts Differing' – Our graced selves, praying, communicating...**

It is facilitated by Peter Malone MSC and runs from **10am to 4pm** on **Saturday 23rd March**, at **Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill**.

Cost \$60. (BYO Lunch)

Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on that day.

Bookings: 9890 1101 or holsc@bigpond.com

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kevin Lyons (Aspendale)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Trevor Hall, George Jeeves, Betty Nunn, Albert Ryan, William McVeigh, Bob Temple, Peter Rodgers, Fr Denis White, John Calleja, Michael Wood, George Pearson, Tise Tago, Brian Waldron, Lyn Brunbery, Theo Jaspers, Harold Kennan, Bill Medlicott, Jack Renton, Linda Se Hin Son, William Aldridge, Timothy O'Dea, Patrick Brady, Tom Casey, Elma Fraser, Percy Gregory, Michael Peril, Jack Quinn, Eileen Geary, Hilda Hunter, Venderando Costanzo, Connie Mellan.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Margaretha Westerbeek, Richard Williams, Ron Sincock, Shirley Earp, Helen Caruana, Margaret & Don Booth, Kathleen Roberts, Bob Orchard, John Nicholson, Noel Williams. Dorothy Hine.

BAPTISM:

There will be a baptism at **12.30pm** at **St Brigid's** on **Sunday 10th March**. We welcome in to our Parish family: **Harrison Strong**



LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY:

There will be no Communion Service on this **Monday 11th March** at **9.15am** because it is Labour Day Holiday. Parish Office is closed.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS:

Lenten Reflection Group continue:
on **TUESDAYS** at **10am** at **St Louis'**.
on **WEDNESDAYS** at **10.30am** at **St Brigid's**
on **THURSDAYS** at **7.30pm** at **St Louis'**.

The Groups will be using the program from Archdiocese of Brisbane entitled '**Compassion – Reflecting, Sharing the Good News**'

It's not too late to join a group.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on **Monday at 9.45am at St Louis'** and **Friday at 11am at St Brigid's**

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Boxes are available in the Church foyer. Please take one & help support the work of Caritas.



AMALGAMATION OF PARISHES – DECREE

"The formalisation of the merging of our two parishes has been accepted by the Archbishop and he has promulgated a decree to that effect.

It means that we will now be known as the parish of "**St. Mary of the Cross, Catholic communities of St. Brigid's, Mordialloc and St. Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale**".

We will continue to live parish as we have been, honouring the two communities and the two patron saints as well as embracing the new parish name that we all will be part of. Copies of this decree are in the foyer and on our parish website. The new parish name will take effect on 12th March 2019 and we will take some time this year to enact some name changes to reflect the new parish name and another parish feast celebration on St. Mary of the Cross' feast day of 8th August. Thanks again everyone for your support in this process of bringing our two communities closer together."

- Fr. Andrew

RECENT NEWS:

If anyone would like to have a chat about how they feel about all that has been happening regarding Cardinal George Pell, please feel free to contact Fr. Andrew, Fr. Justel or Bernadette Carr.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

There is no Children's Liturgy this week because of Labour Day long weekend.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. At this stage we only have enough volunteers to run the program during 9.30am Mass at St Louis'. We would like to also offer it during 11am Mass at St Brigid's Church. In order to comply with our Child Safety guidelines we need at least two adults to be with the group. If you are able to assist occasionally please contact the Parish Office.