

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 in Lent - Year C 16th & 17th March 2019

Our readings for this week are: **GENESIS 15: 5-12; PHILIPPIANS 3: 17 - 4: 1; LUKE 9: 28-36**



Gospel Reflection:

I tend to think that the transfiguration is one of the harder gospels to reflect on! How do we bring to life the transfiguration alive for us today? I'm sure we have all been Peter at some time or other, when we are having such a good time with friends we stay out longer than what was good for us, or if we were away on holidays we have (or would love to have) talked our family or holiday companions into staying another day or two longer to enjoy the sun and the mountains or the beaches before heading back to our ordinary lives.

Somehow I am touched more by that incredible experience that Jesus included Peter, James and John in on. Why did he include them and why didn't they run back and tell their friend what they had seen? There have been times in our lives where some, perhaps even many of us have had a transfiguration experience, that is an experience of God that just blows our minds. That experience then becomes the transfiguration experience for us, that experience that we so often remember and go back to because it was such an intimate experience of God that we don't really think others will believe, so we keep it to ourselves. Some of us are blessed and know at that moment just as Peter did that this was a graced moment in our lives. Others only recognise the graced moment as we recall the experience. Either way once we have shared in one of these Graced moments we can never be the same, we have experience God in such a way that our lives, ourselves are changed forever. **Bernadette Carr**

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- 23rd & 24th March 2019

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent in Year

C: Our readings are:

EXODUS 3: 13-15;

1 CORINTHIANS 10: 1-6, 10-12;

LUKE 13: 1-9

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Julie Buick	Debra Searle
8am	Melissa Ellis	Liz O'Farrell
9.30am	Len Scott	Niko Tovia
11am	Carmel Girolami	Bernadette Bouvier

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Bernadette Stuart, Joanne Partleton, Carmel Jamieson, Trish Fiore, Brian Hoyne

8am: Sr Deidre Malone, Marlene Tangso, Fred Burns, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

9.30am: Trish Amor, Brian Martin, Nancy Scott, Brenda & Felice Cortese

11am: Sr Reba Woodwiss, Carolyn Ellul, Mary Cassar, Peter Wain, Helen Rocks

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Margaret McCormack, Carmel & Brian Smith

Mordialloc:

Fred Burns, Jessie & Vin Costanzo

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 24th March

Communion Service: Brenda O'Leary

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 10/3/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$2,036	\$1,704
Average:	\$2,038	\$1,608
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

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

The RCIA group meet this 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.**

The RCIA group will meet next week on **Sunday 24th March at St Brigid's** at **11am Mass.** This Mass will include the First Scrutiny

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 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

Wed 27th Mar Liturgy Team Meeting

Fri 29th Mar YAG Lenten Reflection Night

Sun 31st Mar 4th Sunday of Lent

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.



PRAYER GROUP:



Ss Louis' & Brigid's Prayer Group invite you to their next Prayer Group Meeting on **Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm at St Louis' Church.**

The evening includes Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will be led by Fr Justel. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP:

Our Young Adult Group invites everyone (young and old) to join them for a special **Lenten Reflection & Benediction Evening** on **Friday 29th March 7pm – 8.30pm** at **St Brigid's Church.**

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.

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.**



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'.

BE A 'GOOD EGG' THIS EASTER:

Buy Slavery-Free

Chocolate

Children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa for minimal or no wages. In dangerous conditions without any possibility of attending school.

Look for one of these labels on the chocolate of your choice: "Fairtrade", "Rainforest Alliance" or UTZ Certified



BASP DISCUSSION NIGHT 1 for 2019:



The first BASP Discussion night for 2018 will be on **Wednesday 27th March** at **7:30pm to 9:30pm** at **St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne** (back of blue stone church).

Arnold Zable acclaimed writer and friend of Behrouz Boochani who wrote – *No Friend but the Mountains*, will speak about Manus Island and his interactions with men on the island.

There will also be an update on BASP and the general situation for Asylum Seekers in Australia.

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.

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



St. Patrick of Ireland

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noel Williams (brother of Gail Hamilton)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne Blakeney, Esme Gailey, Jessie Rebello, Fred Greenwell, Amal Basry, Michelle Cevac Verna Crane, Patrick Keane, Lisa Malone, Kathleen McNicholas, Frank Sweeney, Betty Teasdale, Michael Goss, Alan Stoppa, Stacey MacInnes, Jim Stynes, Marie Dorian, Vivian Morillion, Gabrielle O'Donnell, Peg Weaver, Margaret Barnett, Ted Burke, Charles Judd, Faye Marshall, Laurie Mattea, Gordon McCarthy, Bevan Porter, Thomas Raines, Richard Thorne.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

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

BAPTISM:

There will be a baptism during **11am Mass at St Brigid's** on this **Sunday 17th March**. We welcome in to our Parish family:

Sebastian James Nicastro



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.



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.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

There is no Children's Liturgy this week at **9.30am Mass at St Louis'** or at St Brigid's.



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.