

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

3rd Sunday in Lent - Year C 23rd & 24th March 2019

Our readings for this week are: **EXODUS 3: 13-15; 1 CORINTHIANS 101-6, 10-12; LUKE 13: 1-9**

Gospel Reflection:

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintained purity of action - obeying the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions - then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word 'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around - both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction.

To follow this up, Jesus tells his audience a parable about a fig tree that has not borne fruit after three years. There are many interpretations of this parable and it is often interpreted in isolation from the gospel passage that immediately precedes it. Given the challenge to 'repent' that is given so strongly, we can see the parable as an example to the listeners that their time for repenting is running out. The one year reprieve for the fig tree is an indication to the listeners that their change of heart and change of spirit had better take shape in the very near future.

Wendy Sullivan



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- 30th & 31st March 2019

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent in Year

C: Our readings are:

JOSHUA 5: 9-12;

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21;

LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Chester Ryan	Pauline Parker
8am	Bill Atherton	Debi Atherton
9.30am	Peter Waltho	Imelda McMahon
11am	Peter Hannan	Gail Selwyn

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

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

8am: Barry Wheeler, Melissa Ellis, Evelyn Chan, Liz & Paul O'Farrell

9.30am: Leanne Glenister, Melinda Hewitson, Mary Nayna, Jane Standish, Erin Napier

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

COUNTERS:

Aspendale: Stan Mitula, Alan Seddon

Mordialloc: Mike Love, Helen & Graham Jones

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 31st March

Communion Service: Gerard Wagstaff

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 17/3/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,956	\$1,375
Average:	\$2,037	\$1,608
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

There is no Children's Liturgy this week.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy at 9.30am & 11am Masses.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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



COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)

Sun 24th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent

Wed 27th Mar Liturgy Team Meeting

Fri 29th Mar JAG Letter Writing Session

Young Adults Group's Lenten Reflection

Sun 31st Mar 4th Sunday of Lent

Fri 5th Apr Last day of Term 1

Sun 7th Apr 5th Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Ends

Wed 10th Apr JAG Meeting*

Thu 11th Apr Men's Group Meeting

Sun 14th Apr Palm Sunday

Thu 18th Apr Holy Thursday

Fri 19th Apr Good Friday

Sat 20th Apr Holy Saturday

Sun 21st Apr Easter Sunday

AMALGAMATION OF PARISHES – DECREE

Our Parish is now known as:

"The Catholic Parish of St. Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale".

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.



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.



BE A 'GOOD EGG' THIS EASTER:

Buy Slavery-Free Chocolate



Want to make a difference?

Chocolate eaters around the world have already made a difference.

A decade ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate in our supermarkets in Australia. Now, because of public pressure, most supermarkets will sell some. You just need to look carefully for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. **"Fairtrade", "Rainforest Alliance" or "UTZ Certified"**



If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.

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.

MISSION ACTION DAY THANKS:

Thank you to everyone who supported St Bede's M.A.D. appeal after hearing the school leaders speak at 6pm Mass at St Louis' Church last weekend.

The total collected after Masses was: **\$544**

Online donations can still be made at:
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/stbedescollege>



LETTER WRITERS NEEDED URGENTLY:

On the last Friday of each month a small group meets with Sr Reba to write letters to Govt MPs advocating compassionate policies for refugees and victims of human trafficking.



If you would like to join in, come to the convent: **510 Main St, Mordialloc** **10am - 11am** on this **Friday 29th March**.

All welcome (materials provided).
For more info contact **Sr Reba 9580 0151**

REFUGEE FILM NIGHT:

Screening of the movie **'Island of the Hungry Ghosts'** at **6.30pm** on **Thurs 4th April** at Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation



535 Elizabeth St, Melbourne. Cost \$20
Book: <https://trybooking.com/469539>

This is a fundraiser for the Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees which is on 14th April.

LENTEN 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:



There will be a Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation

on **Wednesday 3rd April** at **7pm** at **St Louis'**

All Parishioners are invited to attend this reconciliation opportunity as part of your Lenten Journey

MASSES OF ANOINTING:

There are two Masses of Anointing on:
Tues 2nd April at 9:15am at **St Louis'**
Wed 3rd April at 10am at **St Brigid's**

If anyone needs help with transport to these Masses please contact the Parish Office

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**

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peggy Smith (mother of Liz Chapman)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Grazia Basile, John Langer, Gordon Parker, John Nelson, Hector Jones, Philippe Laval, John Gazzo, Jim Laws, Frank Patterson, Br Maurice Nicholson. Mary Rebeschini, Maria Rutigliano, Veronica Wagstaff, Marsha Anderson, Mary (May) Bell, Ann Fernandez, Ken Bramich, Pat Direen, Kevin Laws, George Clark, Peter Dennis, Anna Iacono, Chris Rafter.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Richard Williams, Ron Sincock, Shirley Earp, Helen Caruana, Kathleen Roberts, Bob Orchard, John Nicholson, Dorothy Hine, Michelle Ives, John Brideson, Matthew Bell, Maddie Bateman Duffy, Helen Pedrazzini. Maree Wesols.

BAPTISMS:

There will be baptisms at **12.30pm** at **St Louis'** on this **Sunday 24th March.**

We welcome in to our Parish family:

Ashton Graeme Blencowe

Rosie Kaye Jamison

Benjamin Peter Wilmann

Archie Harry Wilton

We also welcome

Oliver Angelo Wilton

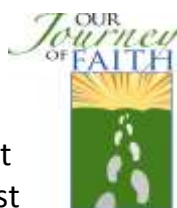
Finnley Maxwell Wilton

who will be received into the Church



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

The RCIA group meet on this **Sunday 24th March at 11am Mass at St Brigid's.** This will include the first of the RCIA Scrutinies.



The RCIA group meet next week on **Saturday 30th March at 6pm Mass at St Louis'** and this will include the 2nd RCIA Scrutiny.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS:

Lenten Reflection Groups continue.

This week the Wednesday Group will meet at **9am** instead of after Mass.

LITURGY TEAM MEETING:

The Liturgy Team will meet this **Wednesday 27th March at 10.30am** in the **Penola Room** at **St Brigid's Church.**

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.**

Speakers on the night will be: **Fr Justel: 'The Healing Wounds of Christ' & Kristian Joy Tangso: 'Thirsting for Christ'**

Reconciliation will be available.

All welcome.

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.**



PARISH CENSUS:

A parish census will be conducted at all Masses this weekend. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, email and phone numbers. Cards and pencils will be distributed after the homily. Please place the completed cards (one per family) in the collection basket or leave it with one of the volunteers on your way out of the church today. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.



PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

Our Parish Pastoral Plan gives all of us the opportunity to play a bigger role in our Parish, to reach out to those in need, to welcome new members into our community, to truly live the Gospel. We hope you will find an action in the Plan where you can get involved. Please complete the volunteer form & return to the box located in the Church foyer before **7th April.**



Fr Andrew