

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

4th Sunday in Lent - Year C 30th & 31st March 2019

Our readings for this week are **JOSHUA 5: 9-12; 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21; LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32**

Gospel Reflection:

The parable of the prodigal son is often used and referred to, in particular, with our young people. It has entry points that enable them to make connections to their family and the choices they make. The lost son offers us all hope that nothing is really lost, that God can still redeem our past and give us hope for the future.

As adults, we have become very familiar with this parable, it is one that is not simply a story of three men but rather a story of three journeys and three heart stances, with Jesus being the ultimate storyteller. It reminds us that we all have parts of the younger son in us and parts of the older son too. Jesus' story asks us to

name this, not be afraid and then invites us to journey, for the rest of our lives, to have a heart like the father - the God of total and unconditional love.

This call to be a companion on the journey challenges us to be present with the acceptance and uniqueness of both the younger and older son and, as well, be present with our hearts, like that of the father, to open us to true and deep compassion with one another. It will be then, and only then, that we will experience the deep and intimate freedom of the father who allows, accepts, forgives and yes, celebrates! This most beautiful story is truly our story; our story wrapped totally and unconditionally in the loving arms of our God!

Sarah McDermott



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- 6th & 7th April 2019

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent in Year C:

Our readings are:

ISAIAH 43: 16-21;

PHILIPPIANS 3: 8-14;

JOHN 8: 1-11

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Lisa Tuke	Rose Costa
8am	Barry Wheeler	Liz O'Farrell
9.30am	Gen Martin	Brian Martin
11am	Beverley Plant	Tim Plant

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Marg De Vries, Marcella Reiter,
Marie Seddon, Marie Medlicott, Pauline Parker

8am: Stephen Pooley, Sr Deidre Malone,
Joan Healy, Carole & Jack Guthrie

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

11am: Carolyn Ellul, Nola Petraitis,
Annemarie Harrison, Louise Breslin, Andrea Williams

COUNTERS:

Aspendale: Jon Searle, Sue & Peter Waltho

Mordialloc: Carole & Jack Guthrie

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 7th April

Communion Service: Trish & Barry LeBrocq

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 24/3/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,810	\$1,630
Average:	\$2,037	\$1,608
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

There is no Children's Liturgy during Mass this weekend.



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 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

Mon 22nd Apr Easter Monday

Tue 23rd Apr Term 2 begins

Thu 25th Apr ANZAC Day

Sun 28th Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.



BUY SLAVERY-FREE EASTER CHOCOLATE:



What to buy? Here is a guide for what you can buy locally:

ALDI (Mordialloc) has a wide range of

UTZ certified Easter Bunnies, Eggs (big & small) Their brands are Dairy Fine, Moser Roth & Chocateur.

Woolworths (Mordialloc) has NO certified chocolate in their Easter range.

Woolworths (Thrift Park) has a small range of Woolies Own Brand:

Coles (Mentone) has NO certified chocolate in their Easter range

Mordi Discount Lollies (Mordialloc) has NO certified chocolate in their Easter range

Don't forget to look for one of the following symbols to ensure you are buying slavery free chocolate: "Fairtrade", "Rainforest Alliance" or "UTZ Certified"



PP&FF SOCIAL GROUP LUNCH:

Chelsea/Aspendale Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to join their **Past, Present & Future Friendship (PP&FF)** Social Group.

This group is organising Evening Dinners & Lunches on the First Thursday of each month.

Their next event will be **Dinner** on **4th April** at **6pm** at **Mordi HQ, 528 Main St, Mordialloc.**

Please ring **Keith Reiter 0417-350-733** or **Pat Adams 0448-866-020** for a booking or if you want more information.

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

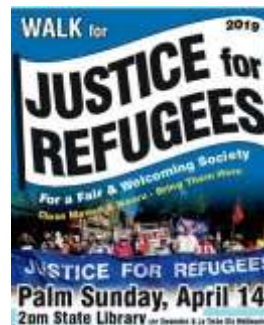
PALM SUNDAY MARCH:

"WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES"

Gather in solidarity to seek justice for refugees on **Sunday 14th April**

Walk starts at **2pm** at **The State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne**

There is a **Prayer Service** at **St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne** prior to the walk **1pm – 1.30pm**



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.



THEOLOGY AT THE PUB:

Monday 1st April. at **European Bier Cafe, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne**
Dinner & drinks from 6.30pm. Talk at **7.30pm.**
Join **Fr Nicholas Pearce** to discuss:

'A Walk to Calvary – Understanding Holy Week & The Easter Triduum'.

18 to 35 year olds welcome.

Web: www.theologyatthepub.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tapmelb/

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Happy birthday to **Fr Justel** who celebrates his birthday on this Wednesday 3rd April.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noel Beha (brother of Joan Pobjoy & Margaret McCormack)
Jennifer Crawford (wife of Paul)
Thomas Hogan (husband of Margaret)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Guiseppa Aparo, Francis Butler, Margaret Malone, Hazel Sweeney, Lance Forkgen, Baltazar Caday (snr), Dianne Marchant, Nicole Petersen, Sr Justine Power, Gwain Walker, Lucy Asciak, Sydney Haag, Marjorie Kirkby, Christopher Lee Eng Chye, Sharon Budge, Keith Keatinge, Margaret Lloyd, Sophie Medicott, Ross Stevens, Ana & Louisa Vitulic.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

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

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

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

The RCIA group meet next week on **Sunday 7th April at 8am Mass at St Brigid's** and this will include the 3rd RCIA Scrutiny. After Mass the RCIA Group and the RCIA Team will be going to Killester College for their Retreat.

PALM SUNDAY PALMS:

On Palm Sunday each year we decorate both our Churches with large palm branches. if you are able to help provide any branches please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981.**



EASTER CEREMONIES:

Volunteers are needed for all the Easter ceremonies: If you would like to help please use the sign up sheet in the foyer to let us know which services you are available for so a roster can be drawn up.

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 helps with transport to these Masses please contact the Parish Office

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS:

Lenten Reflection Groups are: **Tues at 10am, Wed at 10.30am & Thurs at 7.30pm.**

CAR RAFFLE:

Raffle books for the Combined Catholic Parishes Car Raffle are **due back now!** if you have taken a book please return it to Church or the Parish Office ASAP, so that the Men's Group don't have to call and remind you.

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 still available.**



PARISH CENSUS:

A parish census was conducted at all Masses last weekend. Cards are available for all those who did not fill out a card last weekend. The Census 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.

