

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

5th Sunday in Lent - Year C 6th & 7th April 2019

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 43: 16-21; PHILIPPIANS 3: 8-14; JOHN 8: 1-11**

Gospel Reflection:

For the scribes and Pharisees in our gospel reading, the main point is not to get the woman punished but to set a trap for Jesus. Would he defy the prescriptions of the law of Moses or would he, by condemning the woman, usurp the prerogative of the Roman occupying power who reserved the death penalty to themselves?

Readers of the gospel have long – and fruitlessly – speculated on what it was that Jesus wrote on the ground. We do not know. Perhaps he was only doodling. What the writing does, however, is provide a space of time for the opposition to melt away. Jesus does not confront the law directly. He just points out that the only person who could have a right to condemn another is one who has never sinned. If the eldest leaves first, that is because he has had a longer space of life in which to accumulate sin.

This way the punitive legal prescription simply falls away. Jesus has a better way of dealing with sin than condemnation and punishment. He does not deny or condone sin (the episode does seem to presuppose that the woman is in fact guilty – though we might well ask about her male accomplice). But his concern is to rescue the woman from her terrible plight and set her free for a new life: "Go and sin no more".

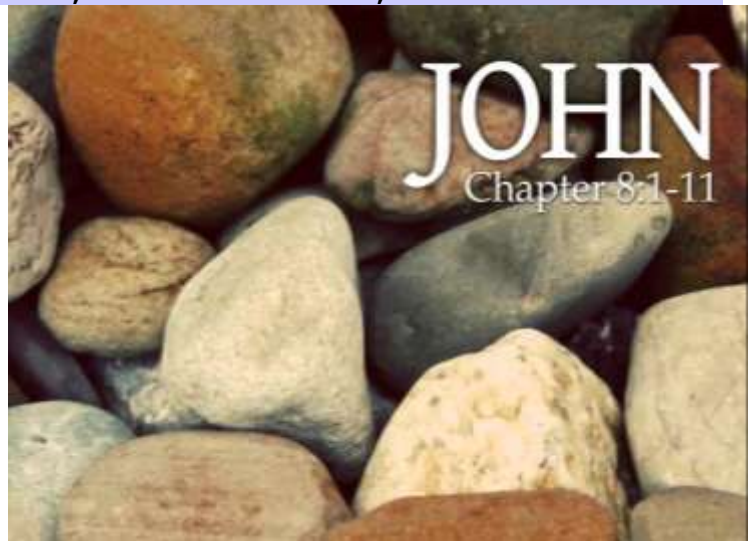
A subtle point about the episode is that Jesus never actually looks at the woman while she is the subject of accusation. His bending down and writing may be a ploy to avoid this. It is only when her accusers have melted away that, from this humble position, he pronounces judgment: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you. Neither do I condemn you". He who is without sin, the only one actually credentialed to judge her from "on high" – actually goes down on the ground and looks up at her to restore her dignity and self-esteem.

The "orphaned" status of this story in the textual tradition probably reflects early Christian uneasiness with Jesus' apparent leniency in a case of sexual misconduct. So much more prone is the religious instinct to condemn and punish rather than to rescue and set on the path to life. And often, of course, the most paralyzing accusations are those that we inflict on ourselves. If Lent is about conversion of heart and deeper knowledge of God, nothing could be more helpful than meditation on this precious gem from the gospel tradition.

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- 13th & 14th April 2019

Next Sunday is the feast of Palm Sunday / the Passion of the Lord in Year C: Our readings are:

ISAIAH 50: 4-7;

PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11;

LUKE 22: 14 – 23: 56

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Carmel Barker	Michael Barker
8am	Sr Deidre Malone	Melissa Ellis
9.30am	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington
11am	Peter Hannan	Nola Petraitis
Passion - Narrator		Other
6pm	Ann Brennan	Bernadette Stuart
8am	Helen Magee	Graham Jones
9:30am	Jane Standish	Helen Healy
11am	Mary Tai Kie	Andrea Williams

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Joanne Partleton, Debbie Poynton, Rose Costa, Julius Lau, Sonia Williams

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

9.30am: Trish Amor, Brian Martin, Nancy Scott,

11am: Jaun Wilson, Gail Selwyn, Peter Hannan, Donna & Joe Cardamone,

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

John Sleeman, Sandra Ramos, Simon Hewitson

Mordialloc:

Fred Burns, Jess & Vin Costanzo

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 14th April

Communion Service: Elizabeth Donohue

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 31/3/2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,849	\$1,338
Average:	\$2,036	\$1,607
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Boxes

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

Boxes can be returned from Palm Sunday on.



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.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)

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

Wed 24th Apr Liturgy Team Meeting

Thu 25th Apr ANZAC Day - 10am Mass at St L

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**.

If you do not have a current WWCC you will no longer be eligible to participate in some ministries. Our Child Safety Team (Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Deb Poynton & Robyn Worsnop) will be following up with all our Parish Groups to ensure members of groups are obtaining their WWCC.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

There is no Children's Liturgy for the next few weeks because of school holidays.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. Safety guidelines we need at least two adults to be with the group. Are you able to assist occasionally? If you would like to help 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**"



'every person ought to have an awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act' Pope Francis 2015

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

CHURCH WORKING BEES:

Volunteers needed for two working bees to clean St Brigid's Church and St Louis' Church on **Saturday 20th Apr 10am – 12noon**. Morning tea provided.

Many hands will make light work and will give us clean Churches for Easter.



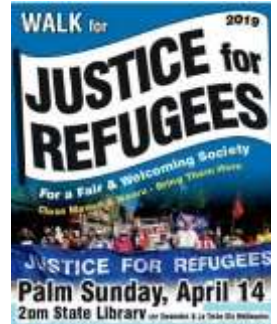
PALM SUNDAY MARCH:

"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**



JAG MEETING:

The next **JAG** (Justice Action Group) meeting is on this: **Wed 10th April at 7.30pm.**

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



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.

PARISH CENSUS:

Thanks to everyone who filled out a Parish Census Card at Mass over the past two weekends. Cards are still available in the Church foyer for all those who have not yet filled out a card. 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.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Robert Hession (brother in law of Jenny Ford), Noel Beha (brother of Joan Pobjoy & Margaret McCormack)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Doreen Jewell, Thomas Shanahan, Kitty Greenwell, George Irving, Delfino Castenetto, Brian McMahon, Alan Vickers, Giovanni Faoro, Patricia Forkgen, Calvin Saddler, Hans Bongers, Peter Grotto, William Peart, Foster Varney, Gail Panton, Gwen Rosario, Anne Weir, Anthony Zerdoner, John Smith, Margaret Burns, Michael Healy, Peter Wain, Helena O'Toole, Margarita Lacson.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

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

BAPTISMS:

There are Baptisms on this Sunday **7th April** at **St Brigid's** at **12:30pm**. We welcome into our Parish Family:

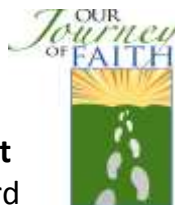
**Michael Zayn Bruno
Harriet Eleanor Walsh**



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

The RCIA group meet on this **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.

The RCIA group meet next week on **Sunday 14th April** at **9.30m Mass** at **St Louis'**.



MEN'S GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting for St Mary of the Cross Men's Group is on this **Thursday 11th April** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room** at **St Louis'**. All men of the Parish welcome.

WELCOME:

We welcome **Deacon Jim Curtain** to all our Masses this weekend. He is the Diocesan Director of Caritas and will speak to us about Project Compassion and the work of Caritas.

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.



WEDNESDAY MASS:

Mass at **St Brigid's** on this **Wed 10th April** will be at the much earlier time of **7.30am** as both Fr Justel & Fr Andrew are attending a Clergy Conference during the day.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS:

This is the last week for our Lenten Reflection Groups. **Wednesday's Group** will meet after the early 7.30am Mass so that means they will meet at **8am**.

The other groups will meet at the usual times:
Tues at 10am & Thurs at 7.30pm.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES:

Holy Thursday 18th April

7.30pm Mass of Lord's Supper at St Brigid's
(Note: no morning Mass)
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
10pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 19th April

10.30am Way of the Cross
at Beeson Reserve (near Edithvale Station)
3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
at St Brigid's

Holy Saturday 20th April

9am: Morning Prayer with RCIA at St Louis'
6.30pm Easter Vigil at St Louis'

Easter Sunday 21st April

8.00am Mass at St Brigid's
9.30am Mass at St Louis'
11am Mass at St Brigid's

