

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

20th Ordinary Sunday - Year B - 18th & 19th August 2018

Our readings for this week are: **PROVERBS 9: 1-6, EPHESIANS 5: 15-20, JOHN 6: 52-58**

Gospel Reflection:

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarrelled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

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 25th & 26th August 2018

Next Sunday is the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year B. Our readings are:

JOSHUA 24: 1-2, 15-18

EPHESIANS 5: 21-32

JOHN 6: 60-69

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - please see Father before Mass

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Commentator</u>
6pm	Bernadette Stuart	Michael Barker
8am	Debi Atherton	Bill Atherton
9.30am	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington
11am	Sr Reba Woodwiss	Carmel Girolami

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Marcella Reiter, Marie Medlicott, Marie Seddon, Pauline Parker, Rose Costa

8am: Liz & Paul O'Farrell, Joan Healy, Carole & Jack Guthrie

9.30am: Brenda O'Leary, Lidia Rovira-Duch, Mark Barnhoorn, Trish Amor, Brian Martin

11am: Glenice Laughlin, Helen Rocks, Carolyn Ellul, Patsy & Ed Riordan

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Joe Corda, Bernie Hambridge, Nelson Popley

Mordialloc:

Marlene Tangso, Debi & Bill Atherton

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 26th August

Communion Service: Mary Nayna

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 12/8/2018

	<u>Aspendale</u>	<u>Mordialloc</u>
Received:	\$2,083	\$1,345
Average:	\$2,048	\$1,617
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:



All volunteers in our two Parishes are required to have a current Working With Children Check.

To obtain a WWCC apply at:

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Counters and those who visit Nursing Homes will be asked to also have a Police Check. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain the forms for a Police Check or if you need any assistance applying for a Working With Children Check.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)

Sat 18th Aug St L Yr2 & St B Yr1/2 Family Mass

Sun 19th Aug 20th Ordinary Sunday

St L Yr2 & St B Yr1/2 Family Mass
Migrant & Refugees Week

Tue 21st Aug Let's Do Afternoon Tea 1.30pm

Thu 23rd Aug Fr Andrew's 21st Anniversary
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sun 26th Aug 21st Ordinary Sunday

Wed 29th Aug Liturgy Team Meeting

Fri 31st Aug Seminary Raffle Draw

Sun 2nd Sep 22nd Ordinary Sunday
Fathers' Day

PARISH AMALGAMATION:

FINAL WEEK FOR COMMENTS!!!!

Some parishioners have made comments – thank you. All feedback will be taken into consideration.

Please read the latest Blessings for background information on the proposed Parish amalgamation.

Any comments can be made to Fr. Andrew via andrew.jekot@cam.org.au or fill in the comments sheet and place in box in the foyer of the church.

CATHOLIC CARE:

Thank you to everyone who supported the special collection at all Masses last weekend (11th & 12th Aug) for **CatholicCare**



Total collected was:

ASPENDALE:	\$524
MORDIALLOC:	\$500

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:



What is a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a

country. A Plenary Council, or synod, can discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues, including matters of faith, morals and discipline.

This is an exciting time for our church where we will eventually all have a chance to answer the question: *"What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?"*

Please see Fr. Andrew if you able to help.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB:

Topic: **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

**'Encouraging Our Voices:
We Have Something To Say'**

Speaker: **Cathy Jenkins**

on **Wednesday 22nd August at 7.30pm**
at **Sandringham Hotel**

cnr Beach Rd & Melrose St,

Meals served from 6pm.

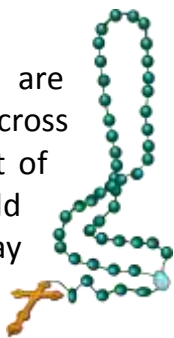
Bookings for meal: Phone Hotel 9598 7255

For more info on SIP see noticeboard
or call Vin 9530 6004

WORLD ROSARY RALLY:

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

For info call Jane from OzRosary 0476 535 59
or <http://holyleagueofnations.com> Register:
<https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:

Fr Andrew celebrates the 21st anniversary of his ordination on **Thursday 23rd August**.



To celebrate this special event Fr Andrew will celebrate Mass at **9.15am** at **St Louis' Church**.

There will be a special cuppa after each of the weekend Masses at St Louis' on **18th & 19th August** and at St Brigid's on **26th August**.

We thank Fr Andrew for the inspiration, dedication and faithful service he gives to the priesthood and to our Parish and we pray that his ministry continues to be blessed for many years to come.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL WITH THE GRAIL:

Catalyst for Renewal, with The Grail presents an evening with **John Allen Jr**. Discussing Pope Francis and the devolution of responsibility to the local church. How can the leadership of Pope Francis guide the church in Melbourne today – in these changing times & with changing leadership? Are we co-responsible and claiming our own authority or passive and obedient? How can Francis help us be local community responsible for our own church?

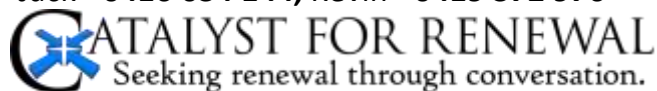
on **Thursday 6th September at 7:30pm**
at **St Peter's Church**

844 Centre Road East Bentleigh.

Bookings www.trybooking.com/WWRZ

Cost \$20. For more info contact:

Jack - **0416 034 144**, Kevin - **0419 372 976**



FOLLOWING JESUS SEMINAR:

St Peter's Prayer Group invites you to join them for an 8 session seminar on growth in the spiritual life for a disciple of Jesus at **St Peter's Church, East Bentleigh** on **Mondays at 8pm**

from **Mon 13th August to Mon 1st October**
All welcome. See noticeboard for details.
For more info contact Lidia 0401 384 694

LASALLIAN EDUCATORS'

15 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Pilgrimage departs **6th January 2019** and is accompanied by **Ria Greene** -St Bede's The pilgrimage will



visit important Christian sites in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem, plus the Dead Sea and Masada.

Cost: \$7090 per person twin share (includes flights, accommodation, breakfast and dinner each day, plus lunch on two days.)

For more information please contact:

Ria Greene (St Bede's College)
on rgg@stbedes.catholic.edu.au

or Colleen Duffy (Harvest Tours)

on ColleenD@harvestjourneys.com

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Melissa Thorne

ANNIVERSARIES:

Annie Drenen, Vera Phillips, Joseph Asciak, Phil Cain, Patricia Sayers, Antonia Bautista, Jan Smith, Lorna Coyne, Joseph Ellul, Margaret Scarrott, Angelo Stoppa, Janet White, Hector Bibby, Pat Crowe, Margaret Fallon, Joaquim Rovira-Reixach, Don Sutherland, Maria Tesoriero, Jack Wilkinson, Br Bill Lebler, Mary Baldock, Clare Brennan, Jose De La Luz Amaya, Sr Mary Imeldine A.C., Sr Mary Silvaria A.C., Frances D'Argent, Maurice Dowd, Aloysius & Frances De Monte, Tom Drenen, Cathrine Fernandes, Phylis Laughlin, Ernesto Leme, John Michael Malone, Roger Parfait, Moira Waight, Jack Wraight.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Tom Velten, Pat Hearity, Peter Bright, Maddie Bateman-Duffy, Carmel Dickinson, Beryl Osborne, James Schumacher, Don Byrnes, Sue Kelly, Claire Smith, Jessica Harr, Richard Williams, Lynn Cutts, Patrick & Fred Collins, Bernadette Munro, Javier Sanchez, Melissa Hoare.

FAMILY MASSES:

This weekend (18th & 19th August) there are Family Masses for families of Yr2 at St Louis' School & Yr1&2 at St Brigid's School.

The theme for these Masses is:

'Nourished for Life'.

WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST:

Mass at 10am on this **Wednesday 22nd August** at **St Brigid's** will be replaced by a Communion Service.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY:

Happy 80th Birthday to **Tom Velten**. May you have a speedy recovery from pneumonia and celebrate this significant birthday in style.

Birthday Blessings Tom.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

There is no Children's Liturgy this week because of the Yr 1&2 Family Masses.



APPEAL FOR REFUGEES:

Over the next few weeks JAG our 'Justice Action Group' invites you to assist 'BASP' (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project).



In the past JAG has requested donations of food & other goods for refugee families but because BASP has limited storage space they have asked for cash donations or supermarket vouchers instead this year. This will enable refugee families to purchase exactly what they require.



See BASP flyer for more information on the plight of refugees.

Donations can be left in the specially marked **BASP APPEAL BOX** in the Church Foyer. Envelopes and Credit Card donation forms available.

LET'S HAVE AFTERNOON TEA:

Aspendale St V de P Group invites you to: **'Afternoon Tea with Pilgrims'** on **Tuesday 21st August**

at **1.30pm** at **St Louis' Church**

Not only will there be a delicious afternoon tea, there will also be an opportunity to see photos and hear stories from the recent Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land This will be presented by Philip Hills (RE Coordinator & Pilgrim). All welcome. Entry: Gold coin donation.



RCIA PROGRAM:

(RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is for adults wanting to become Catholic. RCIA Candidates and Team members meet at a different Mass each weekend and have instruction during and after that Mass.

The RCIA group will meet this week on **Sunday 19th Aug** at **9:30am** at **St Louis'.**

The RCIA group will meet next week on **Sunday 26th Aug** at **11am** Mass at **St Brigid's**

For more information on the RCIA program contact the Parish Office.

