

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](http://www.sbmord.catholic.edu.au)  
St Louis de Montfort's School, 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale **9580 5169** [www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlouisaspendale.catholic.edu.au)

**23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday - Year B - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Our readings for this week are: **ISAIAH 35: 4-7; JAMES 2: 1-5; MARK 7: 31-37**

**Gospel Reflection:**

" *'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'* "

Last Wednesday the parents of the children who will be celebrating First Reconciliation this year gathered at St Brigid's for their introductory meeting. One of the activities was to discuss different scenarios. This allowed the parents to reflect on wrong choices that their children might make, wrong choices we all might make and wrong choices we make as groups in society. It is through this awareness of wrong choices that we allow ourselves to be open to receiving forgiveness from God.

In the readings today there is the theme of being open to receive God. In the first reading we hear that the 'blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy'. In the second reading this theme of being open to God continues when we hear that we should not judge on how people present themselves, rather to treat people equally.

The Gospel brings this message to the forefront when Jesus uses the word 'Ephphatha'. This is the Greek form of the Aramaic word which means 'be opened'. There is power in the action of healing the deaf man, because Jesus does not do this from a distance but places his fingers into his ears, uses his own spittle. The healing power of Jesus is truly evident and this healing power will be what the children preparing for Reconciliation will feel through forgiveness.

Our Mission is to be open ourselves to the joy, beauty and healing energy of God.

*Philip Hills*



**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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**

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

**ISAIAH 50: 5-9;**  
**JAMES 2: 14-18;**  
**MARK 8: 27-35**

## **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:**

**READERS** - *please see Father before Mass*

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Commentator</b>
<b>6pm</b>	Yr 3 Families	Yr 3 Families
<b>8am</b>	Bill Atherton	Liz O'Farrell
<b>9.30am</b>	Yr 3 Families	Yr 3 Families
<b>11am</b>	Andrea Williams	Mark Carrazo

## **SPECIAL MINISTERS:**

**6pm:** Adrienne Kennedy, Gail Hamilton, Carmel Barker, Marg De Vries, Marcella Reiter

**8am:** Melissa Ellis, Stephen Pooley, Joan Healy, Carole & Jack Guthrie

**9.30am:** Lidia Rovira-Duch, Brenda O'Leary, Julius Lau, Mark Barnhoorn, Trish Amor

**11am:** Gail Selwyn, Peter Hannan, Gail Bell, Donna & Joe Cardamone

## **COUNTERS:**

### **Aspendale:**

Stan Mitula, Chris Wardle, Alan Seddon

### **Mordialloc:**

Mike Love, Carole & Jack Guthrie

## **SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Communion Service:** Elizabeth Donohue

## **STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:**

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

## **THANKSGIVING: 2/9/2018**

	<b>Aspendale</b>	<b>Mordialloc</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$2,059</b>	<b>\$1,628</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>\$2,047</b>	<b>\$1,616</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$2,229</b>	<b>\$1,688</b>

## **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](http://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)

### **Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Sep JAG Meeting

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sep St L Yr3 Family Mass 6pm  
Reconciliation Commitment Mass

### **Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

Reconciliation Commitment Masses  
St L Yr3 Family Mass 9.30am

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Sep Prayer Group Meeting

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Sep Last Day of Term 3

### **Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

Men's Group BBQ at Bunnings\*

## **SENIOR'S INTRO TO IPHONE AND IPAD:**

One of the actions contained in our Parish Pastoral Plan in the priority area of "*Treasure Our Seniors*" was to



offer learning opportunities for our seniors.

One of our parishioners has generously offered to run an information session to demystify the worlds of the iPhone and iPad. Depending on the response, sessions will be run at St Louis' and St Brigid's.

If this is something you would be interested in, please complete the form that is available in the church foyers and return it within the next 2 weeks to the specially marked box.

## **KILBREDA COLLEGE TOURS:**



The Co-Principals of Kilbreda College invite you and your daughter/s to attend their last open morning and college tour for Term 3.

On Thursday **13<sup>th</sup> September** from **9am**.

Please register your attendance online or telephone 9581 7766.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

There is Children's Liturgy this week during 9.30am Mass. All primary school aged children welcome.



## PRAYER GROUP:



Ss Louis and Brigid's Prayer Group invite you to their next Prayer Group Meeting on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 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.

## LET'S DO LUNCH:

You are invited to the next 'Let's Do Lunch':



on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 12noon** in **St Louis' Church**

All welcome.

The footy finals will have just finished 'Let's Do Lunch' will have a footy theme. Wear your football team colours and enjoy pies, sausage rolls and hot dogs for lunch.

Come along catch up with some other parishioners and enjoy a yummy lunch with a few fun games of Bingo afterwards.



Sign up in the Church Foyer

Entry is by donation and goes towards the St Vincent de Paul Society.

'Let's Do Lunch' is hosted by Aspendale's St Vincent de Paul Group.

If you need help with transport please contact the Parish Office 9580 7981

## VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA:

### MAKE A WHEEL DIFFERENCE!

It's not just teachers – Mission also needs mechanics, tools and trades! What skills can you share with our neighbours? Right now, the community of Mawlmayine, Myanmar requires a volunteer mechanic to provide mentoring and support for local livelihood programs. For more mission opportunities, visit:

[www.palms.org.au/volunteer](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer)

Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa - **Call 02 9560 5333**

**or go to [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)**



Palms Australia

## 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.

## JAG MEETING:

The next meeting for **JAG (Justice Action Group)** is on: **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, at 7.30pm.** in **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.** All welcome.



## JAG PICNIC:

Our Justice Action Group invites all parishioners to mark the date of their **JAG PICNIC** in your diary. The JAG Picnic will be on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon** and once again will be held in the grounds of **St Louis' School.** More details soon.



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



### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Sr Susan Shannon (Mordialloc)**  
**Antonio Barbarino (Italy)**  
**Luis Corigliano**  
**Jack McMahon (brother of Ted)**

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Maureen Cuskelly, Beryl D'Sylva, Roma Kampf, John Martin, Letetia Sheehan, Vincenta Vella, Morris Joseph, Dirk Senn, Fr Michael Quigley, James Doran (snr), Ethel Coghlan, Mary Coen, Freda Fernandez, Julien Mendonça, Fr Peter Murray, Sheila Popley, Gordon Teasdale, Kurt Wessel, William Blackie, Dea Thomson, Anthony Purcell, Kevin Worfolk, Ribomopil Concon, Bridget Gallagher, Janos Pastor, Maureen Payton.**

### HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

**Mark Hall, John Nicholson, John Jones, Don Byrnes, Beryl Osborne, Carmel Dickinson, Richard Williams.**

### BAPTISMS:

There will be baptisms at **12.00pm** at **St Brigid's** on this **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

We welcome in to our Parish family:

**Cassandra Edgerton**  
**Jake Edgerton**  
**John Edgerton**  
**Lily Grace Whatmore**



### RCIA PROGRAM:

(RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA group meet this week on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** at **8am Mass** at **St Brigid's.**

The RCIA group will meet next week on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** at **9.30am Mass** at **St Louis'.** For more info on the RCIA program contact the Parish Office.



### REQUIEM MASS:

There is a Requiem Mass for one of our special parishioners:

**Sr Sue Shannon**  
on this **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** at **1pm**  
at **Our Lady of Assumption Church,**  
in Cheltenham



### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Fr Andrew** and **Fr Justel** will be away at a conference this week so Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be replaced by Communion Services.

### COMMITMENT MASSES:

Next weekend (**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September**) there will be Commitment Masses for all the children in our Parish preparing for their First Reconciliation. Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

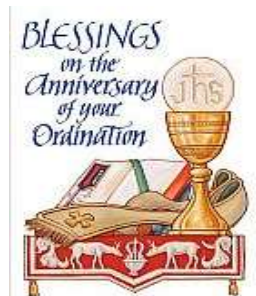
### FAMILY MASSES:

Next weekend there are also Family Masses at St Louis' at 6pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept & at 9.30am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept for families of St Louis' Yr3 students.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Happy Anniversary to **Fr Justel** who celebrates the third anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

May his vocation continue to be a blessing for him and for those he serves.



### ST BRIGID'S & ST LOUIS' MEN'S GROUP:

The Men's Group are holding a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings, Mentone on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** from **8am to 5pm.**



### Volunteers needed:

Helpers are needed for the day for 1-2 hour slots. If you can help please put your name and time available on the list in the church foyer, or ring **Tony Allday** on **9580 7344.**

### SPECIAL COLLECTION:

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**



Thank you to all who donated last Sunday to the **Priest Retirement Foundation.**

**'Caring for those who cared'**

The total collected was:

**ASPENDALE: \$1,088 MORDIALLOC: \$1,049**