

# 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)

## **27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday - Year B – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Our readings for this week are: **GENESIS 2: 18-24; HEBREWS 2: 9-11; MARK 10: 2-16**

**Gospel Reflection:** After being away for 2 weeks with 4 of my 8 grandchildren, I find myself reflecting on what Jesus says "Let the little children come to me". I've heard well-meaning people suggest, for example, that Jesus likens children to God because children are so purely good, or unselfish, or accepting, or meek. Well, I don't know children like that; the ones I know are far more interesting. They're feisty, clever, quick, fierce, generous, selfish, naughty, obedient, curious, bored, quiet, loud, challenging, funny, surprising, solemn, and exhausting. I think Jesus knew as much when he described children as trustworthy representations of God. What can we learn about Jesus by welcoming children? How can children open us up to deeper, more authentic communion with God? These few points may help us reflect.

1. *Children teach us to honour our imaginations as pathways to God.* Children they can fill in creative details using the full range of their senses — here's what the perfume in the woman's alabaster jar *smelled* like, here's what Peter's callused feet in Jesus's hands *felt* like, here's what the bread at the Last Supper *tasted* like. Tradition, doctrine, dogma, and theology hold our spiritual senses captive. Welcome the child, Jesus says open your imaginations. Return to the capacity for wonder, newness, and strangeness you knew as a child.

2. *Children teach us to risk hard questions on our way to God.* Kids aren't afraid to ask awkward, challenging, and even impossible questions. They're naturally curious, they're not embarrassed by their ignorance, and they're willing to risk social discomfort to get to the truth. If they don't understand something, they ask, and they persist in asking. The asking of difficult question can take us to a deeper, more intimate place with Jesus. Sometimes we don't ask the questions because we're not prepared to hear the truth, the truth may hurt.

3. *Children teach us to trust God's abundance.* Young children generally expect that there's enough to go around. Enough time, enough hugs, enough attention, enough love. It doesn't occur to them to fear scarcity unless they're conditioned to do so; left to themselves, they assume plenty. In her memoir, *The Cloister Walk*, Kathleen Norris tells a beautiful story about Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. When Thérèse was four years old, she was shown a handful of colorful ribbons, and asked to choose one. Entranced, she simply responded, "I choose all." By welcoming the little children we open our heart like a young child. Can we "Stop racing. Stop competing. Stop scrambling. Don't we know There is enough of God for each of us. I am enough."

4. *And finally, children teach us what divine power looks like.* This, I think, is the most radical lesson of the four. A young child is the very picture of helpless dependence, of powerlessness, of need. In some cultures, children are socially invisible. In others, they're legally unprotected. In all cultures, children are at the mercy of those who are older, bigger, and stronger than they are. And this — this shocking portrait of dependence and vulnerability — is the portrait Jesus offers of God. In the divine economy, power and prestige accrue as we consent to be little, to be vulnerable, to be invisible, to be low. We gain greatness not by muscling others out of our way, but by serving them, empathizing with them, and sacrificing ourselves for their well-being. Whatever human hierarchies and rankings we cling to, Jesus upends as he holds a tiny child in his arms. Do we want to see God? Do we *really* want to see God? Then look to the child abandoned in the alleyway. Look to the child in detention at the U.S border. Look to the child a priest is molesting. Look to the child dying of gunshot wounds in his kindergarten classroom. Look to the child a parent is trafficking. Look to the child who can't access healthcare, an education, or dinner. Look to the child drowning in anxiety and depression. Look to the weak, the small, the simple, the vulnerable, and the helpless. Look to the ones who are *not* in charge. Look at the tiniest faces, and see God.



One of the most central and amazing truths about Christianity is that God became a helpless human child. In this week's Gospel story, Jesus underscores that stunning truth with another: *all children everywhere* represent God's heart, God's likeness, God's power. To welcome a child is to welcome the divine. To cultivate childlikeness is to cultivate Godliness. To consent to be little is to become great. May we welcome the child. **(Adapted) Bernadette Carr**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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

**ISAIAH 53: 10-11;**

**HEBREWS 4: 14-16;**

**MARK 10: 35-45**

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

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

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Commentator</b>
<b>6pm</b>	Rose Worthy	Pauline Parker
<b>8am</b>	Barry Wheeler	Debi Atherton
<b>9.30am</b>	Len Scott	Niko Tovia
<b>11am</b>	Sr Reba Woodwiss	Jennifer Rodrigues

### **SPECIAL MINISTERS:**

**6pm:** Gail Hamilton, Carmel Barker, Marg De Vries, Marcella Reiter, Marie Seddon

**8am:** Stephen Pooley, Sr Deidre Malone, Joan Healy, Hamish & Joe D'Souza

**9.30am:** Jane Standish, Sue Waltho, Julius Lau, Trish Amor, Brian Martin

**11am:** Carolyn Ellul, Annemarie Harrison, Louise Breslin, Andrea Williams, Gail Selwyn

### **COUNTERS:**

#### **Aspendale:**

Anthony Barnhoorn, Bernadette & Geoff Terrell

#### **Mordialloc:**

Tony Medicott, Aileen Dynes, Margaret Forster

### **SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Communion Service:** Trish & Barry Le Brocq

### **STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:**

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

### **THANKSGIVING: 30/9/2018**

	<b>Aspendale</b>	<b>Mordialloc</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$1,815</b>	<b>\$1,435</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>\$2,044</b>	<b>\$1,615</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 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
St Vincent de Paul Sunday

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct JAG Meeting  
Reconciliation Family Night

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Reconciliation Journey Mass

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
Reconciliation Journey Masses

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct World Community Day of Prayer\*

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Men's Group Guest Speaker Night\*  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Oct St Louis' Production of 'Joseph'

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Parish Amalgamation Meeting 7pm  
Liturgy Team Meeting\*

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
JAG Picnic 12pm\*

### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE:**

Our Parish has changed our Parish Website address. To view our new website go to:

<http://cam.org.au/aspendalemordialloc>

### **MEMORIAL BOOK:**

Next month is November which is the month of Holy Souls when we remember our family and friends who have died. There will be a special Memorial Book placed on the altar at each Mass this month with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember.

If you would like to add any names to this Memorial Book please fill out the Anniversary Register Form that is available in the Church Foyer. These names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin on the anniversary of their death.

### **PARISH AMALGAMATION:**

If you have any concerns regarding the Parish amalgamation, please come along to a meeting on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at **7pm** at **St. Brigid's Church**. *The Parish Liturgy Team meeting will follow (all welcome).*

**Fr. Andrew**

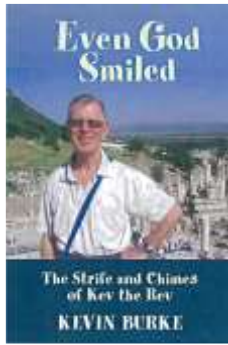
### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

There will be no Children's Liturgy this week due to school holidays.



### **BOOK LAUNCH:**

Father Kevin Burke was administrator with Fr Jim English at St Brigid's Parish for the year 1985. He's written a book, "**Even God Smiled – The Strife and Chimes of Kev the Rev**", and he invites parishioners to the launch at **3pm on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October**



in **Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School Community Centre, 1-13 Henry St, Eltham, enter via Bible St.**  
The book will be launched by Fr Bob Maguire.  
RSVP by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct to [olhc@alphalink.com.au](mailto:olhc@alphalink.com.au) or 9439 9206.  
See notice board for more information.

### **DINE & DANCE EXPERIENCE:**

Chiara de Monte & Lyndon Samuel present a unique **Dine & Dance Experience** featuring Marie Hodson & Doug Bruce on **10<sup>th</sup> November 7pm - midnight** at **Gaelic Park, 324 Perry Rd, Keysborough**  
\$35 adults, \$15 children (under 10 free).  
Contact Chiara **0432 598 753**.

### **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY OF PRAYER:**

Australian Church Women invite you to prayers for **World Community Day** on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm** at **St Andrew's Uniting Church, Sherwood Ave, Chelsea**  
This year's theme is:



**'Women Sharing Openheartedly'**

Speaker is: **Rev Judi Turnham**  
Afternoon tea will follow the prayer service.  
All welcome.

### **PINK BREAKFAST AT THE BEACH:**

Please join the **'Pink Breakfast by the Bay'** to raise vital funds for breast cancer research.



at **8 Somme Pde, Edithvale, on 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am – 12noon.**  
*Egg & Bacon Rolls & good company provided.*  
RSVP **17<sup>th</sup> Oct** to **Maria Wilton: 0408 970 51.**  
*See noticeboard for more details.*

### **JAG PICNIC:**

Our Justice Action Group invites all parishioners to their **JAG PICNIC - 'Coming Together in Friendship'** on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon** to be held in the grounds of **St Louis' School.** In the past we have asked parishioners to bring along food to assist with our catering. This year to make it easier for everyone JAG will provide all the food but there will be a small charge for everyone who attends to cover the cost. The cost for the Picnic will be:

**\$10 per person or \$20 per family.**

**Picnic BBQ lunch provided**

**Games & activities for the children**

We are also asking that you consider paying the costs for a refugee family to attend (*pay it forward*). Tickets for the Picnic will be available from the Church Foyer this week.



### **JAG MEETING:**

The next meeting for **JAG (Justice Action Group)** is on: **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm** in **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.**  
All welcome.



### **ADDRESS BY BISHOP VINCENT LONG:**

Copies of Bishop Long's recent address to the Concerned Catholics at Canberra & Goulburn Forum are available in the foyer or can be viewed online at: [www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)

### **SR SUE SHANNON'S CARDS:**

Sr Sue's cards are still available for sale in our Piety Stalls and all proceeds will be sent to her favourite Charity 'Born to Live'.

### **JOURNEY MASSES:**

Next weekend all Masses will be Journey Masses for children in our Parish preparing for Reconciliation and this



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** they have a **Family Activity Night**

First Reconciliation takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Louis' and 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Brigid's. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



## RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Antonio Barbarino (Italy), Arthur Angliss, Nell Farrell (Frank Miller's mother)**

## ANNIVERSARIES:

**Mary Ellen Doherty, Mary Nicholson, Nancy Stott, Violet Waltho/Larter, Harry Kennan, Vanessa Gaprside, Terry O'Brien, William Velten, Jean Hall, Julian Gurrieri, Eileen Keane, Enid Curtain, Amy & Bill Heffernan, Isabella Pereira, Hector Laws, Sarah Collins, Hans Schultz.**

## HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

**James Schumacher, Salvatore Finnocchiaro, Mark Hall, John Nicholson, Beryl Osborne, Peter Spencer, John Jones, Charlotte Hoare.**

## BAPTISMS:

There will be baptisms at **St Louis'** at **12.30pm** on this **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. We welcome in to our Parish family:



**Milana Isabella Al-Dabbagh  
Hugo Antonio Higham  
Eloise Grace Green  
Lachlan James Green**

## GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT:

The next meeting for Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group is a

**GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT**  
on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
at **7.30pm**  
at **St Louis' Church**



This month's guest speaker is an AFL Umpire:

**Robert O'Gorman** and he will speak about his experience umpiring AFL matches.

Guest Speaker Nights are open to both men and women so everyone is welcome.

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

The RCIA Group meet this week on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at **11am Mass** at **St Brigid's**.

The RCIA Group meet next week on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** at **6pm Mass** at **St Louis'.**



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUNDAY:

This weekend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Oct is St Vincent de Paul Sunday. Our two Parish Conferences would like to thank everyone for your support over many years. In the past year they have made over 300 visits to needy families in this area and given assistance to the value of about \$30,000.



Aspendale also hosts regular Let's Do Lunches and Mordialloc coordinates a group that assists at the Fitzroy Soup Van fortnightly. Our two conferences are both twinned with several overseas conferences that they help support.

Your support helps with all of these activities and is very much appreciated.

New members are always welcome.

## CONFERENCE MEETINGS:

**Aspendale** meets at **7pm**

on **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** each month

in **St Louis' Parish Meeting Room**

and **Mordialloc** meets at **7pm**

on **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of each month

in **St Brigid's Church Upper Meeting Room**

New members welcome. For more info

contact conference presidents:

**Geoff Terrell (Aspendale): 9580 9937**

**Robyn Worsnop (Mordialloc): 0412 814 592**



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

## VINNIES STORES:

Thank you to everyone who volunteers, shops in or donates to our local Vinnies Stores at:

**34 Nepean Hwy, Mentone** and **cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights**

Volunteers are always needed so if you can help please contact your local Vinnies store.

Donations welcome and can be dropped off at the stores or if you have larger items you wish to donate you can arrange pick up by calling **1800 621 349**



Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul can call: **1800 305 330**