

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

3rd Ordinary Sunday - Year C 26th & 27th January 2019

Our readings for this week are: **NEHEMIAH 8:2-6,8-10; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14,27; LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

Gospel Reflection:

Although it is the end of January, we still embrace new beginnings. School begins this week possibly to the relief of many parents, and teachers head back to the classroom to start their ministry with our young people. Our ordered cycle of readings begin today with the first verses from Luke's gospel, whose gospel we will hear from extensively this year.

Luke's gospel begins with a great emphasis on the Holy Spirit, actually throughout his gospel we have references to the work of the Holy Spirit and today, as Jesus attends the synagogue, we have Jesus telling the attendees that he is the one to fulfil Isaiah's prophecy and will do so under the power of the Holy Spirit.

On this our National day long weekend, in our Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to celebrate all things Australian. We are invited to recommit to living as Australians who continue to fulfil our call to mission by continuing to "bring good news to the poor....".

In the first reading, we have the retelling of the story of Ezra, of the city that has now been restored and rededicated. Ezra takes the scroll to be enthroned again and this becomes a cause for extravagant celebration for God has brought them all back together again and Ezra is quick to remind them that "rejoicing in the Lord will be your strength".

May we do the same as we pray with gratitude for our beautiful Australia. Yes we aren't perfect and we need to work on being the country that Jesus would be proud of, but we need to stop and take stock of all the blessings that have come our way. May the year be blessed for all of us.

Fr Andrew

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- 2nd & 3rd February 2019

Next Sunday is the Fourth Ordinary Sunday in Year C: Our readings are:

JEREMIAH 1: 4-5, 17-19;

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 31 – 13: 13;

LUKE 4: 21-30

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - *please see Father before Mass*

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Julie Barnhoorn	Carmel Barker
8am	Barry Wheeler	Liz O'Farrell
9.30am	Martin Newington	Elizabeth Newington
11am	Tim Plant	Beverly Plant

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Marg De Vries, Marcella Reiter, Julius Lau, Marie Medicott, Pauline Parker

8am: Melissa Ellis, Marlene Tangso, Debi Atherton, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

9.30am: Trish Amor, Brian Martin, Sue Waltho. Brenda & Felice Cortese

11am: Jaun Wilson, Juliana Zerdoner-Davis, Carolyn Ellul, Nola Petraitis, Michelle Campbell

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

John Sleeman, Sandra Ramos, Simon Hewitson

Mordialloc: Mike Love, Helen & Graham Jones

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 3rd February

Communion Service: Elizabeth Donohue

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: January 2019

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
30/12/18	\$2,203	\$1,318
6/1/19	\$1,759	\$1,494
13/1/19	\$2,188	\$1,620
20/1/19:	\$1,922	\$1,576
Average:	\$2,042	\$1,611
Pledged:	\$2,229	\$1,688

2018 SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS:

Each year we send in a Sacramental Report to the Archdiocese. Our Sacramental Statistics for last year were as follows:

(2017 is included just so you can compare)

	2018			2017
	St L	St B	Total	Total
Baptisms	52	60	112	118
1st Eucharist	107	45	152	138
Confirmation	103	35	138	161
Weddings	0	5	5	7
Funerals	11	32	43	51

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(see Bulletin for more details)*

Sat 26th Jan Australia Day

Sun 27th Jan 3rd Ordinary Sunday

Mon 28th Jan Australia Day Holiday

Tue 29th Jan Staff return for Term 1, 2019

Wed 30th Jan Students return for Term 1, 2019
Liturgy Team Meeting

Fri 1st Feb Feast of St Brigid
St B School Mass 11.30am*

Sun 3rd Feb 4th Ordinary Sunday

Thu 7th Feb St L School Mass 9.15am*

Sat 9th Feb PPC Commissioning

Sun 10th Feb 5th Ordinary Sunday

PPC Commissioning

Tue 12th Feb Catechist Classes begin*

Wed 13th Feb JAG Meeting*

Thu 14th Feb Men's Group Meeting 8pm*

Sat 16th Feb PPC Formation Day

Sun 17th Feb 6th Ordinary Sunday

Wed 20th Feb Liturgy Team Meeting

Thu 21st Feb Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sun 24th Feb 7th Ordinary Sunday

Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic

Wed 27th Feb First Eucharist Parent Night

CATECHIST PROGRAM

Our 2019 Parish Catechist Program begins on Tuesday 12th February and runs until the end of November.

This is a Religious Education Program for children not attending Catholic Schools and it helps prepare children for receiving the Sacraments. It is run by a dedicated group of Parish volunteers and classes are held at St Louis' on Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm.

Families with children interested in joining the Catechist program in 2019 are asked to please contact: **Elizabeth 9512 1155**
or the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Our Children's Liturgy during **9.30am & 11am Mass** will start up again in a couple of weeks.



In order to comply with our Child 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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

Everyone is invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"*

PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



There is another opportunity to discuss this important issue at a **Parish Plenary Meeting** on **Thursday 7th February at 7pm** at **St Louis' Church, Aspendale.**

Individuals can respond online by **6th March 2019** by simply going to:

<http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

JAG MEETING:

The first meeting for 2017 of **JAG (Justice Action Group)** is on: **Wednesday 13th Feb, at 7.30pm.** in **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.** All welcome.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING:

The Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group have their first meeting for 2018 on **Wednesday 14th February at 8pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'.** Come along & see what's planned for 2019.

KNITTING GROUP:

The first get together for the Knitting Club is on **Wednesday 6th Feb at 1pm** in **St Louis' Parish Meeting Room.**

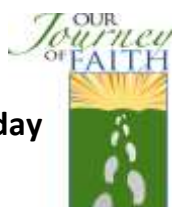
For more info contact:

Margaret 9580 8697

The knitters are always looking for more wool (especially 8ply). Donations of wool can be left at the Parish Office.

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

The RCIA group next meet on **Sunday 3rd Feb at 8am Mass at St Brigid's.**



LITURGY TEAM MEETING:

There is a Parish Liturgy Team Meeting on **Wednesday 30th January at 7.30pm** in the **Penola Meeting Room at St Brigid's.** Anyone interested in helping to plan our weekend liturgies is invited to attend. All welcome.

FEAST OF ST BRIGID:

This Friday we celebrate the feast of St Brigid. Mass on this **Friday 1st Feb at 11.30am** at **St Brigid's** is a special School Mass to celebrate her feast and also the beginning of the school year. All welcome

Prayer to St Brigid

Brigid of Ireland,
nourish us with your spirit
of compassion,
justice and courage.

Wrap your cloak of reconciliation
around the people of war torn countries.

May the wind of hunger,
violence and homelessness
cease to howl at every door in our society.

Brigid, woman of peace, cradle us
under your mantle of strength and
gentleness and gift our world with peace.

Amen



PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Pope Francis has declared **8th February** to be the World Day of Prayer Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of Trafficked People.

St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

You are encouraged by ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day in your parish and school communities.

You are invited to a **Vigil Mass** which will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at **7.30pm on Thursday 7th February** in **St. Patrick's Cathedral.**

ALL are MOST WELCOME

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to **Eugene Roberts** who celebrates his **70th** Birthday this week. Happy birthday and many happy returns.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

James McQuillan (Susan McQuillan's father)
Norman Taylor (husband of Norma)
Lydia Alphonso (wife of Joe)
Pat Sheriff (Queenscliff)
David Goulden (Aspendale)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin Daniels, David Borg, Letitia D'Souza, Rosa Laria, Vera Hodgkinson, Noel Bailey, Carmelina Inguanti, Maria Barbarino, Bryan Muschiali, Dan Powell, Norm Baker, Patrice Skipworth, Anna Maria Camerino, Elaine Dunn (Young), Harry Shallvey, Angela Valentie, Graziela Barone, Emma Labonté, Arun D'Costa, Peter O'Reilly Allan Goudge, Art Wilde, Debbie Arundel, Cecil Fernandez, Ann & Jack Cotter, Lois Formani, Vittorio Giuliano, Ken McClure

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Margaretha Westerbeek, Ross Sincock.

We begin the new year with a shortened list of people to be prayed for but we continue to pray for all who are sick in our Parish. If you wish to have a name added to this list please contact the Parish Office.

MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICES:

There will be no Communion Services on Monday mornings at St Louis' until February.

Monday Communion Services will recommence next week on **Mon 4th February.**

START OF YEAR SCHOOL MASSES:

School starts this week with teachers starting back on Tuesday and students starting back later in the week.

There will be two special 'Start of Year' School Masses:

at **St Brigid's** on **Fri 1st Feb** at **11.30am.**

& at **St Louis'** on **Thurs 7th Feb** at **9.15am**

The School Masses will also include the Commissioning for our School Staff.

FUNERALS – THIS WEEK:

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Norman Taylor** at **2pm** at **St Louis' Church** on **Tuesday 29th January.**

There will be a Requiem Mass for **Lydia Alphonso** at **11am** at **St Brigid's Church** on **Wednesday 30th January.** *There will be no Mass at 10am at St Brigid's this Wednesday.*

COMBINED PARISH PICNIC & MASS:

All members of both St Louis' & St Brigid's Parish & School Communities are invited to:

COMBINED PARISH PICNIC & OUTDOOR MASS

on **Sunday 24th February**
at **11am** at **Braeside Park**

The Mass timetable for 24th

February will be changed: St Louis' 9.30am Mass & St Brigid's 11am Mass will be cancelled so everyone can attend our Outdoor Mass.

The Outdoor Mass will be followed by a Picnic (*BYO everything*).

There'll be fun games and activities to help

everyone mix together and enjoy the day.

MASS ROSTER:

As the Mass timetable for 23rd & 24th Feb. has been changed and hopefully many people will be attending the Outdoor Mass and Picnic we need volunteer Readers & Special Ministers for 6pm & 8am Masses or at our big Outdoor Mass that weekend. If you are available to help out please contact the Parish Office and a roster will be drawn up.



CHILD SAFETY HINT:

Our Parish is committed to the safety of the children within our care and will do whatever is within our power to protect them.

If you see something that concerns you say something and always ensure that children's concerns are listened to and acted upon when they tell you something.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:



All volunteers in Parishes who have contact with children should have a current Working With Children Check.

New volunteers and anyone who has yet to obtain a WWCC can apply at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au