St Mary of the Cross Parish

St Brigid's, Mordialloc & St Louis de Montfort's, Aspendale

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PARISH MASS TIMES:

Weekends: Saturday: 6pm (vigil) St Louis', Aspendale Sunday: 8am - St Brigid's, Mordialloc Sunday: 9.30am - St Louis', Aspendale

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

31st Ordinary Sunday - Year C - 2nd & 3rd November 2019

Our readings for this week are **WISDOM 11: 22 – 12: 2; 2 THESSALONIANS 1: 11 – 2: 2; LUKE 19: 1-10**

Gospel Reflection:

Next Sunday I will be back on duty after having been on a conference, on retreat and moved to a new house (from Noble Park to Carrum Downs). It has been a good break and I am certainly feeling refreshed.

The Story of Zacchaeus is one I think of often especially when I see our children before and after mass climbing our 'sycamore tree' at the front of St Louis' church. There are three characters in the story: Zacchaeus, Jesus, and the complainers. Each of these is a universal symbol; all people and all communities having lived the three stories at one time or another.

Zacchaeus had one of the most hated positions at that time, he collected taxes, and he could charge whatever he liked. He would pay the authorities what was theirs and keep the rest for himself. So, for him to climb the tree and catch the attention of Jesus, well, this was hard for the others to swallow, after all they lived relatively good lives. They were not cheats like Zacchaeus!

These are our living Gospels and across the ages we are all called to be the

hands feet and heart of Jesus in our time, in our place. How are we the face of Christ for others? In our community do we try, too be the collective hands, feet and heart of Christ for others? How do we

hold in our hearts those who have been sexually abused or bullied by priests, brothers and even some sisters, by those who moved these men around from town to town so this abuse could continue to our most vulnerable people!

And, the complainers! Yes, who don't want change, those who don't want to share our resources, those who still don't want those on the edge of society to be part of our community. The broken, the abused, the refugees, the alcoholics, those with different coloured skin, those who can't maintain our social status in society. Do we talk about others behind their backs? Do we think we are the only ones that can do that job well? Do we want to keep the jobs that we have to ourselves? Do we try to bring down others? Or, sabotage new projects so they don't get off the ground?

Do we support and encourage the works and efforts of others? Even if we're not involved.

Yes, the Gospel writer Luke is an inspiring writer, one who in this story of Zacchaeus really gets to the point of living as a Christian, a Catholic in today's world. 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- 9th & 10th Nov 2019

Next Sunday is the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C: Our readings are:

2 MACCABBEES 7: 1-2, 9-14; 2 THESSALONIANS 2: 16 – 3: 5;

LUKE 20: 27-38

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - please see Father before Mass

ReaderCommentator6pmSt L Yr 5 FamiliesSt L Yr 5 Families8amMelissa EllisSr Deidre Malone9.30amSt L Yr 5 FamiliesSt L Yr 5 Families11amAndrea WilliamsMary Tai Kie

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Bernadette stuart, Debbie Poynton, Marie Seddon, Julius Lau, Sonia Williams

8am: Liz & Paul O'Farrell,

Stephen Pooley, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

9.30am: Lidia Rovira-Duch, Maureen Wraight, Mark Barnhoorn, Elizabeth & Martin Newington **11am:** Glenice Laughlin, Sr Reba Woodwiss, Peter Hannan, Mary Cassar, Peter Wain

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Ron Soares, Joanne & Gary Partleton

Mordialloc:

Glenice Laghlin, Debra Joseph

<u>SANDY LODGE ROSTER:</u> 10th November Communion Service: Elizabeth Donohue

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 27/10/2019		
	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$1,903	\$1,249
Average:	\$2,023	\$1,592
Pledged	\$2,229	\$1,688

NEW ROSTERS:

A new roster is being prepared for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for November to February. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the Parish Office 9580 7981

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM:



New sets of Stewardship envelopes and receipts are available this weekend. Please pick up your

envelope from the Church Foyer. If you would like to join our Stewardship Program please contact the Parish Office.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)
Sat 2nd Nov Feast of All Souls

Sun 3rd Nov 31st Ordinary SundayTue 5th Nov Melbourne Cup Holiday*

Wed 6th Nov Mercy Place Nixon Anointing Mass*

Liturgy Team Meeting

Thu 7th Nov School Mission Mass 10am*
Sat 9th Nov St L Yr5 Family Mass 6pm* **Sun 10th Nov 32nd Ordinary Sunday**

St L Yr5 Family Mass 9.30am*

Tue 12th Nov Reconciliation St L 5pm & 7pm St V de P Thanksqiving Mass*

Wed 13th Nov Reconciliation St L 5pm & 7pm

JAG Meeting

Thu 12th Nov Reconciliation St B 7pm

Fri 15th Nov Blessing of St L School Buildings*

Sun 17th Nov 33rd Ordinary Sunday

CHILD SAFETY:

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.



SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at each of the Masses next weekend to support Catholic Deaf.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The term of some of our Parish Councillors ends soon so there is the opportunity for new members to join this group. Parish Councillors usually serve a 3 year term with several members changing each year. Anyone interested is asked to contact Fr Andrew.



JAG PICNIC:

Thank you to all the parishioners and volunteers who attended the JAG Picnic last Sunday. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all those



who attended. The next JAG meeting is on Wed 13th Nov at 7.30pm in Parish Meeting Room at St Louis'. All welcome

ST V DE P MASS OF THANKSGIVING:

St Vincent de Paul Society invites all members, volunteers and friends to their annual Mass of Thanksgiving when they pray for all their deceased The members. **Thanksgiving**

Mass is on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm at St Francis' Church

cnr Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts, Melbourne This year the Thanksgiving Mass is being celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli. See noticeboard for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

St Vincent de Paul is looking for more volunteers for their Vinnies Centres especially on Saturdays and



Sundays. If you can help please contact:

Chelsea Heights 9773 4047

cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights or Mentone 9585 6211

Nepean Hwy, Mentone

PP&FF SOCIAL GROUP:

Chelsea/Aspendale Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to join their Past, Present & Future Friendship (PP&FF) Social Group for lunch on Wednesday 6th November at 12:30pm at Patterson River Golf Club, The Fairway, Bonbeach. For bookings or more info please contact Keith Reiter 0417 350 733 or Pat Adams 9772 5977

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB:

18 to 35 year olds welcome.

Monday 4th Nov at European Bier Cafe, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne Dinner & drinks from 6.30pm. Talk at **7.30pm**. Join Nathan Costin as he talks about 'The New Evangelisation.'

Web: www.theologyatthepub.com.au Facebook: www.facebook.com/tapmelb/

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

The RCIA Group will not meet this week. Their next meeting is on Sunday 10th Nov at 11am Mass at St Brigid's

BLESSING OF ST LOUIS' NEW BUILDINGS:

St Louis' new Performing Arts and Learning Centres will be officially blessed by

Archbishop Peter Comensoli

and opened by the Deputy Premier & Minister for Education James Merlino on Friday 15th November 10 - 10.45am



In addition to this parishioners are invited to tour both of the new buildings after 6pm & 9.30am Masses on 16th & 17th Nov.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY OF PRAYER:

Australian Church Women invite you to prayers for World Community Day

at **1.30pm**

on Friday 15th November at Chelsea Baptist Church.

Bondi Rd, Carrum

Afternoon tea follows the service.

All welcome.

MERCY PLACE NIXON & ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL STUDENTS MASS:

Residents from Mercy Place Nixon (aged care facility) will join students from St Brigid's School at a special **Anointing Mass**.

on Wednesday 6th November at 10am Mass

at St Brigid's Church,

Mercy Health Care first

St Brigid's students regularly visit Mercy

Place Nixon (which is opposite St Brigid's School) and this will be a special occasion for all. Everyone

is welcome.

Hospitality will be provided after Mass.

MISSION MASS:

Mass on this Thursday 7th November will be a combined St L & St B School Mission Mass and will be at 9.30am in St Louis' School Hall.

This is a little later than the usual Thursday Mass time to allow time for the St Brigid's students to walk to St Louis'.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bill Nixon (Parkdale)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Daniel Abbot, Vincent Alfonso, Peter Quinn, Lindsay Lebler, Roger Lodoiska, Molly Carr, Teresa (Tess) Bell, Sr Elizabeth Lyons, Miriam Moloney, Lisette Silarsah, Ken Gibb, Chuck Spencer, Margot Davey, Jack Reidy, Antonio Favaloro, Anthony Roberts, Bill Halloran, Barbra Hunam, Patrick O'Neill, Kevin Osborne, Vanda Smout, Wilfred Hall, Jessie Summerton, Jo Buxton, Mary Parker, Rita Mansfield, Irene Drill, Elizabeth Pidoto, Fr Carmine Tricario, Jesse Villanueva, Brian Graham, Concetta Nasello David Ford, Kathleen Reidy, Ligaya Parker, Maria Zagami.

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Penny Chater, Clare Lang, Beryl Osborne, Trish Wardle, Kevin Reed, Trevor Lawrence, Bernadine O'Meara, Minnie Joseph, Ron Sincock, Vera Morgan, Bob Orchard, Margaret McCormack, Richard Williams, Maddie Bateman Duffy, Helen Pedrazzini, Geoffrey Colwell, Dorothy Taylor, Trina Wilson, Daniel Martin, Michelle Ives, Gail Hamilton, Kay Rosenbrock, Marjorie Browne, Sue Waltho.

(If you know of anyone who needs prayers or a pastoral visit please contact the Parish Office.)

WELCOME:

We welcome **Fr. Peter Matheson** amongst us as he celebrates masses this weekend. Fr. Peter will continue to celebrate some masses every weekend for a number of months as a support to me until Deacon Brian is ordained a priest. I am grateful to Fr. Peter who is generously giving of his time as he moves into 'retirement mode'. **Fr. Andrew**

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES:

Mass at St Louis' on this Tuesday 5th Nov will be at the later time of 10am because of the public holiday for Melbourne Cup.

The Communion Service on **Monday 4th Nov** will be cancelled. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday. Both our schools will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. St Louis' also has an in-service day on Wednesday. Enjoy the long weekend if you have the 4 day break.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS:

This **Saturday 2nd November** is the **Feast of All Souls.** Our Memorial Book will be launched at all the Masses this weekend.

MEMORIAL BOOK:

November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember our family and friends who have died. A special Memorial Book is in front of 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 be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin on the anniversary of their death.

NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:

Don't forget to pick up your new Stewardship Envelopes for next four months from the Church Foyer.

RECEIPTS... There are also receipts for giving for the last few months for all parishioners who are part of our Stewardship Program (including those who donate via credit card).

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP:

Last chance to get a ticket! **ONLY \$1 EACH**Tickets are on sale after Masses this weekend for the Knights of the Southern Cross Melbourne Cup Sweep.

Melbourne Cup

ONLY \$1 EACH

Prizes are:

1st: \$250

2nd: \$75, 3rd: \$30

The profit from the

Sweep goes towards providing scholarships for students at St Louis', St Brigid's & St Joseph's Schools

FAMILY MASSES:

Next weekend (9th & 10th Nov) there are Family Masses at **6pm & 9.30am Masses** at **St Louis'** for families of Yr5 students at St Louis' School.