

# Sunday Bulletin

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: **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)

## 33rd Ordinary Sunday - Year C - 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Our readings for this week are **MALACHI 3: 19-20; 2 THESSALONIANS 3: 7-12; LUKE 21: 5-19**

### Gospel Reflection:

Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph - not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

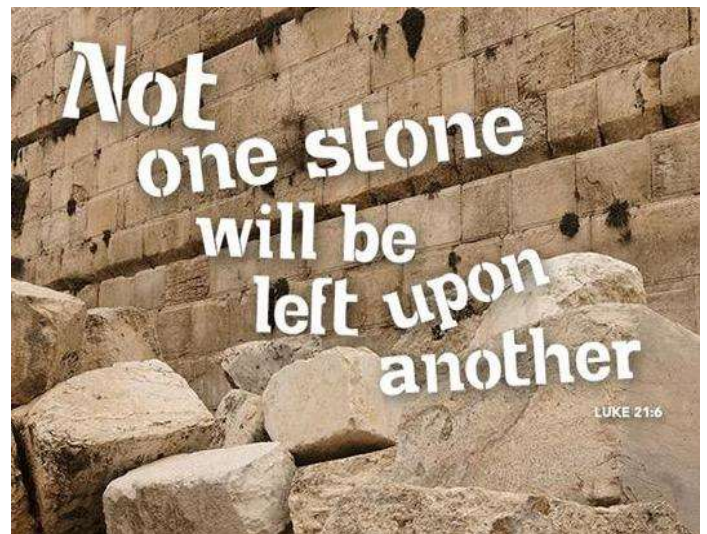
We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Questions to reflect on.

In what ways is this passage relevant in our own time?

Why does Jesus need to warn the disciples not to be deceived by false prophets?

**Wendy Sullivan**



**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- 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2019**

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King in Year C: Our readings are:

**2 SAMUEL 5: 1-3;**

**COLOSSIANS 1: 12-20;**

**LUKE 23: 35-43**

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

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

	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Commentator</u></b>
<b>6pm</b>	Julie Buick	Julius Lau
<b>8am</b>	Bill Atherton	Debi Atherton
<b>9.30am</b>	Brenda O'Leary	Imelda McMahon
<b>11am</b>	Denise Leonard	Dianne Wain

### **SPECIAL MINISTERS:**

**6pm:** Adrienne Kennedy, Gail Hamilton, Carmel Barker, Marg De Vries, Bill Mellan

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

**9.30am:** Melinda Hewitson, Mary Nayna, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom

**11am:** Juliana Zedoner-Davis, Gail Selwyn, Jaun Wilson, Carolyn Ellul, Nola Petraitis

### **COUNTERS:**

#### **Aspendale:**

Joe Corda, Bernie Hambridge, Nelson Popley

#### **Mordialloc:**

Tony Medicott, Aileen Dynes, Margaret Forster

### **SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 24<sup>TH</sup> November**

**Communion Service:** Mary Nayna

### **STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:**

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

### **THANKSGIVING: 10/11/2019**

	<b>Aspendale</b>	<b>Mordialloc</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$1,815</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>\$2,022</b>	<b>\$1,592</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$2,229</b>	<b>\$1,688</b>

### **CHILD SAFETY:**

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



### **SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Thank you to everyone who supported the special collection taken up last weekend for the **Catholic Deaf**.

Your donations will go towards supporting the work of the John Pierce Centre.

The total collected was:

**Aspendale: \$347 and Mordialloc: \$480**



**JOHN PIERCE CENTRE**  
*Spirit of the Deaf Community*

### **COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:**

*(\* see Bulletin for more details)*

#### **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Prayer Group Meeting

#### **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Feast of Christ the King**

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Scripture & Friendship Group

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Advent Twilight Retreat\*

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Baptism Blessing Mass 6pm\*

#### **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec First Sunday of Advent**

Baptism Blessing Masses\*

#### **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Second Sunday of Advent**

Baptism Blessing Masses\*

### **MEMORIAL BOOK:**

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.



### **RCIA GROUP:**

We ask you, the Parish of St Mary of the Cross, to keep our RCIA



group (**Christina, Bec, Stuart, Jo, and Andrea**) in your prayers as their journey towards, becoming full members of our Church continues. Please continue to make them all welcome.

**Blessings Bern**

### **NEW ROSTERS:**

The new roster for Readers, Special Ministers and Counters for November to February will be emailed to all the volunteers this week and printed copies will be available next weekend. If anyone wishes to be added to or removed from the roster please contact the Parish Office 9580 7981

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

There is a special collection at Masses next weekend (23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Nov) to support the **Mo-vement Appeal** which raises money for Men's Health issues like prostate cancer and depression.





## **BUSHFIRE APPEAL:**

St Vincent de Paul are on the ground throughout our communities providing support in those life-giving ways that people need in times of disaster and tragedy.



Anyone wishing to support Vinnies Bushfire Appeal can donate via [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

St Vincent de Paul also has an Appeal that is assisting farmers and their communities throughout Australia who are suffering the prolonged effects of drought at the moment.

## **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 Vinnies 9773 4047**  
*cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights*  
or **Mentone Vinnies 9585 6211**

*Nepean Hwy, Mentone*

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**

## **CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS:**

2020 Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are now available in the Piety stalls at both our Churches after all weekend Masses.

2020 Calendars are **\$9 each** and Christmas Cards are **\$5 per pack (8 cards in a pack)**.



## **CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Choir practices for our **Midnight Mass Choir** are on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm at St Brigid's Church.**

Choir practices for our **8.30pm Mass Choir** start on this **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm at St Louis' Church.**

For info contact **Trish 0421 604 849**  
New choir members welcome.



## **RED WEDNESDAY**

Red Wednesday is a global movement to stand in solidarity with those who, even in the 21st century, are imprisoned, persecuted, tortured or murdered for their peacefully-held religious faith. St Patrick's Cathedral will be floodlit in red each night during this week as a visible sign of solidarity with those facing persecution.

You are invited to come along to a

**Mass for Persecuted Christians**  
on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon**  
in **St Mary of the Cross Chapel,**

*Australian Catholic University,  
8 Brunswick St, Fitzroy*

All welcome but please RSVP to:

[justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

You are invited to come along to the final event for the Red Wednesday week - an

**Ecumenical & Interfaith Gathering**  
on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**  
in the **Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral,**

*East Melbourne*

See noticeboard for more details.

## **WEEKDAY WEEDING WARRIORS:**



Now that the garden at St Brigid's Church has been redone the weeding warriors are getting to work again to keep it tidy.

Next get together (weeding working bee) is this **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9am at St Brigid's Church.**

Morning tea provided.

## **WEEDERS WANTED:**

Anyone interested in helping with weeding and keeping the garden at **St Louis' Church** tidy is asked to please contact: **Susan 0413 979 049.**



## **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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**Nella Costanzo, Arthur Griffith, Pina Merlo, Sarina & Antonio Paola, Eucaristica Borg, Faava Kwan-Him, Lorraine Iwanow, Maria Mota, Bill Whyte, Guy Anquetil, George Dowker, Bernadette De Maskens, James Moloney, Ellen, Joan & John Jones, Barry Brown, Gert Marshall, Colin Smith, Jack Marshall, John McGinley, Mary Poda, Laurie Worsnop, Claire Barrile, Helen Bibby, Elizabeth Gerlach, Gaston Joseph,**

### HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

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

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

### BAPTISMS:

There will be a baptism at **St Brigid's** during **11am Mass** on this **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**.

We welcome in to our Parish family: **Macy Del Fink**



### 2019 BAPTISM MASSES:

An invitation has been sent to all families who have had a child baptised in our Parish in 2019 to come to a Mass on the weekend of **30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**, and receive a special blessing. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.



### PRAYER GROUP:

St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group invite you to their next Prayer Group Meeting on this **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** at **7.30pm** at **St Louis' Church** in the **Parish Meeting Room**.

The evening includes Rosary.

This will be the last meeting for this year. All welcome.



### BLESSING OF ST LOUIS' NEW BUILDINGS:

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

**Archbishop Peter Comensoli**

and opened by the Deputy Premier & Minister for Education **James Merlino** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10 – 10.45am**



**TOURS AVAILABLE:** Parishioners are invited to tour both of the new buildings after **6pm & 9.30am Masses** this weekend **16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**.

### ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm-9pm**

**at St Louis de Montfort's Church**

The Retreat begins with a meal. There is a charge of \$10 to cover costs and this is paid on the night.

We need to know numbers for catering so please sign up on the sheet in the Church Foyer or contact: **Parish Office: 9580 7981**

### ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK:

The Diocese of Wollongong have published a Daily Advent Reflection booklet, entitled **'The Way'**. It is a beautifully presented full-coloured pocket size resource containing short daily reflections. Copies available in the Church foyer for only **\$4 each**.



### COMMUNION SERVICES:

Fr Andrew will be away this week on Retreat so all weekday Masses this week will be replaced by Communion Services.

### ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Trish & Colin Amor** as they celebrate 60 years of marriage. They will receive a special blessing at **9.30am Mass** this weekend.

Happy Diamond Anniversary.

