

# Funerals



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Our Christian faith affirms that death is not the end. *“Life is changed, not ended.”* Our Church’s funeral rites commend those who have passed away to God’s merciful love and brings hope and consolation to the living. Christian hope faces the reality of death and the anguish of grief but trusts confidently that the power of death has been vanquished by Jesus, the Risen Lord.

We invite you to read the following information which will help answer some questions you may have about arranging a funeral in our parish. Funerals can be conducted at either St Louis de Montfort’s church in Aspendale or St Brigid’s church in Mordialloc.

### Funeral Service Alternatives

**Requiem Mass:** This is a funeral liturgy which offers the consecration and distribution of the Eucharist and can only be offered at the church.

**Funeral Prayer Service:** This is a funeral liturgy only and may be held at the church or at the Funeral Directors’ chapel or cemetery chapel.

**Graveside Service:** This is the simplest of the ceremonies where the priest and mourners gather beside the grave of the loved one offering prayers before interment.

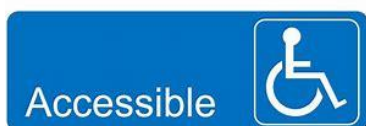
### Funeral Director

There are several local funeral directors in our area. Once you have engaged one, the funeral director will then contact the Parish Office to check on the availability of the church and/or the clergy and book your nominated Requiem or funeral prayer service, according to your suitability and its own.

### Booking and arranging the funeral

Please contact the Parish Office on (03) 9580 7981. Father will then be in contact with the family to arrange a meeting to discuss the service outline, and the involvement the family would like to have in the service. This will include a discussion on the Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, eulogy and music.

The Parish Office will organise the Service Booklet for you if you wish.



Both of our Churches are wheelchair accessible



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