

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



SUNDAY BULLETIN

**4th Sunday of Advent - Year B
20th & 21st December 2014**

Our readings for this week are:

**2 SAMUEL 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16, ROMANS 16: 25-27,
LUKE 1: 26-38**

Advent Theme: "ARE YOU READY" – like Mary, to say 'yes'?

'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me' Perhaps it could have been written this way 'I am a servant of the lord, I'm happy to do what you ask' or 'I say yes, my Lord, to all you ask' What is this saying YES all about? For me it is about SURRENDER, it is about God as the potter and we as the clay. We allow ourselves to be soft and supple clay in God's hands as we take the shape of who God desires us to be. What a wonderful image of surrender!



Teresa of Avila said "the more we surrender to God the more divine inspiration we shall receive" When the mother of the Christ child said 'let what you have said be done to me' was the most beautiful moment of SURRENDER. It was at that moment Mary became the soft and supple clay in God's hands, she said yes to what God was asking of her, knowing very little of where that Yes would take her. Jesus is waiting to do God's will in and through us, all we need do is trust God, rest in God, surrendering into everything that is of God and, in giving ourselves to God, God, gives us Christ.

I guess the question must be asked, Are we ready to SURRENDER?

It is written (somewhere): 'a thousand prayers cannot equal a single act of surrender.'

Reflection by Bernadette Carr, Pastoral Associate.

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BAPTISM BOOKINGS through Parish Office 9580 7981

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- 27th & 28th Dec 2014

Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family in Year B: Our readings are:

**GENESIS 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3,
HEBREWS 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19,
LUKE 2: 22-40**

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER:

READERS - please see Fr Andrew before Mass

	Reader	Commentator
6pm	Michael Barker	Carmel Barker
8am	Barry Wheeler	Margaret McCormack
9.30am	Peter Waltho	Susan Dornom
11am	Tim Plant	Beverley Plant

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

6pm: Adrienne Kennedy, Margaret Heenan, Terrie Beatie, Marg De Vries, Bill Mellan

8am: Sr Deidre Malone, Marlene Tangso, Debi Atherton, Joe & Hamish D'Souza

9.30am: Lucy Gathercole, Mark Barnhoorn, Kathy Tindal, Elizabeth & Martin Newington

11am: Christine D'Cruze, Ann-maree Harrison, Jaun Wilson, Louise Breslin, Gail Selwyn

COUNTERS:

Aspendale:

Tom Drenen, Nelson Popley, Bernie Hambridge,

Mordialloc:

Marlene Tangso, Debi & Bill Atherton

SANDY LODGE ROSTER: 28th December

Communion Service: Gerard Wagstaff

Resident's Transport to Mass: Kevin Stewart

FATIMA STATUE ROSTER:

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
21 Dec	Hartig family	S Barbagallo
28 Dec	Hartig family	Vacant
4 Jan	Vacant	Vacant

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS:

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

THANKSGIVING: 14/12/2014

	Aspendale	Mordialloc
Received:	\$2,111	\$1,499
Average:	\$2,058	\$1,725
Pledged:	\$2,387	\$1,977

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There is a special collection for St Vincent de Paul Society at all the Christmas Masses. Your donations will be shared between Aspendale and Mordialloc conferences and will be used to help the work of these two groups in this area. Please give generously.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY:

(* see Bulletin for more details)

Sun 21st Dec 4th Sunday of Advent

Wed 24th Dec Christmas Eve

Thu 25th Dec Christmas Day

Fri 26th Dec Boxing Day

Sun 28th Dec Feast of the Holy Family

Wed 31st Dec New Year's Eve

Thu 1st Jan New Year's Day

Sun 4th Jan Feast of the Epiphany

Sun 11th Jan Baptism of the Lord

Sun 18th Jan 2nd Ordinary Sunday

Sun 25th Jan 3rd Ordinary Sunday

Mon 26th Jan Australia Day

Thu 29th Jan Students return for Term 1, 2015

Sat 31st Jan Staff Commissioning Mass

MEN'S GROUP SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group congratulate the following students for being awarded the following scholarships:

The 'Mim Rodolico Scholarship' was awarded to Portia Patullo of St Brigid's School and the 'Mick Callaghan Scholarship' was awarded to Noah Alwyn of St Louis' School

The annual scholarships for graduating Year 6 students are sponsored by the Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group. They are funded from fund raising events held throughout the year.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Archbishop Denis Hart has prepared a Christmas video message for Catholics in Melbourne to mark the 2014 joyful celebration of the birth of Christ. To view the message visit the Archdiocesan website at www.cam.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:



Thank you to everyone for the generous donations that were left under our Parish Christmas Trees.

The food and gifts were distributed by St Vincent de Paul members to local families.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Thank you to everyone who supported the special collection last weekend for **Melbourne Overseas Mission**. The total collected was: **Aspendale: \$612**

Mordialloc: \$645

FAREWELL THO:



Our seminarian, Tho Tran, who has been in our parishes this year, concludes his pastoral appointment at Christmas time.

Tho will enjoy a well earned break before returning to Corpus Christi Seminary in February next year. Tho will include a trip back to Vietnam to visit his father and family during January.

We have been blessed to have Tho amongst us and his gentle presence will be missed.

He has been a great house guest as well.

Tho, you have come into our lives in a special way and you will be missed but we know that you are not far away and I'm sure that you will visit us from time to time.

On behalf of St. Brigid's and St. Louis' we wish you, Tho, a great Christmas and our prayers are with you as you continue discerning your vocation to the priesthood.

Fr. Andrew

2015 SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

Following the recent Synod on the family, Pope Francis and the Bishops' Synod are again seeking input ahead of their 2015 meeting. In response to feedback during the previous process, a simplified questionnaire has been developed for our local Church.

The survey can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015.

A simple guide with the questions is available from the Life, Marriage and Family Office at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Copies of the survey questions are available in the Church Foyer. Any questions about the process can be directed to:

The Life, Marriage & Family Office **9287 5579**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Extra volunteers are still needed for new rosters for cleaning both our Churches. If you would like to be part of the team keeping our Churches looking good please contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Our new Christmas Mass times are:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

6pm Mass in St Louis' School Hall

8.30pm Mass in St Louis' Church

Midnight Mass in St Brigid's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.30am Mass in St Louis' Church

10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Readers - please see Fr Andrew before Mass

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Commentator</u>
6pm	Margaret Aylward	Carmel Barker
8.30pm	Julie Buick	Chiara Rosario
Midnight	Kristian Tangso	Sr Deidre Malone
8.30am	Jane Standish	Margaret McCormack
10.30am	Sr Reba Woodwiss	Helen Rocks

Special Ministers:

6pm: Tho Tran, Kathy Tindal, Marcella Reiter, Marg Heenan, Erin Napier, Pauline Parker

8.30pm: Marg De Vries, Trish & Colin Amor, Mark Barnhoorn, Ann Brennan, Carmel Jamieson, Joanne Partleton

Midnight: Carolyn Ellul, Marlene Tangso, Lydia Alphonso, Anthony Barnhoorn, Brenda & Felice Cortese, Barry Wheeler

8.30am: Tho Tran, Rose Costa, Helen Pedrazzini, Susan Dornom

10.30am: Josie Sultana, Christine D'Cruz, Jaun Wilson, Jean Spencer

COMMUNITY CAROLS THANK YOU:

Chelsea Inter Church Council wish to thank Tony Allday and his merry men from Ss. Brigid and Louis Men's Group for helping with the set up and pack up for the **Community Carols** event last Sunday. It was very much appreciated and all the ministers from the Church send them their blessings.



The Community Carols was a great success with over 500 people joining in.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

"Dinners for Eight" will be starting in February next year. Are you interested?

For more information see the church noticeboard or call **Vanessa 9772 4964**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ross Pickles (father of Craig & Anthony Pickles & Julie Clarke), Fr Vin Creed, Kevin Browne (Fr Browne's brother) Roni O'Brien (Dennis Bell's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Murphy, Anne Sleeth, Nicholas Morillion, James O'Donnell, Edmond O'Sullivan, Margaret Smith, Gordon Wagstaff, Sr Mary Vera, Jim Kerlin, Des Lourey, Aloysius Mendonça, Guiseppe Taranto, Sam Cassano, Simone Ellul, Pietro Gazzo, Joan Juliff, Theresa Morrison, Luileen McGrath, Michael Melbourne, Kerry O'Keeffe, Denis, Nancye & Peter Raihely,

HEALING PRAYERS ASKED FOR:

Maria Finocchiaro, Maria Owen-Tucker, Val Wishart, Rhys McClure, Emma Smith, Kieran Clarke, Frank Jones, Shirley Earp, Terrie Beatie, Kathryn Walker, Mary Murphy

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

The Christmas Family Mass on **Wednesday 24th Dec** will be in **St Louis' School Hall at 6pm** (with Carols starting at 5.30pm).

All children are invited to come along dressed as Christmas characters (such as Shepherds, Angels, Kings)



Christmas Family Mass Parking

This is always a very popular Mass so to make parking easier there will be parking on the School Oval.

MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday

6pm (Vigil) St Louis', Aspendale

Sunday

8.00am St Brigid's, Mordialloc

9.30am St Louis', Aspendale

11am St Brigid's, Mordialloc

Weekdays:

Mon 9.15am *Communion Service* - St Louis'

Tues 9.15am St Louis', Aspendale

Wed 10am St Brigid's, Mordialloc

Thu 9.15am St Louis', Aspendale

Fri 11.30am St Brigid's, Mordialloc

HOLIDAY TIMETABLE:

Please note there are a few changes to our normal weekday Mass arrangements during the Christmas holidays: *(Any other changes to weekday Masses during the holidays will be announced at weekend Masses)*

MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICES:

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

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Louis or St Brigid's until February.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Next week there will be no Mass on:

Friday 26th December

There is Mass on:

Wednesday 24th Dec at 10am at St Brigid's

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Mass on, **Thursday 1st January** will be at **10am at St Louis'** *(This is a little later than the usual 9.15am to allow everyone time to recover from New Year's Eve)*

PARISH OFFICE:

The Parish Office will be closed during January. Urgent calls will still be attended to.



**We wish you
a Happy and Holy Christmas
& a safe, enjoyable New Year**