



Emmaus Companion

From Liturgy to Life

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

19 July 2026

Welcome to Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community! Whether you are new, visiting, or a long-standing parishioner, we're grateful for your presence.

We proudly acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, Traditional Custodians of this land on which we gather to worship.

Liturgy

This week's liturgy reminds us that God is patient and merciful, the Spirit strengthens us in weakness, and Jesus' parables reveal a Kingdom where goodness grows and the faithful shine at the harvest.

Entrance Hymn

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart;
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open lips and ears and heart;
help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Blessed, Jesus, at your word. Text and Music: Liebster Jesu wir sind hier

Sete di Te (No. 6 in Compagno di Inni) -
9am Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Setting

Mass of St Francis (Paul Taylor)

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you are merciful to those who
repent: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you summon us to listen to
your word: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, your Spirit helps us in our
weakness: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

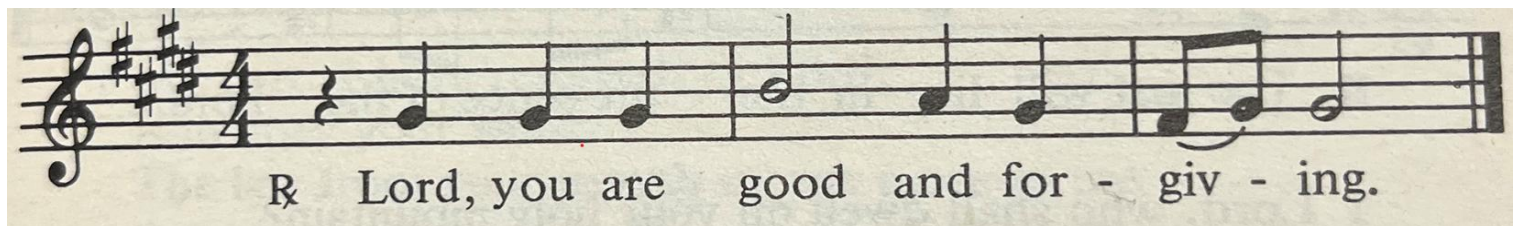
Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Kathleen Boschetti MSC



1. 1. O Lord, you are good and for-giving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to a-dore you
and glorify your name O Lord:

for you are great, and do marv'-llous
deeds, you who a-lone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and com-
passion, slow to an-ger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth, turn and
take pi-ty on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir,

was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in

accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen Amen Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Motet

Come to us, creative spirit – Richard Proulx

Communion Hymn

You satisfy the hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat

Come give to us, O Saving Lord

The bread of life to eat

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when You call Your family, Lord
We follow and rejoice

2. With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord
To share this heav'nly food

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

Gift of Finest Wheat. Text: Omer Westendorf. Music: Robert E. Kreutz

Recessional Hymn

1. Take the word of God with you as you go. Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.

**Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.**

**Take the love of God,
the love of God with you as you go.**

2. Take the peace of God with you as you go. Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.

3. Take the joy of God with you as you go. Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.

*Take the Word of God with You. Text: James Harrison.
Music: Christopher Walker.*

Un canto il cuor innalza a Te (No. 11 in Compagno di Inni) - 9am Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians

Organ Postludes

Voluntary in C – J. Stanley

Prelude in C BWV 553 – J.S. Bach

La Rejouissance - Handel

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Baptism Jessica Scheriani, Viola and Sofia Sorbello

Wedding Claudia Pearl Sacco & Michael Piacquadio

Anniversaries Rosemary Fede, Wayne Saunders, Fr Gonzalo Munoz, Dot and Teddy Hardstaff

Funeral Romilda Sangiorgio - 11:30am, Tuesday 21 July at St Joseph's

We welcome Fr An Le

Who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend at the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians and the 11:00 am Mass at St Fidelis'.

Hospitality

Sunday 19 July – Following 11:00am Mass at St Fidelis'.

New to our Parish?

Welcome to the Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community. We're glad you are here. In this Emmaus Companion you'll find Mass times and parish information. Visit our website for details about sacraments, ministries, and ways to get involved.

Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday 22 July - St Mary Magdalene – (Feast)

Saturday 25 July - St James, apostle – (Feast)

Sunday 26 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Matthew 13:44–52: *"The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found."*

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel

Divine Mercy & Holy Hour - 3pm Fridays

Rosary - 12pm Saturdays

Booking enquiries for chapel: Contact Margaret Trainor via parish office. All are welcome by arrangement for public daytime prayer. *Please note private adoration is no longer available after 31 July 2026.*

St Fidelis' – Thursday 23 July

There will be no 9:15 am Mass on Thursday, 23 July at St Fidelis; instead, a Communion Service will be held.

Parish Life

Latest news and upcoming events at BMCC

From 49 Clarendon

Perhaps there are two things capturing our attention in Melbourne at the moment: winter and the World Cup. While the excitement of the tournament fills our conversations, winter makes its presence felt in a different way. The days are shorter, the mornings darker, and the cold seems to linger everywhere. It is not surprising that many people speak of the "winter blues," a real experience that can affect our mood and outlook.

Yet winter has a hidden side. Beneath what appears cold, lifeless, and dormant, nature is quietly at work. Trees stand bare, leaves have fallen, and many plants seem to have died. But beneath the soil, roots continue to grow deeper and stronger. Seeds remain hidden, preparing for the new life that will emerge in spring. Winter is not only a season of endings but also one of quiet preparation and unseen growth.

This hidden work of nature helps us appreciate this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God through the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast. Both images remind us that God's Kingdom often begins in small, hidden, and seemingly insignificant ways. A tiny seed becomes a great shrub, and a little yeast transforms an entire batch of dough. The growth is gradual and often unseen, yet it changes everything.

The parable of the wheat and the darnel deepens this message. God's Kingdom takes root not in a perfect Church or a perfect world, but among "wheat and weeds." The emphasis is not on removing every imperfection immediately but on trusting God's patient work.

This is an encouraging message for the Church today. Although many communities experience declining numbers and fewer vocations, God's Kingdom continues to grow in hidden ways. Like seeds beneath the winter soil, God is quietly nurturing faith, hope, and charity, preparing a harvest that will appear in fullness of time.

Fr Tien

Everest – climbing for higher faith



Everest youth (Year 9–22) led the 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's with great enthusiasm and reverence. Their serving, singing, and reading were a gift to our parish. The dinner and faith

sharing afterward were uplifting and showed a growing sense of community. Everest is a vibrant space for young people; those interested are invited to contact Fr Tien via the parish office.

Ministry Training Evening



Our Ministry Training Evening for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on 9 July was a great success, with 47 participants attending. Thank you to the Worship and Education in Faith Committees for organising the evening. We urgently need more Readers and Eucharistic Ministers to serve at St Joseph's 5pm Sunday Mass and St Fidelis' 6pm Vigil Mass and 11am Sunday Mass. If you feel called to this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Be Part of This Historic Celebration

Thank you to everyone who has registered for the Inauguration Mass and Celebration of Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland. We have received an overwhelming response and look forward to celebrating this special occasion together.

Fr Brendan and Fr Tien, together with the Parish Pastoral Council, invite all parishioners to join us on Friday 14 August 2026 at 7:00 pm at St Fidelis Church as we celebrate the beginning of our journey as Emmaus Parish. A buffet celebration will follow after Mass.

If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible to assist with catering and planning.

Register here:

<https://shorturl.at/pX4PL>
or scanning the QR Code below



Join the Emmaus Inauguration Mass Choir

As we prepare for the Inauguration Mass of Emmaus Parish, parishioners who enjoy singing are invited to join the choir for this special celebration.

Rehearsals:

- 5 August, 7:15 pm – St Ambrose Luby Centre
- 7 August, 7:15 pm – St Ambrose Luby Centre
- 12 August, 7:15 pm – St Fidelis Church
- 14 August 6:00 pm - St Fidelis Church

To express your interest, please email Anthony Halliday at

anthony.halliday@bigpod.com

From Our Parish Schools

We congratulate Mr Damien Murray, Religious Education Leader at Our Lady Help of Christians, on his appointment as Principal of St Michael's Primary School, North Melbourne. We thank Damien for his service and wish him every blessing in his new role.

Grandparents Day

Everyone is welcome to attend the Grandparents Day Masses at Our Lady Help of Christians and St Fidelis' on Friday 24 July at 9:15am. Join our school communities as we give thanks for the special role grandparents play in our lives.

Trivia Night

As part of our ecumenical friendship with Brunswick Uniting Church, everyone is invited to their Trivia Night. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Bernadette at bernmercieca@icloud.com

Beyond BMCC

Archdiocesan events and wider Church news

Archdiocesan Synod – Regional Consultation

As part of the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Synod journey, Regional Consultation Sessions are being held across the Archdiocese during July and August 2026. Hosted by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, these gatherings bring parish representatives together for prayer, listening and spiritual conversation as they reflect on the future mission of our Church. Discussions will focus on key Synod themes, with insights contributing to the Archbishop's ongoing discernment. Our parish will be represented at the Northern Region Consultation on Saturday 25 July 2026, where our delegates will join representatives from other parishes to share, listen and contribute to this important process. Please keep our representatives and all participants in your prayers.

Thanksgiving Offertory

St. Joseph's Parish, West Brunswick

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 455 199 263

St. Fidelis' Parish, Moreland

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 665 217 159

St. Ambrose & Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 245 201 273

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347 Account: 664 716 706

Meet the Parish Team

Fr Brendan Reed
Parish Priest

Tien Tran
Assistant Priest

Enza Briganti
Parish Secretary

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Stewardship Coordinator

Jenny Di Valentino
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We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available on our website.

One Community, Four Churches

Weekday Mass

Tuesday

9:15am - St Ambrose's

Wednesday

9:15am - St Joseph's

10:00am - Our Lady Help of Christians
(Communion Service)

Thursday

9:15am - St Fidelis'

Friday

9:15am - Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday

10:00am - St Ambrose's
Followed by Confessions at 10:30am

Sunday Mass

Saturday

5:00pm - Our Lady Help of Christians
6:00pm - St Fidelis'

Sunday

9:00am - St Joseph's

9:00am - Our Lady Help of Christians
(Bilingual - English and Italian)

10:30am - St Ambrose's

11:00am - St Fidelis'

5:00pm - St Joseph's

Baptism, wedding, funeral, or pastoral care, please contact the Parish Office.

Our Churches

Our Lady Help of Christians

49 Nicholson St, East Brunswick

St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

St Joseph's

183 Hope St, West Brunswick

St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon St, Coburg

Our Parish Primary Schools

Our Lady Help of Christians' School

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