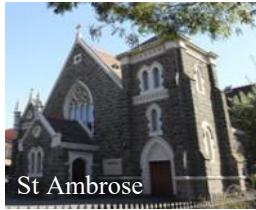


# BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 July 2023

### MASS TIMES

#### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (OLHC)

Friday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

#### Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

#### ST AMBROSE'S

Thursday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

#### Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

#### ST JOSEPH'S

Wednesday 10:00am

Saturday 6:30 pm

(First Saturday only)

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

#### Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

#### ST FIDELIS

Tuesday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Italian Mass:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

### BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Office: 287 Sydney Road, Brunswick 3056

New email: [bmcc@cam.org.au](mailto:bmcc@cam.org.au)

New website: [bmccatholiccommunity.org.au](http://bmccatholiccommunity.org.au)

## WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY SUNDAY NEXT 23RD JULY 2023



### Old age is a season of “enduring fruitfulness”.

The valuable role older members of the Church, play in their families and in forming the faith of the younger generation, will be honoured in parishes around the world, three days before the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

**Pope Francis** has chosen the theme “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15) to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are of value and a gift for society and Church communities.

He said their task was to “keep memories alive and transmit the faith to younger generations”, adding they were a significant component of the Catholic laity and “companions on the journey”.

“I think it is also beneficial for the grandkids to have lots to do with their grandparents as they have so much to offer.”

In his message to the faithful, Pope Francis said old age was no time to “give up and lower the sails”, but a season of “enduring fruitfulness”.

**“A new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future”**

**FIRST READING:**

Is 55:10-11

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

**(R.)** *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING:**

Rom 8:18-23

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Mt 13:1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

**RCIA**

We are welcoming enquiries for new members to join the Catholic Church. RCIA workshops commencing in August 2023.



*Enquiries: Margaret 0457 906 513*

**BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Church  
Jordan Thomas Tripepi who was  
baptised at St Ambrose this weekend.

**REMINDER— SAFEGUARDING  
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE ON  
YOUR WWCC CARD,  
RENEW WHEN NECESSARY AND  
SEND US YOUR NEW CARD DETAILS.  
THANK YOU

## PRAYERS OF INTENTION

**Sick:** Concetta Apa and Dexter Jacob

**Recently Deceased:** James Smith, Maria Cavallaro, Carmela Lobosco, Paula Sanger, Edwina Moulin, Francis Kevin Baxter, Antonietta La Sala

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo and Rosaria Giarracca, Daniele Grazia, Giuseppe Timpano, Antonio and Natale Timpano, Giuseppina Martino, Maria De Campo, Chris Grech, Jack Rogers and Joan Barrett, Domenico Salzone

*thank you*

### ST JOSEPH'S FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

St Joseph's Parish is undertaking a program of necessary maintenance work. We are running a special fundraising campaign to meet the cost of \$60,000.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you to all who have graciously donated. Donations are gratefully accepted via direct debit or giving envelopes.

**Direct debit: 'St Joseph's Fundraising'**  
**BSB: 083 347 Account number: 4551 992 63**  
**To date \$7,650 has been donated.**

*We thank God for those who have gone before us, and built the church, the school and the parish. May we gratefully follow in their footsteps.*

### END OF FINANCIAL YEAR RECEIPTS

If a receipt is required, please contact us at  
**BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**PARISH OFFICE: 287 SYDNEY ROAD BRUNSWICK**  
Telephone: 93801023  
email: [bmcc@cam.org.au](mailto:bmcc@cam.org.au)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023



Please give by calling 13 18 12 or visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

Envelopes are also available at the back of the Church.

**THANK YOU**

### REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

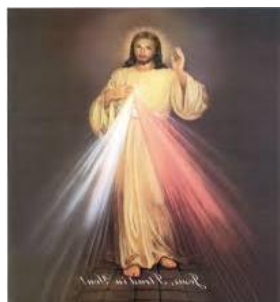
# COMMUNION SERVICE & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

on Matthew 9:32-38

*"The harvest is rich but the labourers  
are few."*

**St Joseph's**, Tuesday at 10am  
**Our Lady's** Community Room,  
Wednesday at 10am (Italian)

**ALL WELCOME!**



**ADORATION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer**  
**Friday at 3pm.**  
**You are invited to join us for a  
Holy Hour.**

## TUESDAY MEDITATION

Meditation sessions available for anyone interested in  
practising this type of prayer.

A face-to-face session is held 3pm every Tuesday in  
the Spirituality room, St Ambrose Parish Centre  
A zoom session is held at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening

No experience required  
For more information contact  
Jo Bennett (0401148133; [jbennett@joeb.com.au](mailto:jbennett@joeb.com.au))



## FESTA LITURGICA

In Onore del Volto Santo di Gesù—Domenica  
6 Agosto alle ore 2pm.

Rossario, Santa Messa e Benedizione  
Eucaristica sarà celebrata nella Chiesa di  
Sant' Ambrogio  
287 Sydney Road, Brunswick

Cel: Padre Vito Pegolo Organista: Enrico Costantini  
Per Informazione tel: Assunta 9404 2568,  
Maria 9387 6839, Veronica 9387 2174, Maria 9387 7160.  
Dopo la Santa Messa ci sarà un rinfresco.

**Tutti Benvenuti!**



## PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Linh Pham and Fr Tho Tran

## PARISH STAFF

Jenny Di Valentino  
Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator

Enza Cannizzo  
Pastoral Care & Hospitality

John Maulden  
Facilities Manager

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## AFTER HOURS OR EMERGENCY

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### St Ambrose's Brunswick

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Brunswick 3056

### Our Lady's East Brunswick

49 Nicholson Street,  
East Brunswick 3057

## Safety of Children and All Vulnerable People

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of  
children and all vulnerable people,  
as a central and fundamental  
responsibility, of our parishes.  
The Parish Statement of Commitment and  
the Reporting Process, are on display in all  
churches, and all Parish Policies are  
available, on the website:  
[bmccatholicmission.org.au](http://bmccatholicmission.org.au)