

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

29 January 2023

MASS TIME

Our Lady's

Friday 10:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

St Ambrose's

Thursday 10:00 am

Sunday 10:30 am

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 10:00 am

Saturday 6:30 pm

(First Saturday only)

Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

St Fidelis'

Tuesday 9:15 am

Friday 9:15 am

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Italian Mass:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION REVIEW UPDATE

We are now in the final stages of the review which commenced last August. You will recall that we engaged a consultant, Sheree Limbrick, to work with us to implement the review which aimed to:

- Assist our 3 parishes to deepen our understanding of the purpose and hopes for the 'Mission model' which brought our 3 parishes together
- Listen to our parish communities' hopes, needs and anxieties about working together in the 'Mission model'
- Explore how the resources (human, office, volunteers, etc) can be used effectively through collaboration across our 3 parishes

Sheree's work was supported by a joint Steering Group with reps from our 3 parishes, and together we implemented a survey and also facilitated 'parish conversations' in October last year. We received 81 responses to the survey and more than 60 parishioners joined the parish conversations and more than 40 people offered to be more deeply involved. Sheree also met with our school principals, parish employees and key volunteers/groups across our parishes to assist in developing a plan for further collaboration.

Fr Greg and Fr Linh received a draft report recently and we have commenced working on some of the recommendations in the background. This week, all staff and our current parish councils have had the opportunity to review the report and assist in planning for the release of the report which sets out a new way of supporting our parish communities to continue providing vital pastoral care and stewardship.

The report will be released next weekend - copies will be available in the Churches and will also be able to be downloaded from our website from next weekend.

On Thursday 16 February at 7.00pm we will also have a forum open to all to come and hear more about the report and the path we are charting moving beyond Easter this year. The Forum will be hosted at St Joseph's school hall, 185 Hope Street, Brunswick West. Car parking is available in the school grounds.

We thank everyone for your contributions to this process and are excited that the way ahead can draw on the creative input and feedback of our communities through the review process to continue to build a strong, faith-filled and connected community across our Brunswick-Moreland Catholic Community.

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

We pray for the sick of our parish especially Maria Mallozzi, Concetta Apa, Graziella Apa and for all who have asked for our prayers.

Recently Deceased:

Patricia Ralston, Enza Gigliuto

Anniversaries:

Antonio D'Agrosa, James Spall (10 year), Jack Butters (10 years), Ray Dobson, Ostilio Mariotti

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

ST AMBROSE CHURCH MAINTENANCE WORK

St Ambrose church internal works will commence on 1st February. The area of works will be around the pillar in the Sacred Heart Altar area. These works will enable the pillar and wall to be dried from rising damp for the next steps of restoration.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS HALL

There will be a film shoot in the OLHC Hall from Monday 30th January - Friday 3rd February 2023 (inclusive). There will be **no onsite parking available**. Please park in front of the Church or in the side streets.

WEEKEND CAMP 10-12 MARCH 2023

Bookings are now open for the Doxa camp for parishioners on the weekend 10 – 12 March 2023. Email: bernmercieca@icloud.com for details and registration. It will be a fun weekend for all!

Aggiornamento della revisione della missione cattolica di Brunswick Moreland

Adesso siamo nelle fasi finali della revisione iniziata lo scorso agosto. Ricorderete che abbiamo incaricato un consulente, Sheree Limbrick, di lavorare con noi per implementare la revisione che mirava:

1. Ad aiutare le nostre 3 parrocchie ad approfondire la nostra comprensione dello scopo e delle speranze per il "modello di missione" che ha riunito le nostre 3 parrocchie
2. Ad ascoltare le speranze, i bisogni e le ansie delle nostre comunità parrocchiali sul lavorare insieme nel "modello di missione"
3. Scoprire come le risorse (umane, ufficio, volontari, ecc.) possono essere utilizzate efficacemente attraverso la collaborazione tra le nostre 3 parrocchie

Il lavoro di Sheree è stato supportato da un gruppo direttivo congiunto con rappresentanti delle nostre 3 parrocchie, e insieme abbiamo implementato un sondaggio e anche facilitato "conversazioni parrocchiali" nell'ottobre dello scorso anno. Abbiamo ricevuto 81 risposte al sondaggio e più di 60 parrocchiani si sono uniti alle conversazioni parrocchiali e più di 40 persone si sono offerte di essere coinvolte più profondamente.

Sheree ha anche incontrato i nostri dirigenti scolastici, i dipendenti della parrocchia e i principali volontari / gruppi nelle nostre parrocchie per aiutare a sviluppare un piano per un'ulteriore collaborazione.

Fr Greg e Fr Linh hanno recentemente ricevuto un progetto di relazione e abbiamo iniziato a lavorare su alcune delle raccomandazioni in background. Questa settimana, tutto il personale e i nostri attuali consigli parrocchiali hanno avuto l'opportunità di riesaminare il rapporto e assistere nella pianificazione per la pubblicazione del rapporto che stabilisce un nuovo modo di sostenere le nostre comunità parrocchiali per continuare a fornire assistenza pastorale e gestione vitali.

Il rapporto sarà pubblicato il prossimo fine settimana - copie saranno disponibili nelle Chiese e potranno anche essere scaricate dal nostro sito web dal prossimo fine settimana.

Giovedì 16 febbraio alle 19.00 avremo anche un forum aperto a tutti per venire a saperne di più sul rapporto e sul percorso che stiamo tracciando andando oltre la Pasqua quest'anno. Il forum sarà ospitato presso la St Joseph School Hall, 185 Hope Street, Brunswick West. Il parcheggio è disponibile per la scuola.

Ringraziamo tutti per i vostri contributi a questo processo e siamo entusiasti che la strada da seguire possa attingere all'input creativo e al feedback delle nostre comunità attraverso il processo di revisione per continuare a costruire una comunità forte, piena di fede e connessa attraverso la nostra comunità cattolica di Brunswick-Moreland.

Sacramental Life:

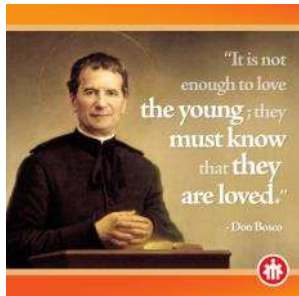
The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Community welcome with joy through the sacrament of **Baptisms**, this weekend.

*Coco Huynh
Patrick Johnson*

BIBLE SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures
and to meditate upon them day and night.
I beg you to give me real understanding of what I read,
that I in turn may put its precepts into practice.
Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless,
unless rooted in your graceful love.
So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a
page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICE



FEAST of SAINT JOHN BOSCO
Tuesday 31st

**10am at ST JOSEPH'S
ALL WELCOME!**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 10:00am at St Ambrose's (English and Italian)

Wednesday 10:00am – 11:00am at Our Lady's Community Room,
(*Italian*). "Cura di se con la Bibbia". All welcome!

LOURDES DAY MASS ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The annual Lourdes Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, 18th February 2023 at 10.30am. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer resources.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA NEXT SUNDAY

All are warmly invited to come across to St Ambrose's Community Centre after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, with biscuits and cakes. Most importantly come over for the warmth of good company!

HEART TO HEARTS SOUP KITCHEN

The Heart to Hearts soup kitchen at Our Lady's will re-open on Thursday 2 February 2023. A special thanks to all volunteers who enable this great ministry to continue.

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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:
bmcatholicmission.org.au