

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

22 May 2022

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

Italian Mass:

2nd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am

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

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

With great joy, St Fidelis Community together with Smith family will celebrate Jim Smith's 100th Birthday at 11am this Sunday at St Fidelis.

Wishing JIM SMITH a very happy birthday. May your birthday celebrations bring you joy and love to you and your family.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Psalm 118:24

OUR LADY'S FEAST DAY

Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen as Patroness of the Church and school at East Brunswick. A solemn Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 24 May at 9:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Brunswick East, with the students from Our Lady's school in attendant.

All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to children from St Joseph's school who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday night.

CORPUS CHRIST COLLEGE ANNUAL SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY - SATURDAY 28 MAY

This is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter, and join him for a BBQ dinner. Please contact the Parish Office if you are a man or can suggest any men (over 18) who would like to be invited.

CATHOLIC MISSION

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. To lend your support once again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or Donation envelope's located in the church foyer area. Free call: 1800 257 296

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that
I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.

Especially: *Oscar Ferrante and Beryl Orchard.*

Recently Deceased:

Francesca Muscolo, Sebastiana Gandolfo, Giovanni Giacchi, Ivana Margaret Kasic

Anniversaries: *Dino Casagrande (1st Month), Caterina Madaffari (1st Month), Francesco Iaria (1st Year), Rosaria & Salvatore Gaetano, Lino Leone (1st Year), Alphonso Tauro, Grazia De Iesi (1st Year), Angela Donato (1 year), Giuseppe and Carmela Guerrisi, Matteo Domenica Donato and Eileen Barnard.*

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

In support of the Cancer Council's annual 'Biggest Morning Tea' event, Monette from the St Fidelis Saturday choir is kindly hosting a cake stall fundraiser after 6pm Mass on Saturday 28th of May. She will be selling baked goods homemade with love, for a nice supper treat after Mass! Gold coin and online donations are welcome: <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/monette-manalili>. Please save the date for this special fundraising effort for all people impacted by cancer.

ST FIDELIS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to so many volunteers who made their time available for a training session last Wednesday evening. Thank you for your commitment to the parish and for your continued support to keep our children and vulnerable people safe. Thank you to the parish Safe Guarding Committee who prepared and run the training session with great passion for transformation of parish life.

Fr Greg and Fr Linh

ST. FIDELIS PIZZA AND PASTA NIGHT

On Saturday 18th June 2022 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at St Fidelis School Hall, Hawthorn Street Coburg.

Cost \$25 Adults; \$15 Children under 12 years old, includes catering by Firenze Receptions, BYO beverages and nibbles. Bookings a must, no later than Thursday 9th June unless sold out prior, please Book online on QuickCliq or contact Rob 0416 124483 or Ray 0419 562252.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Italian Assistance Association (Co.As.It) is currently looking for Italian speaking people who are willing to volunteer one hour per week, to visit elderly Italian individuals in this area who are socially isolated and in need of a friend. If you are interested, in becoming a friendship volunteer or wish to obtain more information about the program, please contact Mary on 9359 9210 or 0481 603 768.

SISTERS OF MERCY HUB

"Changing Social Relations in remote Papua New Guinea" talk by Dr Monica Minnegal at Sisters of Mercy Hub, 617 Nicholson St, Carlton North, Friday, June 3 at 7 pm. First of a series of talks exploring how we Australians and modern Papua New Guineans might better understand each other. Free of charge. All welcome, try booking or just come. <https://www.trybooking.com/BZHXR>

Thanks very much, Sr Margaret Ryan RSM

Scripture Reflection and Communion Service

Tuesday 24th May at 10am at St Joseph's
Feast Day of THE Patroness of AUSTRALIA
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
ALL WELCOME!

St Ambrose and Our Lady's

Tuesday 10:00am – 11:00am at St Ambrose church Communion service and Rosary. Pray for peace in Ukraine.

Wednesday 10:00am – 11:00am at Our Lady's Community Room, communion service and gospel reflection in Italian
"Cura di se con la Bibbia". All welcome!

Divine Mercy and Benediction

St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction is held each Friday at 3pm. We welcome you to join us for an hour for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Mary's Month – May

St Joseph's Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available from St. Joseph's parish, to visit homes for a week at a time, especially through May, to encourage praying the rosary. If you would like to have the statue and invite family, parishioners or friends to pray with you over one week in May contact Dorothy on 0439389430.

Grow in the Spirit of God

You and a friend are invited to Grow in the Spirit of God, join our online group: Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm 16 June Great videos and chat via Zoom. Gathering to celebrate on Pentecost Sunday
RSVP Margaret 0457906513

Face-to-Face Meditation

Starting on June 7, at 3 pm in the Spirituality Room of St Ambrose Parish Centre. Everyone from all four Churches in our Mission is welcome. You do not need prior experience - meditation is for everyone. Meditation is another form of praying which has been practised in the Church since the days of the Desert Fathers. It is a way of meeting God in the depths of our soul and deepening our relationship with God. Contact Jo Bennett for further information - email: jbennett@joeb.com.au OR mobile: 0401 148 133

Thank you

Tony Parisi donated \$604.50 to the parish following the offerings collected during the recent mass for the feast of Our Lady of Servigliano. Thanks!

Grazie Tony! Tony Parisi ha donato \$604.50 alla parrocchia a seguito delle offerte raccolte durante la recente messa per la festa di Madonna di Servigliano. Grazie!

Feast of St Anthony

Sunday, 12 June, there will be rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm at St Ambrose's in honour of St Anthony's feast day. Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Fr Bruno Carrera. There will also be the blessing of St Anthony's bread. For more information or donations, contact Tony Parisi 9387 2119.

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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