

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

24 October 2021

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

Returning to Church, Mass and Community beginning November 2nd

As we move from 70% vaccination to 80% vaccination our Victorian community is progressively opening up, including our Churches. This week our Brunswick-Moreland Mission Executive met and discussed the process for opening our Churches. It was agreed that our churches will open for Mass and services when 80% of the population have been vaccinated. This will allow 150 fully vaccinated parishioners at Mass. It is anticipated that the first liturgies will be a weekday Mass and a Communion Service, on Tuesday 2nd November, with the weekend of 6/7th being the first Sunday liturgies. The current Sunday online liturgies will remain until these dates. When we do open for Mass and services, parishioners will, according to Victorian Government Law, need to QR or sign into the Church.

In addition, parishioners must show their vaccination certificate on entry.

For parishioners of the Mission, who do not wish to provide their vaccination status, an additional Mass will be provided each Sunday afternoon at 3pm. There will be further details about this Mass next week. Pre-booking for some services may be required. Further information on procedures for maintaining a COVID safe restart to our face-to-face liturgies will be provided over the next weeks.

As you can appreciate, this is a major issue for our volunteers to organise in a legal, fair and just way. We are grateful to our volunteer parishioners. Let us always be courteous and kind to one another in this stressful time.

For a Synodal Church: *Communion, Participation and Mission*

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission. Catholics through the world are now being invited to join local consultations about their experience of synodality within the Church as part of a two-year journey to pray with, reflect upon and respond and to help develop a process of communal spiritual discernment. A period of local consultation will take place over several months, which will then be gathered nationally and later discussed within regions of the world.

An Australian lay woman, Susan Pascoe AM, was appointed to one of four commissions supporting the work of the Synod. She has held a number of senior roles in the Church and in government in Australia, including as head of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. She recently travelled to Rome for its global launch and has been assisting in the process of the current Synod of Bishops. The Church in Australia has been a key supporter of the Synod.

For more information and to access the resources and pray for the synod go to, <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind
and is appointed to act for men in their relations
with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and
so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant
or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations
of weakness. That is why he has to make sin
offerings for himself as well as for the people.

No one takes this honour on himself, but each one
is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give
himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he
had it from the one who said to him: You are my
son, today I have become your father, and in
another text: You are a priest of the order of
Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large
crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a
blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road.
When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he
began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus,
have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him
and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all
the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus
stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the
blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling
you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and
went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want
me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to
him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him,
'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately
his sight returned and he followed him along the
road.

Gospel of the Lord.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

Gianfranco Berardi, Maria Grazia Zanchi, and Simone Berardi, Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuel Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, , Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, John McCann, Brendan Meredith, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Angela Pavano, Marie O'Toole, Joyce Chong, Noli Sagolili, Marilyn Figueroa, Reymond Figueroa, Reyhan Joseph Figueroa, Mary Refalo & Kevin Barry.

Recently Deceased:

Francesco Barbirotto, Br. Brian Brandan, Judith Gulliver, Frank Smith, Stephen Sheils.

Anniversaries:

Giovanna Centorrino (1st month)

Kevin Lynch (2nd Year)

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming A Catholic?

Or maybe you know a family member or a friend who is considering becoming a Catholic. We would like to invite you to take a closer look, by attending our formation sessions on "The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" (RCIA). In these sessions we will provide information about the Catholic Church and what it teaches, in addition to taking a look at all your important questions relating to the faith. The programme will commence at the beginning of the Season of Advent - the last week of November 2021.

We are also in need of volunteers, to assist with preparing the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) programme. If you have experience or qualifications in catechesis, religious education or teaching and are able to assist us at St Fidelis and St Joseph parishes, we would be very grateful. This can be a very rewarding ministry and you would be supported by priests and our wonderful team of existing catechists, who would make you welcome, and they will be looking forward to working with you. For further information or to offer your expression of interest, please contact us via the parish email, St Fidelis moreland@cam.org.au; St Joseph's, brunswickwest@cam.org.au or phone 0452 180 037.

All volunteers are required to meet the Safeguarding Standards.

BBE – Parish Weekend - Doxa Camp,

Keep this date free: Friday 11th March to Sunday 13th March 2022. More details will be made available closer to the date.

Meet Sophia: The Feminine Face of God Wednesday 27 October, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Professor Mary Coloe's commentary on John's Gospel reveals the strong presence of Wisdom/*Sophia* permeating the text. The description of The Word (*logos*) present with God at the dawn of creation then coming to tabernacle on earth in the flesh of Jesus (1:14), echoes the journey of Wisdom described in Proverbs 8, and Sirach 24. While *Sophia* is not named in John, Jesus speaks as *Sophia*, and acts as *Sophia*, nourishing her children, offering "eternity life" and making believers friends of God. Register at:

<https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/z2kyutq1raxp9n/>

ONLINE SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN

Sunday Masses

Via Zoom at 10:30

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84220979481?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84220979481?pwd=OURkMmVTM3BRWUhwamxYY1JhbGkrZz09)

[pwd=OURkMmVTM3BRWUhwamxYY1JhbGkrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84220979481?pwd=OURkMmVTM3BRWUhwamxYY1JhbGkrZz09)

Meeting ID: 842 2097 9481

Passcode: 327349

Via Facebook and YouTube @ 11:00 am

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Fidelis-Parish-Moreland-183834618311776>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm7GEgt-p2odZexFuLSq92Q>

Gospel Reflection on Zoom

Each Wednesday during lockdown there will be an opportunity to join in a Zoom discussion of the Gospel of the forthcoming Sunday at 4pm. The Zoom link: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>.

Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Please join us for evening prayer via zoom on Fridays at 4:30 pm during lockdown.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85235376047?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85235376047?pwd=bTd0KzVVempMYWFxT2Q4UWJoYlExZz09)

[pwd=bTd0KzVVempMYWFxT2Q4UWJoYlExZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85235376047?pwd=bTd0KzVVempMYWFxT2Q4UWJoYlExZz09)

Meeting ID: 852 3537 6047 Passcode: 104550

Zoom Rosary

We continue to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, at 9:00am each Saturday during the Marian month of October.

<https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>

Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005. All welcome.

Meditation Every Tuesday Evening at 7.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome, newcomers and experienced meditators alike. If you would like to participate, please call Jo Bennett (0401148133) or email jbennett@joeb.com.au

Parish Cooking Club

Please join us on **Monday 1 November** at **4pm** via Zoom using <https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

You can cook along or just watch. Guest cook: Emily

Cooking: Seafood Risotto. All welcome

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday 28 October, **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles – Feast**

Legend has it that Saints Simon and Jude travelled to Persia together where they were both martyred. St. Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot. St. Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. Jude is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

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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