

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

2 May 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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

Reflection Fifth Sunday of Easter

Christians living in the Southern Hemisphere have to work hard with their imaginations when celebrating the great seasons of the church's year. Hymns and prayers written by Northern believers often connect Jesus' birth and death with the natural seasons such as winter and spring that are the opposite of those in the south. Today, however, there's a happy coincidence for us between the gospel and the season.

To travel in any direction out of Melbourne is to see vineyard slopes clothed in glorious gold. The vine leaves are changing to their autumn hue. That means winter isn't far off and pruning will start. Like rose bushes, vines need to be cut right back to produce abundant fruit. Right now we can readily visualise Jesus' image of the vine and the pruning the branches must undergo.

The instrument that prunes us, however, is not a gardening tool. Jesus says we are pruned by his word. How so? What is this word? It's all he says and does to reveal God's love. Anyone who comes to believe in that love cannot remain unchanged. Love sheds light within our hearts and minds. It dispels fear. It liberates us from our immersion in self-interest. It purifies and prunes us.

But we can shrink from love. That's made plain in the event that precedes Jesus' teaching on the vine and the branches – his washing of the disciples' feet. Peter reacts with horror at the prospect of Jesus performing this lowly service of love. He has to be persuaded to let it happen. Perhaps we too have to let ourselves be convinced of the love that God wishes to lavish upon us. Jesus wants us to make our home in this love. Easter and autumn combine to make this an invitation too good to refuse.

Quinta domenica di Pasqua, 2 maggio 2021

I cristiani che vivono nell'emisfero australe devono lavorare sodo con la loro immaginazione quando celebrano le grandi stagioni dell'anno della chiesa. Gli inni e le preghiere scritti dai credenti del nord spesso collegano la nascita e la morte di Gesù con le stagioni naturali come l'inverno e la primavera che sono l'opposto di quelle del sud. Oggi, tuttavia, c'è una felice coincidenza per noi tra il vangelo e la stagione. Viaggiare in qualsiasi direzione al di fuori di Melbourne è vedere i pendii dei vigneti rivestiti di oro glorioso. Le foglie della vite stanno cambiando nella loro tonalità autunnale. Ciò significa che l'inverno non è lontano e inizierà la potatura. Come i cespugli di rose, le viti devono essere tagliate subito per produrre frutti abbondanti. In questo momento possiamo facilmente visualizzare l'immagine di Gesù della vita e della potatura che i tralci devono subire.

Lo strumento che ci pota, però, non è uno strumento da giardinaggio. Gesù dice che siamo potati dalla sua parola. Come mai? Qual è questa parola? È tutto ciò che dice e fa per rivelare l'amore di Dio. Chi arriva a credere in quell'amore non può rimanere immutato. L'amore fa luce nei nostri cuori e nelle nostre menti. Dissipa la paura. Ci libera dalla nostra immersione nell'interesse personale. Ci purifica e ci pota. Ma possiamo allontanarci dall'amore. Ciò è reso chiaro dall'evento che precede l'insegnamento di Gesù sulla vite e sui tralci – il suo lavaggio dei piedi dei discepoli. Pietro reagisce con orrore alla prospettiva che Gesù compia questo umile servizio d'amore. Deve essere persuaso a lasciare che accada. Forse anche noi dobbiamo lasciarci convincere dell'amore che Dio vuole prodigarci. Gesù vuole che costruiamo la nostra casa in questo amore. Pasqua e autunno si combinano per rendere questo invito troppo bello per essere rifiutato.

First Reading Apostles 9:26-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

Second Reading 1 St John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I
have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do
nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers; these branches are collected and thrown
on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me
and my words remain in you, you may ask what you
will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father
that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: Debbie Castleton, Andrew Purches, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton and Angela Pavano.

Recently Deceased: Antonietta Colletta, Maria Cricentiand, Ivy Pinto, Corrado Panzera & Giuseppina Petruolo, Charlie Panzera.

Anniversaries: Michele Tucci, Carmelo Frazetto, Vincenza Liccardi, Francesca Tata, Raymond Beachen, Sundra Wati Beachen, Primm ffrench, Paolina Palmieri, Emanuela Falvo 1yr, Giuseppe Perrone, Giuseppe Iaconis, Sam Vavalla, David Gianbatista, Daniel (Danny) McMahon, Doris Debono, Carmelo Tedesco.

Leadership

BBE Pastoral council: Elections for the New Brunswick/Brunswick East Parish Pastoral Council to be conducted this weekend 1st/2nd May only for those who weren't at Mass and haven't voted last weekend. Voting slips are available at the table next to the entrance door at Our Lady's and St Ambrose's churches or speak with the Ushers after Masses.

The Plenary Council, commissioned by the Australian Bishops began its process by asking people, "What is God asking of the people of Australia at this time?" God is still asking...You can keep up to date with the ongoing progress of the Plenary Council by emailing plenarycouncil2020@gmail.com and requesting an emagazine.

The Commission for Children and Young People will be conducting a random audit of parishes to examine compliance with regulations concerning the safeguarding of children and young people. To be compliant all volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Card (WWCC). If you don't have one please contact the parish offices. Are Children, Young People and Vulnerable People safe in our parishes? If you feel or wonder if our procedures could be improved please contact one of the priests or the parish office.

Parishes Properties and Inspections

All building inspections across three parishes have been completed by a professional firm to conduct Condition Assessment Reports, Knight Frank Australia Pty Ltd. A preliminary review is being conducted by Catholic Church Insurance and the Archdiocese's property advisers. The reports will be sent to parishes sometime in May. Finance committee will review the reports to filter out any major issues that need to be attended for the maintenance now and into the future and where capital expenditure may be required and procedure master plan for next 5 years. St Joseph Parish hasn't got a finance committee yet; the parish is on process of forming a finance committee.

Clergy Gathering. Last Wednesday 200 clergy gathered with Archbishop Comensoli for an historic meeting. It was announced that all parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese will belong to a Mission, as we have done. The long term goal is to cluster 210 parishes into 62 Missions.

There will be a gathering of laypeople on May 22nd to present and discuss this goal with them.

Three Parish Offices: Our three secretaries, Sandra, Enza and Jenny will meet with the priests to discuss how work can be done more efficiently, we meet next Tuesday.

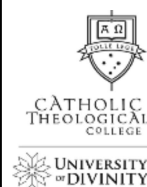
Monday not a Day Off: Until now both priests have taken Monday off. As a trial, Fr Bourke will now take Thursdays off and so be available on Mondays for calls.

Formation

Understanding Scripture in our daily experiences is one fruit of the Communion Services conducted by Sr Denise Hannebery very Tuesday at 10:00 am at St Joseph's. Discussion continues with morning tea in the presbytery afterwards.

Religion Class: To assist parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith, catechist classes for children are held on Saturday mornings at Our Lady's East Brunswick. For further information, contact Jenny 9481 8282 or Janice 0408 556 862.

The Annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Saturday 22 May. It is an opportunity for men over 18 to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner. Please contact parish offices for register then a letter of invitation from the Archbishop will be sent direct to you.



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Prep 2022 Enrolments. Dear Parishioners, Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School is **NOW OPEN** for Prep 2022 Enrolments. If you have or know of a family member or family friend who has a 4 or 5 year old child due to start school next year, please contact our School Office on 8388 5900 or email our Registrar, Cathy, on cwindsor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au School Tours for Term 2 are on Monday, 10th May & Wednesday, 16th June at 11.30am. You are also welcome to visit the School Office located at 26 Miller Street, Brunswick East to register a Prep place and to obtain an application form.

Community

Sunday Morning Coffee/Tea.

Today 2nd May at St Ambrose's parish after 10.30am Mass, everyone welcome. Please come and build community.

St Ambrose's Activities with Sr Marjetka after

Communion Services: 1st Tuesday: Cuppa, 2nd Tuesday: Gymnastics, 3rd Tuesday: Rosary for peace & 4th Tuesday: Lectio divina (Sunday Gospel).

Our Lady's Activities with Sr Marjetka after Communion

Services: 1st Wednesday: Gymnastics & Cuppa, 2nd Wednesday: Morning Prayer, 3rd Wednesday: Rosary for peace & 4th Wednesday: Lectio divina (Sunday Gospel), Last Friday of the Month: Meeting with Special ministers of Communion.

Screening of a FILM in the community center of St Ambrose's (every 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00pm), our next movie is "Karol: A Man who became Pope".

Global Catholic Climate Movement is sponsoring Laudato Si Week 16-24 May. Join to receive the official Laudato Si Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news. laudatosiweek.org

Sacramental Life

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation, at St Patrick's Cathedral, will be celebrated on Sunday May 23 at the 11am Solemn Mass. Any adult who wishes to be confirmed please contact one of the parish offices for details.

Italian Mass: St Fidelis 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am and at St Joseph's 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:30 am. Questo avverrà a St Fidelis la prima e la terza domenica del mese alle 9:30 e a San Giuseppe la seconda e la quarta domenica del mese alle 10:30.

Baptism: The Christian community welcome their new members through sacrament of baptism: *Fabian Molinaro and Finn Anthony Patton.*

Wedding: Congratulations to: *Rebecca Garrity & Andrew Mangani*

Liturgy

Sacristy: St Ambrose Church is in need of some volunteers to care for the sacristy. A sacristan is a role of service for the whole faith community. It is a role that enables the liturgies to be celebrated well

Prayer

There are several opportunities for prayer and meditation across our three parishes and four churches.

Zoom Rosary

Members of the Brunswick Moreland Mission are gathering to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, at 9:00am on each Saturday during May. We'd love you to join us. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>
Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005

Meditation before the Blessed Sacrament is possible at St Joseph's Chapel, Melville Road. Please contact St Joseph office for registration.

Prayer in Italian: A group of Italian speaking people meet to pray in St Fidelis Church every Monday 10 am - 12 Midday. All are welcome.

Gruppo di preghiera italiano a St Fidelis ogni lunedì dalle 10:00 mezzogiorno. Tutti sono benvenuti.

Festa _ Madonna di Servigliano:



The Promoting Committee cordially invites all parishioners, friends and supporters to the celebration mass in honor of Our Lady of Servigliano on Sunday 9 May at 2:30pm by Fr Bruno Carrera in St Ambrose's church. For more details for this event please, take a flyer from back of the church.

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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: bbe.org.au.