

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

5 March 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 COMMUNITY REFLECTION FORM FOR EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARSHIP COUNCILS

Thank you to all our parishioners who have submitted Reflection forms to express their interest to engage in the new structure - Evangelisation and Stewardship Councils. A discernment and formation process will take place on two consecutive evenings, for one hour and fifteen minutes, each session.

The dates: Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th of March.

Time: 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Where: St Fidelis Parish (49 Clarendon street, Coburg, Vic 3058)

This will be led by Cathy Jenkins.

We thank everyone for your contributions to this process.

DO YOU VOLUNTEER IN OUR PARISHES?

Clergy, employees and volunteers in Ministry working in parishes within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne have a responsibility to understand the important role they play individually and collectively to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all children and vulnerable people.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to supply the Parish with records of their current Police and Working with Children Checks. Additionally, they must annually complete *Safeguarding Essentials*, a 30-60 minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy, employees and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm.

You can complete this module online by accessing

www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

You will need your unique Working with Children Check ID and an email address.

Support to Complete Your Training

Alternatively, you can join in a parish run session at St. Ambrose. A group leader would facilitate the hour long session and support you to complete *Safeguarding Essentials* - please note you will not require a computer to attend this session.

If you are interested in participating in a group session, date to be advice. For further details please contact parish office on either 9380 1023 or bbe@cam.org.au.

At the completion of the training (either in person or online), participants will receive a certificate of completion and an email notification that the training has been completed successfully. Parishes will receive a report each quarter from the Safeguarding Unit listing those who have registered for, and those who have completed, the training.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

Lewis Calleja, Cynthia D'Souza, Gina Denk and Bernadette Steward.

Recently Deceased: Olga Troiano, Nicola Milicia and Delia Fratzini (in Italy), Peter Storer, Laura Denino, Pat La Manna, Melina Alessi Tenaglia and Maria Rosa Mazzeo.

Anniversaries: Antonio & Pasquale Mercuri, Francesca Molluso, Giuseppe Timpano, Giuseppe D'Anna, Maria Antonina D'Anna, Domenica D'Anna, Vincenza D'Anna & Marie Schepers, Maria Nunziata Cardillo, Vincenzo Martino, Maria Crazia, Vincenzo Cardillo, Luigi Oppedisano, Teresa Oppedisano, and Graeme Duggan.

CTC: 50TH ANNIVERSARY SOLEMN CELEBRATION

Sunday 5 March, 2023
3:30pm - 4:30pm

The Master of Catholic Theological College, Very Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan, invites you to join the College community at a solemn celebration of evening prayer and occasional address to celebrate 50 years of theological education – occasional address by Dr Graeme Blackman AO, Chancellor, University of Divinity.
For all enquiries, email sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au

STATION OF CROSS DURING LENT

St Joseph's: Friday 3:00pm followed by
Divine Mercy and Benediction
St Fidelis: Friday 7:00pm
(Both Italian and English)
St Ambrose's: Tuesday 10:30am
Our Lady's: Friday 10:30am

*There will be no reconciliation at St Ambrose's on
Saturday 11th March 2023*

ST JOSEPH'S FESTA

St Joseph Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday 19 March

9:00am at St Joseph's
10:30am at St Ambrose's

CAKE & CUPPA CATCH UP

After 9.00am and
10:30am Masses

BRING CAKES
TO SHARE



PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENTEN SEASON 2023



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our parishes, or by visiting: caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

FAREWELL FOR SR MARJETKA, mc.

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to join the 10:30am Liturgy and the fellowship afterwards to *Thank and Farewell Sr Marjetka on Sunday March 19th at St Ambrose Church and Community Hall.*

Via con Dios, Sister Marjetka

JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL DINNER

Jesuit Social Services is a social change organisation working to build a just society where all people can live to their full potential. They accompany people and communities to foster and regenerate the web of relationships that sustain us all, and work to change policies, practices, ideas and values that perpetuate inequality, prejudice and exclusion.

Join Jesuit Social Services us at our 2023 Annual Dinner to celebrate the work of the organisation. Be sure to book for an evening of great food, wine, auctions, raffles, entertainment and catching up with old friends.

Date: 25th March 2023 Venue: Q Events,
123 Queen Street, Melbourne
Ticket \$230, tables of 10 are available.

For all enquiries, email events@jss.org.au

Sacramental Life:

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

Thomas Matthew Timpano, Remy Jude Atwell, Mia Roda Iversen, Bleiz Houron, Oscar Simon Paolini and Owen Dimitri O'Connell

Wedding Congratulations:

*Javier Lach & Lorissa Mendoza
Vito Campo & Christie Beller*



COMMUNION SERVICE and SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

"Come now, let us talk this over ...

Cease to do evil, Learn to do good,
Search for justice, help the oppressed,
be just to the orphan, plead for the widow."

Isaiah 1: 16 - 17

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICES

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!

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Thursday during Lent there is a discussion group that meets to reflect on the readings our lectionary provides for the Sundays of Lent. This year we are using the program 'God is on the Journey too' by Christopher Monaghan CP. Booklets are available for all participants. The meeting is held in the Spirituality Room of **St Ambrose's Centre following the 10.00am Mass each Thursday.** We meet for about 45 minutes each week. All are welcome!

FAITH AND FOOTBALL?

Come and listen to Matthew Kennedy, a senior player with the Carlton Football Club. Matt talks about his experience and faith journey in the fast-paced world of AFL football. Refreshments provided (gold coin donation).

Who: **Anyone interested in getting an insider's view of footy and curious about where faith fits in.**

When: **7:30 PM Wednesday 8th March.**

Where: **St Fidelis Hall, 49 Clarendon Street, Coburg.**

Parking available in Church carpark beside hall.

RSVP: **email rogeroh@outlook.com**

by Monday 6th March for catering purposes, put 'Matt Kennedy' in the subject line. Extras welcome on the night.

FAMILY WEEKEND MARCH 10-12

There is only one week until our weekend at Doxa!

There are still vacancies so get in touch if you are interested by emailing bernmercieca@icloud.com

MEDITATION GROUP

Face-to-face meditation group at the usual time and place on Tuesday at 3pm, Spirituality Room, St Ambrose Parish Centre. Also via Zoom at 7:30pm. Contact Jo Bennett 0401148133 or email: jbennett@joeb.com.au for more information.

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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