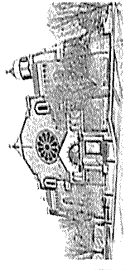
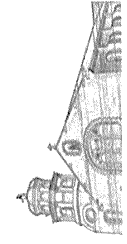


St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of Christians

St Ambrose

1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

21 February 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
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

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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.

NEW DATE FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL CONSULTATION:
Due to the recent COVID lockdown, the Pastoral Council Consultation Forum has been moved to next Sunday, 28th February, after Mass from 11.30-12.30 in the Luby Centre. All parishioners are warmly invited. The Forum will be a time of information and dialogue about the draft Guidelines for a new Parish Pastoral Council. The Guidelines are available on the parish website at www.bbe.org.au, click on About Us.

OUR FOODBANK IS CLOSING NEXT THURSDAY. Collingwood is closing so we must close too. We would all like to thank Bobby and Kay and all the helpers for doing such a wonderful job for so many years. As well as free food next week we would like to offer free clothes and bric a brac. Thanks Di Travers

CATECHIST CLASSES

If your child is ready to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year (and attends a government or independent school) catechist classes are held in the parish, at Our Lady's, on a Saturday morning. Please contact Janice O'Rourke Mob: 0408556862 or Jenny Perry on Ph: 9481 8282.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021

Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby. With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

STATION OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

St Joseph Every Friday at 10am
St Fidelis Every Friday at 7pm (English and Italian)
St Ambrose Every Tuesday at 10.30am (Italian)
Our Lady's Every Wednesday (Italian) & Friday in English at 10.30am

DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS' please see the following links. Rosary: Every Saturday at 9am via Zoom

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

By telephone: +61 3 7018 2005

Job Vacancies can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear Friends,

It is welcome news that the first batches of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia. Soon the most vulnerable people in our country – our frontline workers and those at greatest risk – will receive their first dose against the COVID-19 virus. I will be grateful to receive a vaccination when my turn in the staged roll-out comes around. None of the vaccines are a cure for COVID-19, but indications are that they provide a significant measure of protection from the worst effects of the virus, for the time being. For the common good, it is appropriate that our governments work together to roll out a nationwide process of vaccination for all residents. Likewise, for the common good, everyone should respect the decisions of individuals who, for medical, safety or moral reasons, are not ready to receive a vaccination immediately. At this early stage in measuring the longer-term effectiveness and safety of each of the COVID19 vaccines, calls for a 'No jab, no service' policy would be unjust. The Catholic Bishops have already endorsed efforts to offer a vaccination as soon as possible to all who can safely receive one.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

However, the Government has indicated that there is likely to be little, if any, choice as to which vaccine will be available to individuals in the shorter term. This means that you can receive any one of the three vaccines to be made available, without moral complicity in the processes of its development. On balance, it is a good thing to do. For anyone with health and safety concerns, please speak with your family doctor.

For anyone with ethical questions, please read the statement issued by the Vatican or speak with your Pastor: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201_221_notavaccini-anticovid_en.html

I encourage the Australian government to do all it can to make a vaccine choice available to all residents in Australia as soon as possible, and offer the same care to our poorer neighbouring countries. Please continue to pray for those impacted by this pandemic, and to work in whatever way you can to support your neighbour in need. The God of mercy and compassion is present to us all, through the tender heads, hearts and hands we offer to one another.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli,
Archbishop of Melbourne.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three parishes stand.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15
A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 St Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of Intention: For the Sick: Debbie & Jude Castleton, Andrew Purches, Ann Forster, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi , Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Antoinetta Colleppa and Angela Paoano .

Recent Deceased: *Angela Dal Berti, Edward Slavich, Dina Franca Belia, Felicia Traina and Godwin Cassar.*

Anniversaries: *Milano Camela, Crosso Nina, Maria Crosso, Iva Babic, Dennis Duggan, Rosa Santalucia (1st Year), Francesco Todaro, Bruno Alessio, Christopher Bamon and Vincenza Morabito.*

First Sunday of Lent, 21 February 2021

The vast majority of Australians – over 85% – live within easy reach of the coast. For coastal-dwellers, Australia’s inland deserts have a powerful appeal, but those who go there generally do so in relative comfort, assured of a safe return home. That’s not the kind of expedition Jesus embarked on when he set out for the Judaean wilderness. Mark says “the Spirit drove Jesus.” That’s strong language. It sets the scene for the power struggle with Satan that follows. Fresh from his baptism, filled with the Spirit, Jesus goes into the desert alone. Mark tells us nothing about the temptations Jesus faced, but in the rest of his gospel he gives many accounts of Jesus dealing with the demons that hold human beings captive. Jesus’ mission is to set us free and make us whole.

Every first Sunday of Lent we are invited to head into the desert for our own forty days. We set out together, but the journey we make is deeply personal. This is especially true for those on their RCIA way to baptism. Their daring calls us to share this period of purification and enlightenment with them. That means making ourselves vulnerable, laying open our hearts to the light of truth and love. The word of God, we are told, is a double-edged sword (Hebs 4:12). It brings to light all that is good within us and exposes all that is shameful. Our hearts, like the desert, harbour both “wild beasts” and “angels.” Lent gives us forty days to face the beasts and side with the angels. It’s a season of grace.

Fr Greg & Fr Linh

La stragrande maggioranza degli australiani - oltre l'85% - vive vicino alla costa. Per gli abitanti della costa, i deserti interni dell'Australia hanno un forte fascino, ma coloro che ci vanno normalmente lo fanno con relativa comodità, certi di un ritorno a casa sicuro.

Questo non è il tipo di spedizione che Gesù intraprese quando partì per il deserto della Giudea. Marco dice che "lo Spirito ha guidato Gesù". Questo è un linguaggio forte. Mette le basi per la lotta di potere contro Satana che segue. Fresco del suo battesimo, pieno di Spirito, Gesù va da solo nel deserto. Marco non ci dice nulla sulle tentazioni che Gesù dovette affrontare, ma nel resto del suo vangelo ci fa molti racconti di Gesù che affronta i demoni che tengono prigionieri gli esseri umani. La missione di Gesù è di renderci liberi e di renderci integri. Ogni prima domenica di Quaresima siamo invitati a dirigerci nel deserto per i nostri quaranta giorni. Siamo partiti insieme, ma il viaggio che facciamo è profondamente personale. Questo è particolarmente vero per coloro che stanno vivendo il RCIA per il battesimo. La loro audacia ci chiama a condividere con loro questo periodo di purificazione e illuminazione.

Cio significa renderci vulnerabili, aprire i nostri cuori alla luce della verità e dell'amore. La parola di Dio, ci viene detto, è un'arma a doppio taglio (Ebrei 4:12).

Porta alla luce tutto ciò che è buono dentro di noi ed espone tutto ciò che è vergognoso. I nostri cuori, come il deserto, ospitano sia "bestie selvagge" che "angeli". La Quaresima ci dà quaranta giorni per affrontare le bestie e schierarci con gli angeli. È una stagione di grazia.

Fr Greg & Fr Linh

Ai laici, ai religiosi e al clero
dell'Arcidiocesi di Melbourne
Programma del vaccino
Cari amici,

È una buona notizia che i primi lotti del vaccino Pfizer siano arrivati in Australia. Presto le persone più vulnerabili nel nostro Paese - i nostri lavoratori di prima linea e quelli ad alto rischio - riceveranno la prima dose contro il virus COVID-19. Sarò grato di ricevere la vaccinazione quando arriverà il mio turno. Nessuno dei vaccini è una cura per COVID-19, ma forniscono una buona protezione contro i peggiori effetti del virus, per il momento. Per il bene comune, è opportuno che i nostri governi collaborino per implementare un processo di vaccinazione a livello nazionale per tutti i residenti. Allo stesso modo, per il bene comune, tutti dovrebbero rispettare le decisioni delle persone che, per motivi medici, di sicurezza o morali, non sono pronti a ricevere immediatamente la vaccinazione. In questa fase iniziale della misurazione dell'efficacia e della sicurezza a lungo termine di ciascuno dei vaccini COVID19, la richiesta di una politica "No jab, no service" sarebbe ingiusta. I vescovi cattolici hanno già supportato gli sforzi per offrire la vaccinazione il prima possibile a tutti coloro che possono riceverla senza problemi.

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Tuttavia, il governo ha indicato che è probabile che ci sia poca, se non nessuna, scelta su quale vaccino sarà disponibile a breve termine. Ciò significa che si potrà ricevere uno dei tre vaccini messo a disposizione, senza coinvolgimento morale nei processi del suo sviluppo. A conti fatti, è una buona cosa da fare. Per chiunque abbia problemi di salute e sicurezza, si prega di parlare con il proprio medico di famiglia. Per chiunque abbia domande etiche, si prega di leggere la dichiarazione rilasciata dal Vaticano o di parlare con il vostro prete.

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_notavaccin-anticovid_en.html

Incourageo il governo australiano a fare tutto il possibile per rendere disponibile una scelta di vaccino a tutti i residenti in Australia il prima possibile e per offrire la stessa assistenza ai nostri Paesi vicini più poveri. Vi chiedo di continuare a pregare per coloro che sono stati colpiti da questa pandemia e a lavorare in qualunque modo per aiutare il prossimo bisognoso. Il Dio della misericordia e della compassione è presente in tutti noi, attraverso i nostri teneri menti, cuori e mani che offriamo vicendevolmente.

Cordiali saluti in Cristo,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne