

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

15 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

POPE FRANCIS: VOCATION 'IS ABOUT MAKING GOD'S DREAM COME TRUE'

Pope Francis released a message for the 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the theme "**Called to Build the Human Family,**" and encourages every person in the Church to give the very best of themselves "in this great divine plan!"

Pope Francis says that when we speak about vocations, we are speaking about making God's dream come true.

"As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic ... Each is lovely in itself, but only when they are put together do they form a picture. Each of us shines like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe." At the same time, he reflected, we are called to form constellations that can guide and light up the path of humanity, beginning with the places in which we live. The mystery of the Church, the Pope said, is "a celebration of differences," a "sign and instrument of all that humanity is called to be."

Each, he insisted, is invaluable for their individual contribution.

The Pope said that when we speak of "vocation," then, it is not just about choosing this or that way of life, or devoting one's life to a certain ministry, or being attracted by the charism of a religious family, movement, or ecclesial community.

"It is about making God's dream come true, the great vision of fraternity that Jesus cherished when He prayed to the Father 'that they may all be one!'"

The Pope said, "Each vocation in the Church, and in a broader sense in society, contributes to a common objective, namely, that of celebrating among men and women that harmony of manifold gifts that can only be brought about by the Holy Spirit. *"Let us implore the light of the Holy Spirit, so that all of us may find our proper place and give the very best of ourselves in this great divine plan!"*

CATHOLIC MISSION BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir.

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need. We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. 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 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:

'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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: *Frank Parissi, Oscar Ferrante and Beryl Orchard.*

Recently Deceased:

Anna Giammarco, Arcangela Giuliani, Carmella Lazzaro, Maria Tornese, Sebastiana Gandolfo, Francesca Muscolo, Franco Parissi, Crisostomo Meneses and Gilberto Biondi.

Anniversaries:

Carmelo Frazzetto, Vincenza Licciardi, Carmela Lazzaro, Michelle Bavaro (1st Year), Irene Bahceci (1st Year), Raouf Ghattas, Antonio Verrocchi (1st Year), Assunta e Domenico Testa, Stefano, Emilio e Rosa Borrelli and Toni Infanti, Volpe family, Mario O Toole and Francesco Iaria.

Catholic Theological College

Online unit via Zoom

Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Four Saturdays: 18, 25 June; 8, 15 October

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there.

The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

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/monetteanalili>. Please save the date for this special fundraising effort for all people impacted by cancer.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

In accordance with Safeguarding Legislation, Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Mission requests all volunteers who work in St Fidelis parish groups or ministries to attend a training session.

Date: 18 May 2022

Time: 7:30pm to 8:30 pm

Venue: Parish Hall

49 Clarendon Street, Moreland (enter through church car park)

Fr Greg and Fr Linh

Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall Fundraiser

Election Day

This year the Brunswick Moreland Catholic Mission will host a Sausage Sizzle and a Cake Stall on Election Day, 21 May between 7:30am-3:00pm as a fundraiser for the Mission. This will be an opportunity for us to get to know parishioners from each of our churches while also reaching out to the wider community. We will require 3-4 volunteers at any given time. To help facilitate this process sign-up sheets will be located in the foyer at the back of each church. Please place the times you would like to volunteer along with your name and contact details.

Please contact Ian Vergel at ian.vergel@cam.org.au for further information.

Fertility Awareness

A Holistic Medical Approach live webinar
Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at 7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022.

The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility.

Places are limited for this free webinar, so please register early to secure your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal

To donate contact 1800 024 413 or go to
www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/

Sacramental Life:

Congratulations to children from Our Lady's school who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday.

Baptism:

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

*Benson Sereno
Adela Bolitho
Mason Druda*

Scripture Reflection and Communion Service

*"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." John 14:27*
Reflect and pray these words from the Gospel on
Tuesday - 10.00am - 10.30am at St Joseph's. 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

The Legion of Mary 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.

Reflective Parish Weekend at Doxa Camp

Please bookmark weekend of 21-23 October for a time of spiritual input and relaxation. More details to follow. Contact Bernadette Mercieca for more details.

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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