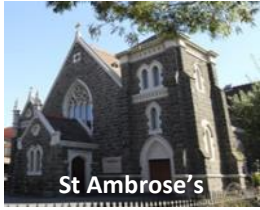


BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose's



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times Year B

Sunday 4th August 2024

MASS TIMES

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (OLHC)

Friday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST AMBROSE'S

Thursday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST JOSEPH'S

Wednesday 10:00am

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST FIDELIS'

Tuesday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Italian Mass:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

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REFLECTION



This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks.

Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for

a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus. In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

Scriptural context – Bread that endures

Jesus says, 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' The reference to food that cannot last relates to today's first reading about manna. In the full account of Exodus 16 you will see that the manna that fell on the first five days had become rotten by the next day and could not be eaten. However, the manna that fell on the sixth day was 'food that endures' so that it could be eaten the next day – the Sabbath day, when the work of gathering the manna was not allowed.

Living the Gospel – The Body of Christ

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,

we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**

2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**

3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?'

Jesus gave them this answer,

'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do?'

Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Communion

Antiphon Wisdom 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every
taste.

BMCC PARISH NEWS

ST. JOSEPH'S FAREWELL BRUNCH

FOR FR.LINH & FR.TRAN

What: Farewell Brunch (please bring a plate).

When: Sunday 11th August (immediately after the 9am mass).

Where: St. Joseph's School Hall.

Donations for farewell gift to collectors at Sunday mass. All Welcome!

BMCC PARISH NEWS

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal enables our St. V. de P members to help people and families in need especially during this time of the year.

Envelopes are available in the Church and your donation can be placed in the collection basket.

A special thank you in anticipation of your support.



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RCIA WORKSHOPS STARTING SOON !

For those wishing to be Baptised Catholic or already baptised but yet to receive the sacraments.

- How does God make a difference in my life?
- How do I come to know Jesus and be alive in Him?
- What does being Catholic look like in my daily life?

Catholic formation and initiation for adults commencing September in Brunswick & Moreland

Contact Margaret 0457 906 513

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

4 - 11 AUGUST 2024

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

THEOLOGY @ THE PUB

'New Wine of the Gospel—a Drink Called Happiness'

Theology @ the Pub is an opportunity for those aged 18–35 (of all religious backgrounds) to meet, have great conversations over a meal and a drink, and listen to interesting talks by engaging Catholic speakers.

Where: The Crafty Squire, 127 Russell Street
Melbourne

Doors open for dinner at 6pm. Talk starts at 7.30pm.

For more information: visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/theology-the-pub>

FREE LUNCHEON AT OLHC

Every Thursday lunch is provided free of charge at Our Lady Help of Christians

We also distribute groceries and fruit and vegetables. This begins at 11.30 and all are most welcome. On Wednesday we prepare the meals. from 10 till approx. 2.30. We would love to welcome more volunteers. It is a wonderful time to serve our parishes. If you are interested in helping call :Di Travers 0460925338

ST. FIDELIS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communion will be celebrated at;
Saturday 3rd August at 6pm.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you to all who have prepared the children for this important step in their lives as Christians, especially their teachers and parents.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



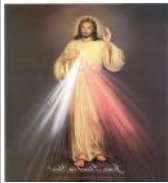
The Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community welcome with joy through the holy sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St.Fidelis:

Margot Murphy

Cristiano Iuele

Cruz Lee Martin Magro-Birmingham

ST. JOSEPH'S : DIVINE MERCY PRAYER



You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour,
every Friday at 3pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



An hour prayer before blessed Sacrament and Benediction
at **St. Fidelis** every **Thursday 7pm — 8pm**

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PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE'S	OLHC	ST FIDELIS	ST JOSEPH'S
SICK	Emanuela Gimpietro Alexander, Felipe, Anne	Grace Apa Concetta Apa		
RECENTLY DEC'D		Sam Canton		
ANNIVERSARIES		Peter Burzomi Tina Polimeni	Giannino 'John' Prinzi, Joseph Gauci, Rose Guaci, Francesca Careri, Mario Di Sarno.	Giovanna Cannizzo

Please Note: We invite all Parishioners to access the newsletter via our website <https://bmcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-newsletter> : Anniversary requests /Newsletter items is required by 12pm Wednesdays.

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: bmcatholiccommunity.org.au