BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph

St Fidelis



Our Lady help of Christians



St Ambrose

24 JULY 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope says old age a season of 'enduring fruitfulness'.

The valuable role older members of the Church play in their families and forming the faith of the younger generation will be honoured in parishes around the world this Sunday, two days before the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Psalm 92:15) to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are of value and a gift for society and Church communities.

He said their task was to *"keep memories alive and transmit the faith to younger generations"*, adding they were a significant component of the Catholic laity and *"companions on the journey"*.

"I think it is also beneficial for the grandkids to have lots to do with their grandparents as they have so much to offer."

In his message to the faithful, Pope Francis said old age was no time to "give up and lower the sails", but a season of "enduring fruitfulness". "A new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future," he said.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

| First Reading | Genesis 18:20-32 | Second Reading | Colossians 2:12-14 |
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| The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the | | You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross. | |
| | | Gospel Acclamation | |
| | | Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia! | |
| fifty just men lack five: will you | | Gospel | Luke 11:1-13 |
| for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.' | | Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels | |
| Responsorial Psalm | | has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the | |
| (R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.) | | house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, | |
| 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.) | | | |
| 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R .) | | | |
| 4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. | | know how to give your ch | - |

much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy

Spirit to those who ask him!'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION:

For the Sick: *Maureen O'Brien, Oscar Ferrante. Doug Bracken, Lewis Calleja, Ronan Buick, Annette Tepper, Joyce Jong, Amy Lynch, Bianca Pelli, Lewis Calleja*

Recently Deceased: Joan Barrett, Joy Bernadette Layne, Maria Da Campo, Kevin Bell, Giuseppe 'Pipo' Cimino

Anniversaries: Jack Rogers, Giuseppa Donato (1 Year), Alice Morris, Fr Gonzalo Munoz, Jack & Kath D'Orsa, Geri Coates, Alan MacInnes, Norman Hedley, Pasquale Marafioti (1 Year), Bryan Creswell (1st Year), Sylvia Pereira (1st Year)

Congratulations to three newly ordained priests for Melbourne

On the evening of Friday 15 July, the bells rang out from St Patrick's Cathedral, joyfully anticipating the ordination of three new priests.

Rev. Andrew John Kwiatkowski, Rev. Brian Anthony Muling and Rev. Ignatius Boon Kim Tan. In his <u>homily</u>, Archbishop Comensoli reflected on the image of the Good Shepherd who 'knows his own' (John 10:11–16), outlining how a priest is called to relate to others: personally, attentively, by knowing their hopes and desires, and with a special attention to those on who have come 'from outside',

those 'not of the fold'.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, he noted, 'needed to know his own, so that he could then lay down his life for them.'

St Fidelis Church Roof

Following heavy rain on 30th April, water damage was found in the confessional ceiling and carpet. On inspection it was found the confessional roof and box gutter need to be replaced. There are also damaged ridge tiles and the valley gutters are rusted. DGA Roof contractors have been engaged by the Parish to carry out ridge tiling repointing & repair, as per CCI requirements. The cost of the works estimated at \$45,000. On Completion Catholic Church Insurance will complete the necessary internal repairs.

OFFICIAL FAREWELL FOR FR. DAVID CARTWRIGHT

Fr. Cartwright has been invited to celebrate the 11am Mass at St. Fidelis on Sunday August 28th followed by a luncheon in the St Fidelis School hall. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please contact the St Fidelis Parish Office or one of the Social Committee members below. Alternatively you can add your name to the forms available at each Mass at St Fidelis Church. Please reply by August 12th, 2022

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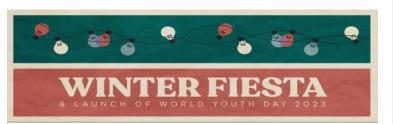
PARISH DINNERS

We now have host for Parish Dinners. There are sign up sheets in the foyer of the churches. We are ensuring that we are Covid safe so we asked that those who are attending are vaccinated.

Please write you name telephone number and email on the sheet. The host will contact you to ask about dietary requirements and what is required on the night. Thanks all.

PARISH REFLECTIVE WEEKEND CAMP

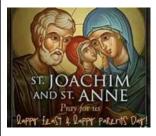
Registration for Parish Reflective Weekend Camp We invite you to join us for a weekend of reflection and socialisation on 21-23 October at Doxa Camp. Cost \$80 for families and singles. The program will be facilitated by Anne Slingo who is trained in Ignatian Spirituality. Please email me for more details and Registration Form: bernmercieca@icloud.com



Take a break from Melbourne's cold winter and gather together with young people from across Melbourne for a night of prayer, live music, food and fun. Thursday 4, August 2022, 6.30-8.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

More information: <u>https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/</u> events/winter-fiesta **Baptism:** The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. *Charlotte Pearl Hussey*

Scripture Reflection and Communion Service



Sacramental Life:

FEAST of SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Grandparents of JESUS and US! TUSEDAY 26TH JULY AT 10.00AM 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 of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Face-to-Face Meditation

On Tuesdays, at 3:00pm in the Spirituality Room of St Ambrose Parish Centre. Everyone from all four Churches in our Mission is welcome. Contact Jo Bennett for further information: Email: jbennett@joeb.com.au OR mobile: 0401 148 133

Feast in Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus



A Mass in honour of the Holy Face of Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday 14 August 2022 at 2:00PM at St Ambrose's Church, 287 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Vito Pegolo, Organist: Enrico Costantini. For information please contact : Assunta 9404 2568

ALL WELCOME!

Seeking Volunteer

Vision Impaired Table Tennis Club in Moreland Scout hall 14a Jolly St, West Brunswick is seeking a volunteer to assist with table tennis - fortnightly on Mondays 11am-2pm. For all abilities, all are welcome. Contact Adua 0408-336-304

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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