

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

13 June 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 & 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

Dear Parishioners,

As of 11.59pm Thursday, 10th June 2021, the restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne are partially lifted. Places of worship are opened for public worship with limited numbers. Only 50 people are allowed to participate at each Mass. All our churches will be open this weekend at regular Mass times with the permitted numbers.

Bookings for attending Mass is required for this weekend. Please ring the office or mobile phone 0452 180 073 to reserve your place. You are also required to register with QR code when you arrive at the church and a mask must be worn indoors except if an exemption applies.

If you cannot book a place for Mass this weekend, Masses via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube are still on at 10:30 am and 11:00 am on Sunday 13 June 2021.

MASS AT 10:30 VIA ZOOM

<https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

MASS AT 11:00 AM VIA FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Fidelis-Parish-Moreland-183834618311776>

Or YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm7GEgt-p2odZexFuLSq92Q>

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring for Jesus your Son, our Saviour, and the Revealer of your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving plan

and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams and trusting steward, pray for us.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the
Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered
green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means to be
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and
not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and
actually want to be exiled from the body and make
our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in
the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing
him. For all the truth about us will be brought out
in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get
what he deserves for the things he did in the body,
good or bad.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom
of God is like. A man throws seed on the land.
Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake,
the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does
not know. Of its own accord the land produces first
the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he
starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God
is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a
mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the
soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once
it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all
and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air
can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word
to them, so far as they were capable of
understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything to
his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: *Anna Albanese, Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuel Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, Brendan Gurry, Sr. Therese Power RSM, Debbie Castleton, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton & Angela Pavano.*

Recently Deceased: *Vinnie Brown, Antonio Prestigiacomo*

Anniversaries: *Henry Travers, Francesco Iaria, Umberto and Vilma Sansico, Tony Iacovino and Salvatore Giardina*

Formation

Lectio Divina every Tuesday 10 am St Joseph's Church. When not in lockdown, Sr Denise leads the Communion Service with a crafted Lectio Divina component that opens up the scriptures for us. This is followed by fellowship and a morning tea.

Religion Class:

To assist parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith, catechist classes for children are held on Saturday mornings at Our Lady's East Brunswick. For further information, contact Jenny 9481 8282 or Janice 0408 556 862.

Catholic Theological College: free online Open Day Information Sessions "Getting Started in Theology"

Attend one of our 3 Online sessions in June

Each session will outline how to get started and how to plan study that matches the ministry needs of potential students. Book via our website: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/> June 2021, 10am-3pm (AEST).

Heart of Life: Mindfulness & Meditation' (via ZOOM), Saturday 19 site www.heartoflife.melbourne or email info@heartoflife.melbourne.

Leadership

St Fidelis Mission Team met recently via zoom. Items for discussion included the proposal that the parish office be relocated and operate from St Joseph's presbytery. This will centralise operations and enable the office to be open five days a week and for telephone calls and emails to be dealt with in a timely fashion. Costs will also be reduced. Other items included the recommencement of Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Fidelis and how the monthly Family Mass can be expanded. Ideas in light of the postponed First Holy Communion Masses were also discussed.

St Joseph's Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 16th July and discuss the centralisation of the office, the establishment of a Finance Committee and the organisation of the Liturgy for the Family Mass and the Sunday evening Mass. Improving the web page address and the new sign boards will also be on the agenda.

BBE Parish Pastoral Council will meet in its new format. The proposed date is 19th July, yet to be confirmed. Items for discussion will be similar to the above as well as reflecting on the new charter.

Outreach

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2021

Help Rescue a Child from Homelessness this Winter

Australia is in the middle of a homelessness crisis. Each night, over 25,000 children are experiencing homelessness across the country. Their safety, their education, their emotional and physical health are all suffering. Please help by supporting our Vinnies volunteers, you will help ensure that families at risk of homelessness get the financial and emotional support they need to keep their children safe. Please give by calling 13 18 12 or visiting vinnies.org.au

Community

New Thanksgiving Envelopes , St Ambrose and Our Lady's

The new Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the gathering space from this weekend. Some of you may consider moving to direct debit, please contact the office or there are forms in the gathering space to be filled. Thank you for generous support throughout this COVID-19 time which has proven that not even the pandemic can get in the way of your dedication.

New Thanksgiving Envelopes and receipts St Joseph's

The next batch of Planned Giving Envelopes are available from the Gathering Space from today for pick-up. A sincere thanks to all who have given to this important parish appeal, over the last twelve months. Receipts for the last twelve months giving are enclosed with the envelopes. The credit card donors' receipts are also there to be picked up. If new contributors would like to come on board and support our parish in this way, pledge cards are available for you in the Gathering Space.

Emails Appeal

The sudden restrictions and then the lifting of restrictions means we have to get messages about Mass etc. out to you, the parishioners, quickly. For the sake of speedy communication could as many parishioners email the parish offices their contact details such as email address and mobile phone number? This will greatly assist our sense of community and communication.

Sacramental Life

Weekday Masses and Communion Services

After the announcements regarding lifting of some restrictions in Victoria, from Friday 11th June, Weekday Masses and Communion Services will be back to normal. No booking will be required for weekday Masses and Communion Services.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations *Des & Jean Duggan* who are celebrating their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on June 14th. May God continue to bless them.

St Anthony Mass at St Ambrose Parish _ Sunday 13 June 2021

Due to COVID restrictions this is cancelled.

St Anthony of Padua's Feast Day at St Joseph's

We celebrate the feast of St Anthony on Sunday 13 June at the 10:30am Mass. with the blessing of St Anthony's bread. Please bring your own bread.

Festa Di S. Antonio: Domenica 13 Giugno alle ore 10:30am at St Joseph's. Dopo la Messa ci sarà la benedizione del pane di sant'Antonio. Si prega di portare il proprio pane. A causa delle restrizioni COVID. Grazie

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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.