

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

28 March 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

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

EASTER 2021 – HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY 1st April

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Ambrose 7:00 pm

St Fidelis 7:00 pm

St Joseph 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April 2021

STATION OF THE CROSS

St Fidelis 9:00 am

St Joseph 10:00 am

St Ambrose 11:00 am

PASSION OF THE LORD

Our Lady's 3:00 pm

St Joseph 3:00 pm

St Fidelis 3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY 3 APRIL 2021 EASTER VIGIL

Our Lady's 7:30 pm

St Joseph 7:30 pm

St Fidelis 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Our Lady's 9:00 am (Italian/English)

St Joseph 9:00 am

St Ambrose 10:30 am

St Fidelis 9:00 am (Italian) & 11:00 am

SERVICE

Sacristy: The sacristy is the room where vestments, altar cloths, chalices, candles etc are stored. The sacristy both St Joseph's and St Ambrose's require more volunteers to keep them clean and ordered so that the sacraments can be celebrated well. If you have time and like keeping things in order you may be interested to become a volunteer sacristan. Please contact either St Joseph of St Ambrose parish office.

Buddy System: Our primary schools have a Buddy System meaning that a grade 6 child is paired with a new beginner in Prep Class to encourage and nurture them in their first year of school. These partnerships will be blessed and commissioned at the 11 am Mass at St Fidelis this Sunday.

Palms: Thank you to all who supplied palms for our Palm Sunday liturgies.

Accommodation: A parishioner has a self-contained Granny Flat available for rent in the Coburg area. Excellent references are required. Call St Joseph's parish office.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high. His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel Mark 14:1 - 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over.

The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?'

They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the

Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. All kneel and pause a moment. And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Palm/Passion Sunday, 28 March 2021

This time last year Stage 2 coronavirus restrictions forced places of worship to close. Like it or not, church-goers had to fast from the holiest celebrations of the year. No Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, no Passion on Good Friday, no glorious Easter Vigil. Now, with the dangers and deaths of the past year receding behind us, we can feast again on the great mysteries of our faith. Palm Sunday is a bitter-sweet overture for what's to come. Joyful Hosannas give way to the solemn story of Jesus' passion and death, stirring our desire for the dramas of the paschal triduum. But even as we look forward to the triumph of life over death we're plagued by the uncertainty that swirls around us. So many things seem out of our control - our health, the economy, society, the church, the planet. How can we find a sure compass to guide us through this shifting landscape? Even as we ask the question, we know the answer. Our sure point of reference on life's way is the cross. It never fails to assure us that mercy prevails over sin, light over darkness, freedom over fear, and life over death. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins with these words: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection; through him we are saved and free" (cf Gal 6:14). These wonderful words sum up the whole mystery we celebrate this week. The more deeply we take them to heart, the more surely we shall navigate our way through the anxieties of our time. Questa volta l'anno scorso le restrizioni del coronavirus di fase 2 hanno costretto i luoghi di culto a chiudere. Piaccia o no, i frequentatori della chiesa dovevano digiunare dalle celebrazioni più sacre dell'anno. Nessuna Cena del Signore il Giovedì Santo, nessuna Passione il Venerdì Santo, nessuna gloriosa Veglia Pasquale. Ora, con i pericoli e le morti dello scorso anno che si allontanano alle nostre spalle, possiamo banchettare di nuovo sui grandi misteri della nostra fede. La Domenica delle Palme è un'apertura dolce-amara per ciò che verrà. Il gioioso Osanna lascia il posto alla solenne storia della passione e morte di Gesù, suscitando il nostro desiderio per i drammi del triduo pasquale.

Domenica delle Palme / Passione, 28 marzo 2021

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Leadership

Leadership is expressed using different models across our three parishes. St Fidelis has a Mission Team, St Joseph has a Parish Council and St Ambrose/ OLHC (BBE) has a Parish Leadership Team (PPT). A new set of guidelines have been developed by St Ambrose/ OLHC over several months forming a foundation for a new Parish Council for Brunswick Brunswick East Parish. These guidelines have been made available to parishioners for comment and change. This Sunday evening is the deadline for nominations for people who wish to stand for election to join the new BBE Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available from the OLHC and St Ambrose Churches this weekend. Further information is available by emailing Bryan Cussen; bryan.cussen@gmail.com

Formation

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

Adult Learning: Catholic Theological College is offering a course online for 12 Saturday mornings on *Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church*. The lecturer is Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI. Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options available Enquiries: Dr Rosemary Canavan, Academic Dean T: 9412 3333 E: dean@ctc.edu.au

Mission

Project Compassion is well known throughout Australia as an authentic Lenten experience. Through self-denial and fasting people contribute to the material needs of those who often go without food and resources. But what does Project Compassion actually do and who is behind the organisation can be forgotten over time. A good way to educate ourselves is to visit the Caritas Website www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. You can find out more about the story of Project Compassion on the Caritas website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. You can make your gift in the collection box or use the donation envelopes. You can also donate online by visiting lent.caritas.org.au

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: This annual collection assists the Christian communities who live in the Holy Land. These communities have suffered much hardship. The collection also maintains the Holy Places that pilgrims visit.

Sacramental Life.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred last Sunday by Bishop Terry Curtain on students both from our Parish Catechetical Program and from OLHC School. It was a very prayerful and intimate liturgy bringing much joy to all present.

Baptism: Our Catechumens are in their final stage of preparation for Baptism during the Easter Vigil to be celebrated at OLHC. *Infant Baptism* welcome to *Amelie Veronica Allsop, Mila Lugli Di Vincenzo, Aliyah Sereno.*

Reconciliation: First reconciliation will be celebrated this Tuesday evening for students at Our Lady's school. This reminds us that we are constantly called to forgiveness in our daily lives. In addition, Reconciliation was also celebrated over three evenings in each of our three parishes in English and Italian.

Anointing: The sacrament was celebrated during the week at each of our three parishes. It brought to those who feel vulnerable due to illness and/ age healing and grace. Each occasion was followed by beautiful and satisfying catering thanks to many generous parishioners.

Prayer

There are several opportunities for prayer across our three parishes and four churches. *Rosary Online:* Every Saturday morning at 9 am the rosary is prayed by a group of people via zoom. The link can be sent to you by contacting Mark Kelly markbrandonkelly@gmail.com

Prayer in Italian: A group of Italian speaking people meet to pray in St Fidelis Church every Monday 10 am – 12 Midday. All are welcome. Gruppo di preghiera italiano a St Fidelis ogni lunedì dalle 10:00 mezzogiorno. Tutti sono i benvenuti.

Our Lady of Fatima: The statue can be delivered to your home for seven days of devotional prayer with your family and friends. Contact Dorothy Grum 0439 389 430.

Ministry.

Communion Services will be celebrated at Hope Aged Care and Gladswood Lodge this week after a long period of lockdown. Residents are excited to be included again. *Music Ministry* on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday morning requires singers to practice at 9:30 am at St Ambrose Church. Br. Michael will conduct the practice.

Prayers of Intention: For the Sick: Debbie & Jude Castleton, Ann Forster, Andrew Purches, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Antoinetta Colleppa and Angela Pavano. **Recently Deceased:** Giovanna Papa, Fiore Niccoli and Tim Parry, Joe Vigilante **Anniversaries:** Donato Tricarico (1st Year), Daniel Patrick Robert McCarthy, Peter De Fazio, Domenica Spano (1st Year), Joseph & Rose Gauci, Angelo Cananzi, Franka Govic

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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.