

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year B

15 August 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

ONLINE ROSARY AND MASSES DURING LOCKDOWN

Zoom Rosary Saturday 14th August

We will pray the Rosary, via Zoom, again at 9:00am on Saturday 14th August in honour of the Feast of the Assumption. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650> Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005.

All welcome .

ONLINE MASSES, SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

Via Zoom at 10:30 <https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

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

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

Or searching "St Fidelis Moreland" will also find these links in Facebook & YouTube

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the first fruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

First Reading Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house.

R.

2. So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order;

Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,

and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things

for me. Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy according to the promise he made to our ancestors of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: *Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuel Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, Brendan Gurry, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, John McCann, Brendan Meredith, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Angela Pavano, Marie Otoole and Joyce Chong.*

Recently Deceased: *Rocco Pellegrino, Mario Di Sarno, Barry Nolan, Giuseppa Trimboli, Raffaella Vignuoli, Vicki Perini, Maria Caligiore, Sr Margaret Case RSC and Maria Concetta Falvo.*

Anniversaries: *Maureen Marrey, Giovanni Tavella (10 year), John Lippens (2 years), Vince Maurici, Francesco Polifroni, Flora & Giuseppe Bortignon.*

LEADERSHIP

BBE Open Parish Meeting - COVID update

The PPC will reschedule the Open Parish meeting as we continue to emerge from our lockdown restrictions. Further information will be provided on the rescheduled dates. In the mean time, please continue to reflect on what services, ministries, activities you wish to see further developed throughout the parish.

WELCOME TO PROCLAIM

A regular newsletter from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to help keep parish leadership teams informed and inspired as they proclaim and live out the joy of the Gospel.

During the week there has been renewed coverage about the topic of Climate Change in the media both social and professional.

Our Archdiocesan Newsletter called Proclaim has several engaging articles this week, one being on Creation and our place in God's creation.

Link: <https://mailchi.mp/cam.org.au/what-we-appreciate-about-our-priests?e=5225bfdc83>

It is the Australian Bishops Social Justice Sunday Statement. It is entitled Cry of Earth Cry of the Poor. The statement focuses on the reality of Climate Change and how the People of God can respond to the urgent reality of change.

It does this by **contemplating** the Signs of the Times *Through the Eyes of Those Most Affected.*

This is a stance fostered by the Vatican II Council.

This **contemplation** is via a deep sense of **listening** to:

- * Our Communities such as farmers, people in the workforce and local leaders.
- * Our Neighbours such as a mother from the small Pacific island of Tuvalu (The island is being swamped by the rising sea).
- * The Wisdom of our Own Wells such as Creation in Scripture,
- * The voices of First Nations People
- * Our theology such as the ever creative Holy Spirit seen in the ever expansion of the Universe,
- * Listening to why we use water, bread, wine, oil as sacramental signs
- * To the pulse of Creation in its harmony, presence, beauty and awe.
- * Listening and learning from the World not as something to mistrust but as another conduit for God's creative dialogue within all of creation.

The Statement says **Listening** leads to a conversation on caring for Creation; a conversation that continues to think and speak about the dynamics of ecological conversion. Pope Francis calls for this including an economic conversion as the *Economy of Francesco.*

The Bishops encourage us to read *Laudato Si* and think about the Action Platform.

One action is to share an Ecumenical Season of Creation such as The Greek Orthodox Church has promoted since 1989 where God's Creation and our Stewardship is focussed and contemplated.

Let's read our Bishops Statement Cry of the Earth; Cry of the Poor and engage in this most urgent reality.

Find out more:

Ecology and the Eucharist: The spiritual connection

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/ecology-and-eucharist-the-spiritual-connection>

Pope Francis' prayer: A Church that evangelises

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=EG7CETf7iS8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG7CETf7iS8)

What priests mean to us – Melbourne Catholics reflect

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVz8jwvDjkw>

What parishes can do to ensure child safety

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/what-parishes-can-do-to-ensure-child-safety>

Social Justice Sunday resources (29 August)

'The signs of the times are clear – we know that we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour. Pope Francis continues to call us to an ecological conversion and an economic conversion, and we want to respond.' (Social Justice Statement 2021–2022).

'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor', the Social Justice Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops, has just been released in the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. Actions that parishes can take to mark Social Justice Sunday and begin the journey to respond to the 'cry of the earth' and the 'cry of the poor.' Find out more:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

Australia Prays: A national day of prayer

On Sunday 22 August, Catholic parishes are invited to unite in prayer with Christians all across Australia to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19. As well as the opportunities for parishes to take part in prayer, there will also be an online gathering with prayer and reflection offered at various times throughout the day. Find out more:

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 23-29, 2021

Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme *Tracking Fertility: Tracking Health*.

An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST.

To register please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>

Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/>

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Friday 20, St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153) *Memorial*.

Saturday 21, St Pius X, Pope (1835 - 1914) *Memorial*.

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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