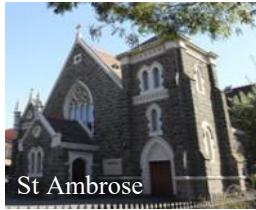


# BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

23 July 2023

### 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

Saturday 6:30 pm

(First Saturday only)

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

#### Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

#### 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:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

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New website: [bmcatholiccommunity.org.au](http://bmcatholiccommunity.org.au)



### PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

(Pope Francis)

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my

youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.



### WORLD YOUTH DAY

#### Wednesday - 2 August 2023

Almost 600 pilgrims will join more than a million young people from around the world for World Youth Day from 2 to 6 August to share their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer and celebration. Melbourne pilgrims will represent some 134 parishes, schools and movements from across the Archdiocese, including almost 100 students and 60 teachers from 57 Catholic secondary schools at this World Youth Day gathering. They will participate in a range of faith experiences and leadership-

development programs en route to Lisbon, including two pilgrimage routes via Italy, and one via the Holy Land, with the first group scheduled to depart on Wednesday 19 July.

Please keep our youth in your prayers, that they may hear the call of the Lord in their lives.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**FIRST READING:****Wisdom 12:13.16-19**

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5**

**(R.)** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and  
truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING****Romans 8:26-27**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:****Matthew 13:24-30**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON****Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

**RCIA...** We are welcoming enquiries for new members to join the Catholic Church. RCIA workshops commencing in August 2023. *Enq: Margaret 0457906 513*

**BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Church **Salina Vitale** who was baptised at Our Lady Help of Christians this weekend.



**WELCOME** Leanne Pereira to the BMCC Parish Office. Leanne is here to assist the staff while Jenny Di Valentino is on Carers Leave for the next few months. Leanne looks forward to meeting the Parishioners. Please make her welcome.

## PRAYERS OF INTENTION

**SICK:** Concetta and Grace Apa

**Recently Deceased:** Domenica Agostino, Benigna Romano, Giovanna Tiscia, Joseph Carmuciano, Br. Les Hetherton, Maurice Fitzgerald, Tony Grosso

**Anniversaries:** Giovanni Lingenti, Jack D'Orsa, Kath D'Orsa, Remo Carzino, Cesare Pricoli, Donata, Pricoli, Josephine Carmuciano, Eric Carmuciano, Fr. Gonzalo Munoz, Alice Morris

*Br Les Hetherton (Christian Brother) a well known parishioner at St Ambrose, died last Saturday 15 July. He is to be buried at Parade College. Funeral Mass at Parade, Bundoora is 11am Wed 26 July. Vigil prayers at Treacy Conference Centre Parkville 2pm Tuesday 25 July. RIP*

*thank you*

### ST JOSEPH'S FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

St Joseph's Parish is undertaking a program of necessary maintenance work. We are running a special fundraising campaign to meet the cost of \$60,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you to all who have graciously donated. Donations are gratefully accepted via direct debit or giving envelopes.

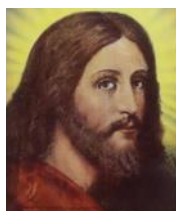
**Direct debit: 'St Joseph's Fundraising'**

**BSB: 083 347 Account number: 4551 992 63**

**To date \$8,400 has been donated.**

*We thank God for those who have gone before us,  
and built the church, the school and the parish.  
May we gratefully follow in their footsteps.*

**FESTA LITURGICA In Onore del  
Volto Santo di Gesù  
Domenica 6 Agosto  
alle ore 2pm.**



Rossario, Santa Messa e  
Benedizione Eucaristica sarà  
celebrare nella Chiesa di Sant'Ambrogio, 287  
Sydney Road, Brunswick

Cel: Padre Vito Pegolo Organista: Enrico Costantini  
Per Informazione tel: Assunta 9404 2568,  
Maria 9387 6839, Veronica 9387 2174,  
Maria 9387 7160.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

## WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS

The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.





## COMMUNION SERVICE

and SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

at ST JOSEPH'S at 10AM on TUESDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> July FEAST of ST JAMES son of Zebedee,  
brother of John, called by Jesus to be one of  
the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. ALL WELCOME!

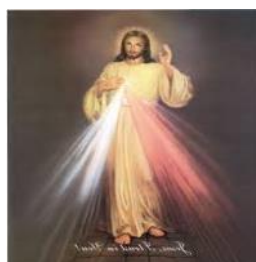


At OUR LADY'S COMMUNITY  
ROOM on WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>  
JULY at 10am (Italian)  
FEAST DAY of  
SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE  
Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer  
Every Friday at 3pm.

You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour.



## TUESDAY MEDITATION

Meditation sessions available for  
anyone interested in practising this  
type of prayer. A face-to-face session is  
held 3pm every Tuesday in the

Spirituality room, St Ambrose Parish Centre.

A zoom session is held at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening.

No experience required—For more information contact Jo  
Bennett (0401148133; [jbennett@joeb.com.au](mailto:jbennett@joeb.com.au))

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023

Please give by calling 13 18 12 or visit  
[www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

Envelopes are also available at the back of  
the Church. **THANK YOU**



## MILITELLO FESTA—ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 27 AUGUST 2023 AT 10.30AM

The Militello Festa in honour of San Salvatore and Maria della  
Stella will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Sunday 27 August  
at 10.30am followed by Benediction. All welcome!

## PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Linh Pham and Fr Tho Tran

## PARISH STAFF

Jenny Di Valentino  
*Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator*

Enza Cannizzo  
*Pastoral Care & Hospitality*

John Maulden  
*Facilities Manager*

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Coburg 3058

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## Our Lady's East Brunswick

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East Brunswick 3057

## 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:  
[bmccatholicmission.org.au](http://bmccatholicmission.org.au)