

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

16 May 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

Reflection: Ascension Sunday

Before departing this world, Jesus gives the apostles a solemn commission: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation" (Mark 16:15). What did Jesus mean by "all creation"? Probably "all nations," as in Matthew's gospel (28:19). But it's possible that he really meant the whole of creation, and that's worth reflecting on.

When the world was called into being, the book of Genesis tells us, God saw that "it was very good" (1:31). All creation remains good in God's eyes, but the tiny part of it we call home, Planet Earth, isn't well. The progress that human beings have enjoyed in the past century has been costly for the earth. In his encyclical *Laudato si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), Pope Francis wrote about the "sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life" (#2). He appealed to us to become good news, not bad news, for our sick world.

How can we be good news for creation? First and foremost, by seeing it as the work of God's love. "Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God" (#84). That's a beautiful phrase, "a caress of God." It's not just a romantic sentiment but a truth to be appreciated. Francis went on, "... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect" (#89).

Only sacred respect for the communion of all things can inspire the ecological conversion that Francis calls for. If we care for our common home with "a spirit of generous care, full of tenderness" (#220), we will fulfil Jesus' command and be good news for all creation.

Domenica dell'Ascensione, 16 maggio 2021

Prima di lasciare questo mondo, Gesù dà agli apostoli un incarico solenne: "Andate in tutto il mondo; proclamate la Buona Novella a tutta la creazione" (Marco 16:15). Cosa intendeva Gesù con "tutta la creazione"? Probabilmente "tutte le nazioni", come nel vangelo di Matteo (28:19). Ma è possibile che intendesse davvero l'intera creazione, e su questo vale la pena riflettere.

Quando il mondo fu chiamato in essere, ci dice il libro della Genesi, Dio vide che "era molto buono" (1:31). Tutta la creazione rimane buona agli occhi di Dio, ma la piccola parte di essa che chiamiamo casa, il pianeta Terra, non va bene. Il progresso di cui hanno goduto gli esseri umani nel secolo scorso è stato costoso per la terra. Nella sua enciclica *Laudato si'* (sulla cura della nostra casa comune), Papa Francesco ha scritto della "malattia evidente nel suolo, nell'acqua, nell'aria e in tutte le forme di vita" (n. 2). Ci ha invitato a diventare una buona notizia, non una cattiva notizia, per il nostro mondo malato.

Come possiamo essere una buona notizia per la creazione? In primo luogo, vedendolo come l'opera dell'amore di Dio. "Terra, acqua, montagne: tutto è come una carezza di Dio" (n. 84). Questa è una bellissima frase, "una carezza di Dio". Non è solo un sentimento romantico, ma una verità da apprezzare. Francesco continua, "... tutti noi siamo legati da legami invisibili e insieme formiamo una sorta di famiglia universale, una comunione sublime che ci riempie di un rispetto sacro, affettuoso e umile" (n. 89).

Solo il sacro rispetto per la comunione di tutte le cose può ispirare la conversione ecologica che Francesco chiede. Se ci prendiamo cura della nostra casa comune con "uno spirito di cura generosa, piena di tenerezza" (n. 220), adempiremo al comando di Gesù e saremo una buona notizia per tutta la creazione.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of Intention: For the Sick: *Tony Parisi, 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:* *Francesco Iaria, Antonio Verrocchi, Costanza Cannizzaro. Anniversaries:* *Rosario Coco, Giovanna Falvo, Libertino Falvo, Tony Perri, Concetta Perrone, Giuseppe Farina, Sergio Brunato (2months), Nancy Sheils & Luigi Palmieri*

Leadership

Parish Lay Leaders Gathering.

Archbishop Peter invites each parish to choose a parish lay leader to attend a gathering on May 22nd 2021, to discuss the future planning for the establishment of Missions across our Archdiocese, to ensure the process for discernment and consultation is conducted in a way that engages all of the faithful. Three leaders of our parishes have generously accepted the invitation and giving their time to attend the seminar. Big thanks to Annette Tepper from Parish Leadership Team - St Ambrose's and Our Lady's; Jemma Purdey from Parish Pastoral Council - St Joseph's and Mark Kelly from Mission Team - St Fidelis. An update of the gathering will be present to parishes later on after the meeting.

Finance Committee from St Ambrose's and Our Lady's will meet on Monday 17 May.

Governance

The Commission for Children and Young People will be conducting a random audit of parishes to check compliance with the regulations concerning the safeguarding of children and young people. To be compliant all volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Card (WWCC). If you don't have one please contact the parish offices. Are Children, Young People and Vulnerable People safe in our parishes? If you feel or wonder if our procedures could be improved please contact one of the priests or the parish office.

QR Electronic Record Keeping. Last Friday (7 May 2021) the Victorian Government announced that it is moving to a single QR Code Covid-19 check-in system. By 6pm on Friday, 28 May, all Parishes must use the Victorian Government QR Code Service. It is mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. The new QR is now available at each of our churches. Please download the new app called The Victorian Government Visitation Application Programming Interface (API) or use your smart phone to check-in each time you attend the church.

Mission

Volunteers for PNG.

An Australian/PNG partnership for clean drinking water and communal cookhouses in rural villages of Pua New Guinea needs volunteers from the Brunswick Moreland Mission to assist with office, hospitality, fundraising socials, virtual communication, art-work and shop displays, tools reconditioning, working committees and consultancy. Orientation and training provided. Enquiries 9381 5190

CatholicCare Victoria this weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure the Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au

Formation

Reflection Day for First Eucharist

Our children from Our Lady's school who are preparing for First Holy Communion will have their reflection day on Monday 17 at St Ambrose's Parish Hall. And children from St Joseph's will have their reflection time on Wednesday evening at St Joseph's school. Please keep our children in your prayers

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.

The Annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Saturday 22 May. It is an opportunity for men over 18 to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner. Please contact parish offices for register then a letter of invitation from the Archbishop will be sent direct to you.

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments 2022

St Fidelis Primary School is NOW OPEN for Prep 2022 Enrolments. If you have or know of a family member or family friend who has a 4 or 5 year old child due to start school next year, please contact our school Office on 9383 3600 or email our administration staff Jane janep@sforeland.catholic.edu.au. Applications for Prep 2022 are required to be submitted by Friday May 21st. Interviews will be conducted early June.

St Joseph's Primary School welcomes enrolment applications for families with students ready to commence in Foundation (Prep) in 2022. Enrolment packs can be obtained from the school office. Please contact our school office on 9385 9800 or email info@sjbwickw.catholic.edu.au and website: <https://www.sjbwickw.catholic.edu.au/>

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School is NOW OPEN for Prep 2022 Enrolments. If you have or know of a family member or family friend who has a 4 or 5 year old child due to start school next year, please contact our School Office on 8388 5900 or email Cathy, on cwindsor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

Community

Global Catholic Climate Movement is sponsoring Laudato Si Week 16-24 May. Join to receive the official Laudato Si Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news. laudatosiweek.org

Sacramental Life

First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated at St Joseph's Church last Wednesday evening. Parents, who promised on the day of their child's Baptism to bring the child up in the practice of the faith, presented their child to priests for the sacrament. It was a very prayerful and intimate liturgy, bringing joy to all present, as the parents and their children exchanged a gesture of peace after reconciliation, as a sign that they had been reconciled to God and to one another.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation, at St Patrick's Cathedral, will be celebrated on Sunday May 23 at the 11am Solemn Mass. Any adult who wishes to be confirmed please contact one of the parish offices for details.

Baptism:

The Christian communities of Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome our new members through sacrament of baptism this weekend: *Amelia Rock, Zac Hodgson & Maia Palumbo* (St Ambrose's)

Liturgy

Sacristy: St Ambrose Church is in need of some volunteers to care for the sacristy. A sacristan is a role of service for the whole faith community. It is a role that enables the liturgies to be celebrated well.

Prayer

There are several opportunities for prayer and meditation across our three parishes and four churches.

Our Lady's

Wednesday 20th May, after Communion Services, Rosary for peace with Sr Marjetka. Mercoledì 20 maggio, dopo la celebrazione della Comunione, Rosario per la pace con Sr Marjetka.

Zoom Rosary

Members of the Brunswick Moreland Mission are gathering to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, at 9:00am on each Saturday during May. We'd love you to join us. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>
Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005

Meditation

Meditation before the Blessed Sacrament is possible at St Joseph's Chapel, Melville Road. Please contact St Joseph office for registration.

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 benvenuti.

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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.