

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 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

We continue to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, at 9:00am each Saturday during the current lockdown. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>

Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005. All welcome

Online Masses, Sunday 22 August

Via Zoom at 10:30

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

Via Facebook and YouTube at 11:00 am

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

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

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations.

We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose? The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him.

The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
R.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.'

After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuell 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, Joyce Chongand Rosa Cutrupi.

Recently Deceased:

Francesco Bruno, Elvira Curcio and Elisa Figliola.

Anniversaries:

Gregoria Ventura

Community

Caritas Australia's

Major earthquake hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID -19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Working with Children Check Update

We all have as our top priority that our parishes be always safe and hospitable for our children and vulnerable people. The Catholic Church in Australia has the following consistent policies in place so that safety is always provided.

We do live in a world that asks us to be compliant with these rules because it has to be the same for everybody for it to work. Thank you for your generosity, patience and compliance in this important matter.

Currently our parishes are updating records of parish volunteers. For our parishes to be compliant with the Safeguarding requirements, all volunteers over the age of 18 years are required to have a current Working with Children Check which can be accessed by visiting:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and follow the prompts. Under the field "Child-Related Work, choose "64-Religious Organisation".

It is imperative that all volunteers have this check in place. In the instance that you are a registered teacher with the VIT and although you are not required to have a WWCC, it is necessary to notify Working with Children Check Victoria that you volunteer at either one of our parishes.

In addition, some volunteer roles also require you to obtain a police record check. Volunteer roles that require a Police Record Check include:

- Employees
- Parish finance committee
- Parish pastoral council
- home visiting (e.g. Communion ministers visit and administer communion at home)
- visiting special care facilities (e.g. refuges, hospitals, nursing homes)
- visits to community support agencies (e.g. disability support centres)
- overnight stays (e.g. camps, interstate or overseas trips)
- assess to parish records and/or assess to personal information about families, children and young people (e.g. name, address, date of birth, family circumstances).

Application form can be collected from our parish offices or download at:

<https://www.fit2work+volunteer+police+check>

Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if you need any clarification regarding this matter, during office hours.

Thank you to all our volunteers and safe guarding committees for your commitment to our parishes and for your continued support.

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/>

Pray for the earth (Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*).

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,

that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

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

24 August 2021 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle – *Feast*

27 August 2021 – St Monica – *Memorial*

28 August 2021 – St Augustine - *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