Emmaus Companion
From Liturgy to Life

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A **25 October 2026**

Welcome to Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland! Whether you are new, visiting, or a long-standing parishioner, we're grateful for your presence. Visit our website for details about sacraments, ministries, and ways to get involved.

We acknowledge the *Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung* people and pray that we may walk together in justice, reconciliation, and peace.

Liturgy

Called to honour God above all, we live faith through love, hope, integrity, and service.

Entrance Hymn

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Love divine, all loves excelling. Text: Charles Wesley. Music: Blaenwern; William Penfro Rowlands.

Sete di Te (No. 6 in Compagno di Inni)

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Mass Setting

Missa Magis *by Christopher Willcock SJ*

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**
Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**
Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

Gloria *(Trocaire by Willcock)*

(R). Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **(R).**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away

the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. **(R).**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **(R).**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

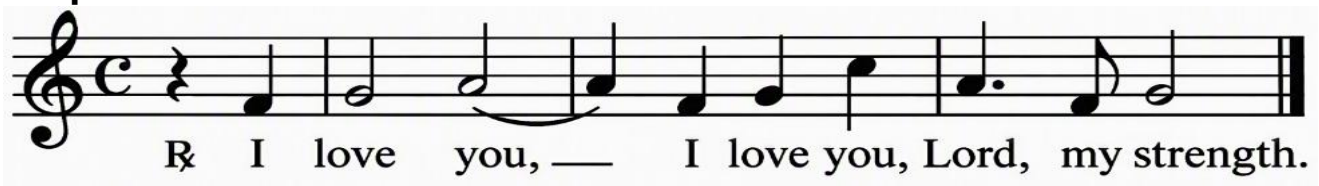
Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Richard Proulx

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock,
my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 22:34-40*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord, he is joy for all ages.

1. If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord. If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.

2. In him all our sorrow, in him all our joy. In him hope of glory, in him all our love.

3. In him our redemption, in him all our grace. In him our salvation, in him all our peace.

Keep in mind: Text and Music: Based on 2 Timothy 2:8-11, Lucien Deiss CSSp

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Motet
Ava Maria - Breton Abbondanzio

Communion Hymn

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.

1. The manna we ate yet our hunger remained; our hearts left unsatisfied.

2. O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat, Our pledge of eternal life.

3. The bread you give is the living bread, your flesh for the life of the world.

4. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps; a light for my path of life.

Lord, to whom shall we go? Text: John 6: 51-57; Music: Michael Herry

Recessional Hymn

1. Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again.
Love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his word. Text: Luke Connaughton. Tune: Cresswell, Anthony Milner

Chiama e prega Maria (No.16 in Compagno di Inni)

Organ Postludes

- Allegro, Concerto IV in F-Handel
- Church Sonata in C K. 329 Mozart
- Allegro, Concerto in B flat Handel Mozart

Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday 28 October – Sts Simon and Jude, apostles – Feast
Sunday 1 November – All Saints - Solemnity *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."* - Matthew 5:12a

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Baptism	Amal, Elliot and Nicolo Amin, Frankie Sutherland, Sebastian Giampiccolo
Recently Deceased	Bernadette Steward, Rita Mancarella
Funeral	Thursday 29 October - Judith Delaney, 11am at St Fidelis
Anniversaries	Mairead O'Connell, Ada Di Meglio, Agnes Teresa Lynch, Kevin Lynch

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Parish Life

Latest news and upcoming events at Emmaus Parish

From 49 Clarendon

One sure sign that November is approaching is the appearance of Halloween decorations in our streets and shopping centres. For Catholics, November is marked by two important celebrations.

First is the celebration of **All Saints' Day** on **1 November**. On this day, the Church honours all the saints, both known and unknown. While the exact number of saints formally recognised by the Church is difficult to determine, it is commonly estimated to be between 10,000 and 11,000. Yet the Church also teaches that there are countless saints in heaven whose names are known only to God.

We naturally think first of the saints closest to us. The four churches of our parish are dedicated to four great saints whose intercession we continue to seek and whose example of faith we strive to follow. **Our Lady, Help of Christians**, a title of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, teaches us what it means to say "yes" to God's will and to treasure his word in our hearts. This title also reminds us that Mary continues to accompany the Church and intercede for us as we journey in faith. **St Joseph** shows us the quiet strength of faithful service. **St Ambrose** was a renowned bishop and teacher of the early Church, while **St Fidelis** was a courageous missionary and martyr known for his fearless witness to Christ.

The different ways these saints lived their faith in their own time and place help us recognise the holiness present in our own day. Many people around us live lives marked by faith, hope and love. All Saints' Day is an opportunity to give thanks for these often-unrecognised witnesses among us. It also turns our minds toward the future glory promised to us all: the day when we shall see God face to face and share in the fullness of life with all the saints.

To mark this celebration, **St Joseph's Collegium**, under the direction of Dr Anthony Halliday, will be "on tour", singing at the 9.00 am Mass at St Joseph's and the 11.00 am Mass at St Fidelis on Sunday 1 November. The Collegium will perform Mass for Humanity by Anthony Shafton.

The day following All Saints' Day, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, more commonly known as **All Souls' Day**, on **2 November**. On this day, we remember and pray for all who have died, entrusting them to God's mercy as they await the resurrection.

As we enter this holy month, may we be inspired by the example of the saints and strengthened by the hope that, in Christ, death is not the end but the gateway to eternal life.

Fr Tien

From Jordan to the Empty Tomb Gospel of Mark proclaimed and sung

7:00PM on Wednesday 2 December 2026 at St Ambrose's Church

Preparations and rehearsals are underway for this exciting project that Emmaus Parish is presenting. There is still time to be involved with this project. If you are interested to sing in the Emmaus Parish choir for this event, please contact Dr Anthony Halliday at anthony.halliday@bigpond.com. The rehearsals take place every Friday at 7:15 PM at our parish community centre at St Ambrose's.

Register Now

While this is a free event, we ask that you register your attendance for planning purposes by this link https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/dy1LitdkS0?origin=lprLink or scan the QR code

Don't miss out on being part of this unique musical experience!

November – Month of Remembrance

Throughout November, we remember in prayer those who have gone before us in faith. The names of those whose funerals have been celebrated in our parish during the past 12 months will be inscribed in our Book of Remembrance, displayed in our churches throughout the month. Parishioners are also welcome to write the names of other loved ones who have died.

All Souls' Day Mass

The All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 2 November** at **7.00 pm** at **St Fidelis' Church.** All are welcome to join in prayerful remembrance of our deceased loved ones.

A New Way to Manage Parish Rosters

During the week, all parishioners involved in liturgical ministries were sent an email about the roster for November to the end of the year and inviting them to join **Ministry Scheduler Pro**, the new rostering system for Emmaus Parish. Ministry Scheduler Pro will make it easier to stay connected with your ministry roster. Ministers can view upcoming assignments, update their availability, request substitutes when needed, and receive helpful reminders. For added convenience, the **Ministry Scheduler Pro app** can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet, allowing easy access to your roster wherever you are.

We encourage all ministers to activate their account and become familiar with the system. Support will be available for anyone who requires assistance.

For those who do not have access to the internet, prefer not to use the system, or are unable to use the app, rosters will continue to be emailed directly to you, ensuring everyone remains informed of their ministry commitments.

If you have any questions or need assistance getting started, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generous ministry and service to our parish community.

Parish Community Engagement Committee Update

The Parish Community Engagement Committee met on Thursday 15 October and is planning a **Pizza and Carols evening** at the Luby Centre on **Friday 11 December**. More details will follow, but please save the date! To help strengthen our welcoming parish community, we are also looking for new volunteers to join greeting teams at our parish Masses. Plans are underway for a Trivia Night in the new year and a calendar of parish events for 2027. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact Annette Tepper on 0434074819 or annettemtepper@gmail.com.

Welcoming Our Church Communities – Greeters Wanted

How nice is it to be warmly greeted when you arrive at Mass? Could you be one of those friendly faces who welcome people as they enter our churches? The Parish Community Engagement Committee is looking for **4–5 volunteers for each church service** to help create a welcoming environment for parishioners and visitors.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

Safeguarding Requirements

Please note that before we can add you to our roster, volunteers must have a valid Working with Children Check, sign our Code of Conduct and complete Safeguarding Training. If your WWCC details are not yet registered with the parish office, please get in touch with us for further information and guidance on next steps.

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

A 'taste' of the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola will be offered for the Emmaus Community at St Ambrose Sunday November 29 from 12.30 to 2pm. You're invited to take this opportunity to stop, rest, refresh and connect with others. Join us for guided prayer, reflection, journaling, sacred listening and spiritual conversation. There will be a shared lunch to begin with at 12:30. Facilitated by trained giver of the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, Anne Slingo. Please email bernmercieca@icloud.com if you are interested in attending.

Best Wishes for VCE Exams

Best wishes to all students in our Emmaus Parish community undertaking their VCE exams. We wish them every success in their exams and all the very best for the future.

RCIA at Emmaus Parish

Our RCIA journey continues as inquirers deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. This Wednesday, 28 October, at 7.00 pm in the Luby Centre at St Ambrose's, exploring **Church as People of God** and how it strengthens our relationship with God. We keep our inquirers and RCIA team in our prayers.

Meetings

Tuesday 27 October – Master Plan Steering Group Meeting, 7.00 pm

Beyond Our Parish

Archdiocesan events and wider Church news

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH: THE WEDDING OF CANA – JESUS' IDENTITY AND A MOTHER'S INSIGHT

Thursday 29 October, 7.00–8.30pm – Online

Join Br Dr Paul Creevey FMS for an online presentation exploring Jesus' first sign at the Wedding of Cana, the turning of water into wine, and Mary's role in John's Gospel. Part of Catholic Theological College's *Engaging Your Faith* series, the session offers an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of faith in today's world. Cost: $25 general audience, $40 teachers. Registration essential and closes at 5.00pm two business days before the session. Register: https://events.humanitix.com/engagingyourfaithoctober2026 For more information, visit https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

Thanksgiving Offertory

Emmaus Parish, Church Account
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Our Churches

Our Lady Help of Christians
49 Nicholson St,
East Brunswick

St Joseph's
183 Hope St,
West Brunswick

St Ambrose's
287 Sydney Rd,
Brunswick

St Fidelis'
49 Clarendon St,
Coburg

Meet the Parish Team

Fr Brendan Reed
Parish Priest

Fr Tien Tran
Assistant Priest

Enza Briganti
Parish Secretary

George Thomas
Stewardship Coordinator

Jenny Di Valentino
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John Maulden
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One Community, Four Churches

Weekday Mass

Tuesday
9:15am - St Ambrose's
Wednesday
9:15am – St Joseph's
10:00am – Our Lady Help of Christians (Communion Service)
Thursday
9:15am – St Fidelis'
Friday
9:15am - Our Lady Help of Christians
Saturday
10:00am – St Ambrose's
Followed by Confessions at 10:30am

Sunday Mass

Saturday
5:00pm – Our Lady Help of Christians
6:00pm – St Fidelis'
Sunday
9:00am – St Joseph's
9:00am – Our Lady Help of Christians (Bilingual - English and Italian)
10:30am – St Ambrose's (With Children's Liturgy during School Term)
11:00am – St Fidelis'
5:00pm – St Joseph's

Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or **Pastoral care**, please contact the Parish Office.

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel
Divine Mercy & Holy Hour - 3pm Fridays
Rosary - 12pm Saturdays

Our Parish Primary Schools

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