

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 July 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

FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26. Occurring in the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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.

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,

to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,

determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ

for his own kind purposes,

to make us praise the glory of his grace,

his free gift to us in the Beloved

in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning

to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:

that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,

everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them. **Gospel of the Lord.**

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: *Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuell Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, Brendan Gurry, Debbie Castleton, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Angela Pavano, Marie Otoole, Joyce Chong and Jodie Purches.*

Recently Deceased: *Jacques Duhau, Flor Navarro, Calogero Gibaldi, Domenico Zurzolo, Maria Silvestro, Francesco Curcio and Frances McGrath (Montalto), Giovanna Naselli, Fr Kevin Condon.*

Anniversaries: *Margaret Bennett, Denzil & Beryl Tallent, Jack Rogers, Dorothy Hardstaff, Francesco Merlino, Maureen Thorp, Umberto & Vilma Sansico, Patrick Slattery, Lino Leone, Veronica (Bonnie) Bird, Antonio Marini, Christine Commerford, Joan Gurry and Frank (B'day Remembrance).*

REFLECTION

by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

Indulgence is a pleasurable experience when we do something special. Pope Francis encourages us to do something special and so indulge ourselves in a pleasurable grace when relating to elderly people and grandparents in the following positive ways

- On 13 May, the Apostolic Penitentiary promulgated a Decree granting a Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- The elderly can obtain an Indulgence by participating in one of the Masses celebrated on the occasion of this World Day.
- In view of the continuing health emergency and the fact that some elderly people are unable to attend Mass in person for health reasons, the Indulgence is extended to those who participate via television, radio or the internet.

- The Indulgence is also granted to all those who perform a 'work of mercy' on this World Day by visiting an elderly person who is alone.
- In places where visiting in person is expressly forbidden by the public authorities in order to avoid contagion, it is also possible to obtain the Indulgence through a virtual meeting.

FORMATION

Lectio Divina Every Tuesday 10 am St Joseph's Church, Sr Denise leads the Communion Service with a crafted Lectio Divina component that opens up the scriptures for us. This is followed by fellowship and a morning tea.

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.

Prayer video to celebrate and honour the life and legacy of Josephite Sr Irene McCormack

May 21 was the 30th anniversary of Josephite, Sr Irene McCormack's death whilst serving as a missionary in Peru after 25 years of service to Catholic education. The link below is to a prayer video compiled by student leaders from 4 Catholic schools who reflect of the gift of Sr Irene's life as a life offered for love of God and love for the poor of our world. As our young leaders powerfully suggest, hers is a life and legacy for all of us to honour and feel affirmed in our own calling to be followers of Christ in our everyday lives. Please click on this link:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/a-life-given-in-love-sr-irene-irene-mc-cormack>

COMMUNITY

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will be holding an Open Day (Sat 7 August) that will include a mass in the Chapel celebrated by Fr Peter Malone to recognise the Feast day of Mary MacKillop.

Mary MacKillop Rosary Beads

You may recall that last year we commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. The rosaries were very popular and this is an opportunity for those who missed out to order them as we approach the feast of Mary MacKillop. Please note that orders will close *Tuesday 31 August*. For any questions or to submit your order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201.

Book Group

For all those interested, there will be a Book Group meeting, 3.00 – 4.00pm on Wednesday 14 July in St Ambrose's Community Centre (Spirituality Room). Our new book for discussion is 'The Time is Now' by Sr Joan Chittister. We will begin by listening to the talk she recently gave to the Australian Catholic Church, then we will discuss the Foreword of her book. All welcome!

Gratitude and Direct Debt

We are extremely thankful for the support of parishioners who are committed to their thanksgiving pledges. It would greatly assist the parish if contributors would enrol in direct debt. Cards are available for you in the gathering space.

Emails Appeal

The sudden restrictions and then the lifting of restrictions means we have to get messages about Mass etc. out to you, the parishioners, quickly. For the sake of speedy communication could parishioners email the parish offices their contact details such as email address and mobile phone number? This will greatly assist our sense of community and communication.

Sacramental Life

Baptism: The Christian communities of Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome our new members through sacrament of baptism this weekend: *Isla Staniscia & Emilia Flavel*

Wedding: Congratulations to *Bernadette Rehana & Giuseppe Amanoil*

First Holy Communion

The three school principals and Parish Priests made new dates for First Holy Communion masses, they are:

St Joseph's July 24, @ 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Our Lady's July 31 @ 2:00pm and 3.30pm

St Fidelis August 7 @ 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Prayer

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

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: bmccatholicmission.org.au