

**BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**Weekly Newsletter**



**St Joseph**



**St Fidelis**



**Our Lady help of  
Christians**



**St Ambrose**

**The Ascension of the Lord, Year A**

**21 May 2023**

**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

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**

**by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.



**FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

**WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023**

**Mass: 9:30am**

The children from Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School will be attending Mass.

*All are welcome.*

**ST FIDELIS' PIETY STALL**



St Fidelis piety stall has been restocked with new supplies. Please do visit the stall.

## 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.'

**Responsorial Psalm**     Ps 65:1-7. 16.20. R. see v.1

**(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

Eph 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.

## Gospel Acclamation

In 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them.

He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### PRAYERS OF INTENTION

#### For the Sick:

*Lewis Calleja, Gina Denk, Bernadette Steward, Cynthia D'Souza*

#### Recently deceased:

*Vicenza La Rosa, Giuseppe Massini, Rosalia Mollica, Maria Messina, Antonio Falton.*

#### Anniversaries:

*Francesco Barillaro, Pasquale Mammone, Mary Tedsco, Anthony Debono and Paul Sicura*  
*Eileen Barnard, Giuseppe Farina, Rosaria & Salvatore Gaetano, Carmela Pricolo, Angelo Parisi, Angelica Mercuri, Angela Caruso, Giovanni Peri, and Rebecca Amato-Rinaldi*

### FAREWELL LUNCH



The St Fidelis Parish Social Committee cordially invite parishioners to a luncheon in the St Fidelis School hall on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June after the 11am Mass.

This will also be an opportunity to farewell Fr. Greg Bourke as he pursues his next appointment.

If you would like to attend, for catering purposes, booking are required. Please contact the St Fidelis Parish office on 93861224 or email: [moreland@cam.org.au](mailto:moreland@cam.org.au). There is no cost involved but a small donation at the door would be much appreciated.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank Margaret Duggan and Bobby Hardstaff for arranging flowers and prayer cards for Mother's Day at St Ambrose and Our Lady Help of Christians.

### BISHOPS ISSUE STATEMENT ON INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

As a vote on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament nears, Australia's bishops have encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart – the document from which the Voice proposal emerged.

**Continue reading:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nQK0aXccpDgYSKyCgdGnvXcYPzrDDLym/view>



### INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT: MOMENTS FOR HEALING THIS COUNTRY

**Thursdays 25<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July:  
4.00pm - 5.00pm**

Catholic Social Services Victoria & Catholic Social Services Australia invite you to join them in a Webinar Series on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country.

The Series is an opportunity to better understand the Uluru Statement From the Heart, the process that had led to a referendum in 2023 and what a Voice to Parliament might entail. With the referendum approaching, it is important to understand why and what we are being asked to vote on and what implications this may have for Australia, and reconciliation more broadly, moving forward.

#### Speakers:

**25 May Prof Melissa Castan**  
**29 June Fr Frank Brennan, SJ**  
**27 July A Panel of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples - names to be confirmed**

Cost: \$12.00 per session or \$30.00 for all 3  
Sessions. CSSV and CSSA members free of charge  
Venue: Via Zoom - link to be provided  
Enquiries: Kate Stilwell e: [office@css.org.au](mailto:office@css.org.au)

#### **Register for selected session:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1052799&>



## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISM

*Deigo Dniel Parissi*



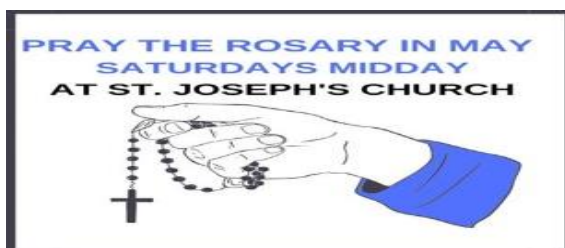
### COMMUNION SERVICE with SCRIPTURE REFLECTION TUESDAY at 10am at ST JOSEPH'S

*"Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do."*  
John 17:3

**Tuesday 10:00am at St Ambrose's (English and Italian)**

**Wednesday 10:00am at Our Lady's Community Room, (Italian).**  
*"Cura di se con la Bibbia".*  
**All welcome.**

### ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY



### DIVINE MERCY

St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer is held each Friday at 3pm. We welcome you to join us for an hour of prayer.



### NATIONWIDE ROSARY TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Join parishes across the archdiocese in a nationwide Rosary to Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

Our Lady has been a protector of the poor and oppressed. In the early days of the Australian colonies, her powerful protection was invoked by praying the Rosary for the preservation of life and faith. Today this continues for faith, hope, peace and God's love.

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**  
**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

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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](http://bmcatholicmission.org.au)