



BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Incorporating the Parishes of St Fidelis' (Moreland), St Joseph's (West Brunswick), St Ambrose's, and Our Lady Help of Christians (Brunswick & Brunswick East)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Sunday, 21 June 2026

Emmaus Parish one step closer!

Our request to amalgamate the parishes of Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community has passed the next hurdle. I have been notified that the consultative bodies of the Archdiocese have given a positive response to the amalgamation petition. At 2:00pm on Friday 19 June, I received from Archbishop Peter Comensoli the Decree Merging the Parishes of St Ambrose and Our Lady Help of Christians, Brunswick and Brunswick East; St Joseph's, West Brunswick; and St Fidelis', Moreland and at the same time, establishing Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland. In order for this Decree to take effect from 1 August 2026, published copies of it must be displayed in all four churches for one calendar month beginning 4 July 2026.

In the meantime, we continue our planning for the future. Our four-year strategic plan, *Opening Hearts, Opening Doors*, continues to guide parish life. You will notice that our Worship Committee is active in planning and celebrating the liturgical life of the parish. Our Education in Faith Committee has been working hard in a number of areas, including the recent series on Matthew's Gospel and the review of the parish Catechists programme that will take effect next year. Our Welcome and Hospitality Committee has had a name change and will now be known as the Parish Community Engagement Committee. We are grateful for the coordination of the weekly hospitality that this committee has initiated across our parish churches. Our Outreach Committee has also been hard at work, and there will soon be some announcements about key partnerships that our parish will be entering into to support asylum seekers and refugees.

Our physical assets are also under review, and we have a very active Asset Utilisation Steering Committee advising our parish on the future use of its assets. Our Master Plan will see the St Ambrose precinct rejuvenated as the administrative centre for the new Emmaus Parish. The churches at St Fidelis and St Joseph will be upgraded, with hospitality and welcome facilities incorporated into the entrance areas of each church.

Now that the final approval for amalgamation has been received from the Archbishop, we will begin a renewal of our two governance arms of the parish: Emmaus Parish Pastoral Council (formerly known as the Evangelisation Council) and Emmaus Parish Finance Council (formerly known as the Stewardship Council). The Parish Pastoral Council is the primary advisory council to the parish priest in relation to the pastoral life of the parish. The Parish Finance Council is the primary advisory council in relation to the financial life of the parish.

If you have a commitment to shaping the future of our new parish and have expertise in strategic planning, governance, community consultation and collaboration, then we are looking for you to join our Parish Pastoral Council.

If you have a commitment to shaping the future of our new parish and have expertise in accounting, investment management, wealth creation or master planning, then we are looking for you to join our Parish Finance Council.

We need a cross-section of our community to be involved in these two councils; we need those with breadth and depth of knowledge of our local communities; we need young and fresh ideas and perspectives; we need parents of children in our parish schools; we are seeking councils that reflect the diversity of our parish; we are looking for a mix of women and men to create a broad and inclusive cross-section of our community. If you have experience and expertise in these areas, please give consideration to being part of one of these groups as Emmaus Parish comes to birth.

Fr Brendan Reed

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three parishes stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin,

unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the rooftops.
'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

BMCC AMALGAMATION—EMMAUS PARISH

EMMAUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
you walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus when their hearts were uncertain and their hope unclear. Walk with us now, as we journey together as the Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community.
Open our ears to listen deeply, our hearts to trust your presence, and our minds to understand where you are leading us. As we discern the call to become one parish, help us recognise you in our shared stories, in prayerful conversation, and in the breaking of the bread. Give us courage to let go of what has been, grace to honour all that has shaped us, and hope to embrace the future you are unfolding among us. May your Spirit unite us in mission, so that, journeying together, we may bear witness to your love and justice in our world.
We ask this in your name. Amen.

St Joseph's Collegium Mass

All are invited to the 5pm Mass at St Joseph's Church, West Brunswick, on Sunday 21 June 2026. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Tien, with music led by the St Joseph's Collegium under the direction of Dr Anthony Halliday, Director and Organist. All welcome.

Hospitality

Thank you to everyone supporting our Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community cuppas after Mass. We had a wonderful turnout at St Joseph's last weekend, and this weekend's cuppa will be after the 11am Mass at St Fidelis. Monthly BMCC cuppas are held on the 1st Sunday at St Ambrose's, 2nd Sunday at St Joseph's, and 3rd Sunday at St Fidelis. Come along for a chat, enjoy some fellowship, and help strengthen our parish community. A plate to share is always welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – Thank You and A Call for Support

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who so generously supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal last weekend. Your compassion and generosity have already made a real difference to many in our local community who are doing it tough this winter. At the same time, the need continues to grow. Rising cost of living pressures and inflation are seeing more and more people seeking assistance. So, if you were unable to contribute last weekend, we warmly invite you to consider making a donation online before the appeal concludes. Every gift, no matter the size, helps bring practical relief and renewed hope to those most in need. We also acknowledge with deep gratitude the dedicated members of our two St Vincent de Paul Conferences, whose quiet and faithful work supports so many individuals and families across our parish. We will share the total amount raised at the end of the month. Thank you again for your generosity—and for helping us respond together, as a community, to those in need.

Parish Thanksgiving

We are deeply grateful to all who support our parish through their generous and faithful giving. Your contributions make it possible for our parish communities to flourish and continue their mission of worship, service, and outreach. Thank you for the spirit of generosity that sustains us. New envelopes will be available next weekend for those who give through weekly envelopes. If you would like to join in supporting the life and mission of our parish, we warmly invite you to contact the parish office for more information. For those who may wish to move from envelopes to credit card or direct debit giving, please feel free to speak with George Thomas, our Stewardship Coordinator, who will be happy to assist you. Thank you again for your ongoing support and commitment to our parish community.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Training

The Education in Faith and Worship Committees are planning a Ministry Formation Night on Thursday, 9 July at 7pm in St Ambrose's Luby Centre. All new and experienced Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend this Formation Evening. The session will provide an opportunity for both new and current ministers to deepen their understanding of these important ministries and receive practical updates. Invitations will be sent to all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers via email soon.

Children Lead Singing at First Communion Celebrations

Our parish communities were filled with joy and vibrant energy last weekend as families gathered in large numbers to celebrate First Communion across our churches. The occasion was made even more special this year by the uplifting presence of children's choirs, who led the singing at each celebration.

Across all three churches, young voices rang out with confidence and enthusiasm, drawing our congregation into prayerful song. Their leadership added a fresh and joyful dimension to the liturgy, highlighting the important role children play in the life of our parish.

We are especially grateful to Anna De Simone, who has been working across our three parish schools to nurture and develop liturgical music among our young people. Her dedication is already bearing fruit in these beautiful celebrations.

Looking ahead, there is great hope that this initiative will grow into a BMCC Children's Choir, enriching our worship for years to come.

We are truly blessed with such supportive schools, gifted staff, and enthusiastic young people in our parish community.

Matthew's Gospel warmed our winter nights

Thanks to Bill Dunne, Bernadette Mercieca and Elisa Ronzoni for enriching us in faith with the three-part series on Matthew's Gospel. Our final night deepened our appreciation of Matthew's parables and brought them to life for today. The Gospels are the heart and soul of our Christian faith and these opportunities provide us with great food for heart and soul. Thanks to our Education in Faith Committee for this initiative.

Parish Dinner

All Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community parishioners are invited to join the parish dinner on Saturday 27 June from 6.30pm at The Lomond Hotel, 225 Nicholson St, East Brunswick. Come along for a meal, friendship, and good conversation. RSVP to Lina Ventura on 0414 371 962 or Lina.Ventura@education.vic.gov.au.

Baptism

The Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community joyfully celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism for **Percy Emerson-Jones** at St Fidelis' Church and **Lachlan Healy** at St Ambrose's this Sunday, 21 June.

Recently Deceased and Anniversaries

The Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community remembers in prayer for those who have died recently especially **Maria Evangelista**, together with those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Br Aloysius Tobin, Wally Moir, and Vincenzo Caruso**.

Funeral Notice

Please keep the family and friends of **Pasquale Maugeri** in your prayers. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Thursday 25 June at 10.00am.

BEYOND BMCC - NEWS AND EVENTS

Support the Works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection - Be a sign of hope.

Next Sunday, June 28, our Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community will join Catholics around the world in supporting the Peter's Pence Collection. This long standing tradition allows the faithful to assist the Holy Father's mission of mercy, unity, and peace. Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV has encouraged us to build a Church marked by compassion and fraternity. Through Peter's Pence, the Vatican is able to proclaim the Gospel, promote human development, foster education and peace, and strengthen bonds among peoples. The collection also provides urgent aid to families and communities affected by war, natural disasters, and humanitarian crises. Our contributions become real signs of hope for those who suffer.

"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another." - Pope Leo XIV.

For more information, visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website:
www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html

Pastorelle Sisters – 70th Anniversary Celebration

The Pastorelle Sisters (Sisters of Jesus the Good Shepherd) invite parishioners to celebrate their 70th Anniversary on Sunday 28 June at St Damian's Parish, 5 Settlement Road, Bundoora. The celebration will begin at 1pm with a Mini Concert of Joy and Gratitude, followed at 2pm by a Eucharistic Celebration and afternoon tea. This special occasion gives thanks to God for 70 years of grace, journey and ministry, and will also include the welcome of new Pauline Cooperators and the renewal of current members.

RSVP (for catering purposes): 0401 356 298 or 0411 361 081.

THANKSGIVING VIA EFT

St. Joseph's Parish, West Brunswick : BSB: 083-347 Church Account: 455 199 263

St. Fidelis' Parish, Moreland: BSB: 083-347 Church Account: 665 217 159

Catholic Parish Brunswick & Brunswick East (St. Ambrose & Our Lady Help of Christians): BSB: 083 347 Church Account: 245 201 273

To support your Priests: Brunswick Moreland Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347 Account: 664 716 706

OUR COMMITMENT TO A SAFE PARISH COMMUNITY

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental 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 our website.

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CHURCHES & MASS TIMES

Our Lady Help of Christians

49 Nicholson Street, East

Brunswick 3057

Friday 9:15am

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Road,

Brunswick 3056

Tuesday 9:15am

Saturday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

St Joseph's

183 Hope Street,

West Brunswick 3055

Wednesday 9:15am

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon Street, Coburg 3058

Thursday 9:15am

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Confessions

St Ambrose's

Every Saturday at 10:30am