

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 February 2022

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

St Fidelis 9:15am and 7:00pm

St Joseph's 10:00am and 7:00pm

Our Ladies 11:00am

St Ambrose's 7:30pm

STATION OF CROSS DURING LENT

St Joseph's Friday 3:00pm follow by Divine mercy and
Benediction

St Fidelis Friday 7:00pm (Both Italian and English)

St Ambrose's Tuesday 10:30am

Our Ladies Friday 10:30am

REFLECTION *by Greg Sunter*

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading

41 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has
put on immortality, then the words of scripture will
come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death,
where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power
from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring
in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?
The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully
trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why
do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye
and never notice the plank in your own? How can
you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out
the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot
see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the
plank out of your own eye first, and then you will
see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in
your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people
do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes
from brambles. A good man draws what is good
from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man
draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a
man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who
have asked for our prayers.

Especially: *Leslie Suta & Helen Odicho.*

Recently Deceased:

Vincenzo Mercuri (Italy), John Corrigan, Jeanette James

Anniversaries:

*Rosa Moscatello Ziccarello, Jo Dunne, Carmela
Friguglietti (1 month), Rosario Licciardi (1 year),
Jeanne Duhan, Salvatore, Vergina, Carlo & Family
Tabone, Sleiman Elherr & Elherr Family, Francesco
Antonio Pellegrino, Immacolata Orsida.*

Cuppa after 11:00 am Mass at St Fidelis

St Fidelis' social group will host a morning tea after
11:00am Mass on 27 February. Please join us and
enjoy a friendly chat and a cuppa.

A big thank you to social group members.

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

Wednesday 23 March 2022

Half day prayerful retreat pilgrimage with parishioners from St Joseph's in the steps of St. Mary McKillop, in Fitzroy and East Melbourne. Departing after 10am Mass, returning around 3.30pm, includes lunch.

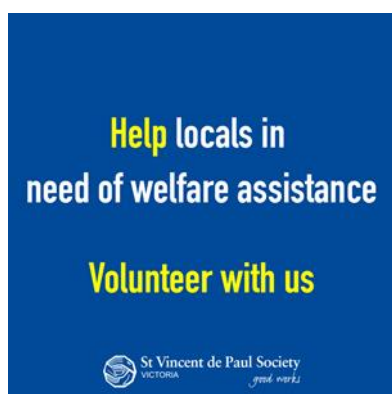
All welcome ...

Costs minimal for shared taxis or minibus

Firm Expressions of interest required

by 9 March call Margaret 0457906513

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR BRUNSWICK VINNIES



The local Vinnies conference have enjoyed a long supportive relationship with our Parish and we need your help. We are seeking volunteers to do home visits in the area during the day on Wednesdays. We assist local families in need with distribution of financial assistance and food vouchers. If you feel that you could help us please contact:

Brunswick.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSION

The Pontifical Office - Catholic Mission - have now taken up residency in the Presbytery at Our Lady Help of Christians in East Brunswick. The small staff of Catholic Mission look forward to our new Melbourne home and would warmly welcome any parishioners who might like to call in for a cuppa, and discuss our work. We look forward to opportunities to work together in coming months, and we sincerely thank Fr Greg and Fr Linh on the welcome and assistance they have given to Catholic Mission during our settling in period.

SCHOOL TOURS OPEN NOW ENROLL AT ST FIDELIS FOR 2023

School Tours are now open for Foundation 2023. St Fidelis is a boutique Catholic School hidden in the middle of leafy suburbia - a hidden gem! Visitors can experience our newly refurbished classrooms and contemporary learning spaces. See learning in ACTION!!! Come and have a personal tour with the Principal.

Please visit our website to make a booking on;
<https://www.sfmorland.catholic.edu.au/>
or call the office on 93833600.

Looking forward welcoming your family to the community of St Fidelis

ST FIDELIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY SUNDAY MARCH 20 10:00AM -1:00PM

St Fidelis Families, Parishioners and visitors are cordially invited to tour St Fidelis Primary School and experience our newly refurbished classrooms area and contemporary learning spaces. Opportunities to chat with students, parents, teachers and the Principal.

Guided Tours by staff and School Captains

Activities Include:

STEM DEMONSTRATION

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

COFFEE VAN

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

SUSTAINABILITY GARDEN

FREE SHOWBAG ONE PER FAMILY UPON ENTRY

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St.Fidelis_Flyer2022_A3.pdf**

Sacramental Life

Baptism:

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcomes our new member through the sacrament of baptism this weekend:

Hugo Spence & Massimo Marangidis

Wedding Congratulations:

Luisa Ragoonathsing & Crescenzo Oliveri

Italian Prayer Group at St Fidelis will be every Monday from 10am-12pm. Everyone welcome.

Il gruppo di preghiera italiano sara ogni Lunedi dalle 10am alle 12pm. Tutti Benvenuti.

Rosary via Zoom

You are warmly invited to join us praying the Rosary over Zoom at 9:00am each Saturday during Lent, commencing Sat 5/3.

<https://zoom.us/j/92496488650> Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005.

Divine Mercy and Benediction

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

Lenten Gospel Discussion

On each of the Thursdays of Lent, there will be the opportunity to gather for a Gospel reflection after the 10.00am Mass at St Ambrose's. We will meet in the front room of the Parish House. We will be using Fr Michael Elligate's Lenten program, 'Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent'.

Booklets will be provided for participants. The first gathering will be this Thursday 3 March.

Taizé Prayer

During Lent we will have an evening of Taizé prayer to which all are invited. It will be held on Wednesday evening 16 March 7.30 – 8.15pm in St Ambrose's Community Centre (spirituality room). The Taizé tradition is a contemplative form of prayer that makes use of icons, candles, quiet musical chant, readings and silence. Put the date in your diary. All are welcome!

St Joseph's Working BEE

Saturday 19th March 10.30am. All are welcome!

Feast of St Joseph the Worker

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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