



Emmaus Companion

From Liturgy to Life

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

12 July 2026

Welcome to Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community! Whether you are new, visiting, or a long-standing parishioner, we're grateful for your presence.

We proudly acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, Traditional Custodians of this land on which we gather to worship.

Liturgy

This week's liturgy invites us to see all creation longing for renewal, and to let God's Word nurture growth within us so we become signs of hope for the world.

Entrance Hymn

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

**Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

*For the beauty of the earth, Text: Folliot S. Peirpont
1835-1917. Music: Lucerna Laudoniae and refrain;
David Evans 1874-1948*

Una Spiga Dorata (No. 5 in Compagno di
Inni) - *9am Sunday at Our Lady Help of
Christians*

Mass Setting

Mass of St Francis (Paul Taylor)

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you reveal the mysteries of
the kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, happy are those who hear
your word: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to bear great fruit:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

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.

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.

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. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Michael Herry FMS



1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to pro-vide its grain. **(R.)**

2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers.

You bless its growth. **(R.)**

3. You crown the year with your
goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wil-der-ness it
flows. **(R.)**

4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes they sing. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was
buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

**Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
work of our hands, one cup that is
shared by all; the Living Cup,
the Living Bread of God.**

1. Is not the bread we break
A sharing in our Lord?

Is not the cup we bless,
the blood of Christ outpoured?

2. The seed which falls on rock
will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
will flower and have life.

3. As wheat upon the hills
was gathered and was grown,
so may the Church of God
be gathered into one

*Seed, scattered and sown: Text and Music: Based on the
Didache 9;1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; Mark 4:3-6; Dan
Feiten*

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen Amen Amen

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

Jesu, joy of man's desiring – J.S. Bach

Communion Hymn

**Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.**

1. The love of Christ has gathered us as one, Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts; Let us revere and love the living God. And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

2. And so when we are gathered here as one, Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease; Be our resolve all bitterness to shun. And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

3. Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace, To where the blessed glory in your

sight; There let us see and love you face to face, Gathered once more in everlasting light.

Where is the charity and love: Text: Ubi est caritas et amor from the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, Richard Connolly. Music: JEREMY

Recessional Hymn

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples: if you have love one for another. By this shall all know that you are my disciples: if you have love one for another.

A new commandment. Text: John 13:34-359 Music: New commandment

Nouvi Orizzonti (No.23 in Compagno di Inni) - 9am Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians

Organ Postludes

Prelude in C BWV 553 – J.S. Bach

Allegro – Thomas Arne

Prelude 'Te Deum' – M.A. Charpentier

Hospitality

Sunday 12 July – Following 9:00am Mass at St Joseph's

Sunday 19 July – Following 11:00am Mass at St Fidelis'

New to our Parish?

Welcome to the Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community. We're glad you are here. In this Emmaus Companion you'll find Mass times and parish information. Visit our website for details about sacraments, ministries, and ways to get involved.

Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday 15 July

St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

Sunday 19 July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43): "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Baptism	Frankie Alibrandi, Emery De Fazio, Grace Higginson, Roman Bingham
Wedding	Olivia Palumbo and Damiano Guarnera
Anniversaries	Luciano (Lou) Catania, Carmela Pancallo, Michael Jones, Patrick Slattery, Monica Josephine Perry

Parish Life

Latest news and upcoming events at BMCC

From 49 Clarendon

For over a century the seeds of faith have been sown across the communities of Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community. The reaping has been rich and fruitful. Our communities of faith have built schools that have educated generations of young people, preparing them for life and nurturing their faith. Parish communities, too, have reaped a harvest, creating communities of worship, hospitality, outreach and adult learning. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal reaped a harvest in the Brunswick Moreland communities. Our Lady Help of Christians was a major centre for renewal and catechesis. The OASIS Melbourne Mission which reached out to those in need for over four decades grew out of the seeds of faith in the Brunswick area. Welcome and support to refugee and asylum seekers was the hallmark of the faith that took root in our neighbourhood. These are but a few examples of the fruits of faith that was sown in the past.

The gospel passage of this weekend is a reminder that the sower does not stop sowing and planting. If you think of farmers who toil on the land you realise that year after year they go back to their fields and sow the seeds for a new crop. They sometimes rejoice and sometime lament, the previous years harvest. Yet, in hope and anticipation they sow for the new year, dreaming of the fruits to come.

I wonder if our God is doing the same with us and with our communities. As we prepare to merge into Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland, is our God planting new seeds of faith, love and hope that will bring forth new shoots of life? Is our God awakening, in us and among us, opportunities and responses to faith yet unseen? Have there been latent gifts and fruits among us that will now find expression? Can we let go of some of the previous harvests and prepare for a new crop? The prophet Isaiah declares that the word of God that is spoken "does not return without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." The psalmist says a similar thing: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest".

I believe that God is indeed sowing seeds of new life and hope among our emerging Emmaus Parish. With patience, hope and anticipation we await the fruits of this new moment in history.

Fr Brendan

Fr Brendan and Fr Tien together with the Parish Pastoral Council warmly invite all parishioners to the **Inauguration Mass and Celebration of Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland** on Friday, 14 August 2026 at 7:00 pm at St Fidelis Church.

The Inauguration Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption.

This joyful and significant occasion celebrates the rich history of our parishes and marks the beginning of our shared journey as Emmaus Parish.

Please register your attendance by 7 August 2026 for planning and catering purposes via this link

<https://shorturl.at/pX4PL>

or scanning the QR Code below



Everest – climbing for higher faith

Everest (young people year 9 to age 22 from our parish) will lead 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's this Sunday by altar serving, singing, and reading, followed by dinner and faith sharing in the narthex of the church. All are welcome. Those interested in being part of Everest please contact Fr Tien via the parish office.

We welcome Fr Brendan Quirk

who will be celebrating 10.30 am Mass at St Ambrose's this Sunday.

From Our Parish Schools

We welcome our students back for Term 3 and hope everyone enjoyed a restful

break. We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 1 August 2026, at St Joseph's Church. Confirmation candidates will celebrate at the following times:

- 12.00 pm – St Fidelis' and St Joseph's Primary Schools
- 2.30 pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School and Parish Sacramental Program

Thanksgiving Envelope

A reminder to collect your new Thanksgiving envelope set from the church foyer. Any envelopes not collected by the end of this week will be mailed to parishioners.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. So far, our parish community has raised \$4,520.90.

Online donations are still being accepted at

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/>. Every donation helps the St Vincent de Paul Society support people experiencing hardship this winter. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Meetings

The Outreach Committee and the Parish Community Engagement Committee will both meet on Thursday 16 July at 7.00pm in the Luby Centre.

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel

Divine Mercy & Holy Hour - 3pm Fridays
Rosary - 12pm Saturdays
Booking enquiries for chapel
Contact Margaret Trainor via parish office. All are welcome by arrangement for public daytime prayer.

Please note private adoration is no longer available after 31 July 2026.

Beyond BMCC

Archdiocesan events and wider Church news

Seafarers Sunday

This Sea Sunday, we remember the often-overlooked seafarers who spend months at sea, far from family and friends, ensuring goods reach communities around the world. Their work is vital, yet often unseen.

Through Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's maritime ministry, seafarers receive pastoral care, friendship and practical support in ports across Australia and worldwide. Here in Melbourne, the Stella Maris Centre at 600 Little Collins Street provides a welcoming presence for visiting seafarers.

Inspired by the Gospel call to sow seeds of hope, Stella Maris brings Christ's compassion to those who work at sea. The ministry also offers emotional support, access to communications with loved ones, and advocacy for the welfare and dignity of maritime workers. Learn more or support this ministry at stellamarisaustralia.org.

Thanksgiving Offertory

St. Joseph's Parish, West Brunswick

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 455 199 263

St. Fidelis' Parish, Moreland

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 665 217 159

St. Ambrose & Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 245 201 273

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347 Account: 664 716 706

Meet the Parish Team

Fr Brendan Reed
Parish Priest

Tien Tran
Assistant Priest

Enza Briganti
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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

11:00am - St Fidelis'

5:00pm - St Joseph's

Baptism, wedding, funeral, or pastoral care, please contact the Parish Office.

Our Churches

Our Lady Help of Christians

49 Nicholson St, East Brunswick

St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

St Joseph's

183 Hope St, West Brunswick

St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon St, Coburg

Our Parish Primary Schools

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