

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

7 March 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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021



Third Sunday of Lent 7 March 2021

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A marriage enrichment opportunity during Lent presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Australian Unit. "When sorry isn't enough: making things right with those you love" based on Gary Chapman & Jennifer Thomas book.

Date: Saturday 20th March 2021. 10.00am – 3.30pm.

Address: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall.

49 Nicholson St, Brunswick East.

Cost : \$40 per couple.

(Includes copy of the book and morning/ afternoon tea) Please bring your own lunch. Book early using TryBooking. Limited places available.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOZGX>

More information contact: Helen & Leo Wursthorn 0422 340 096

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

50th Wedding Anniversary: Lina & Lou Catania

Baptism: Evelyn Victoria Grima, Alyssa Guilia Klancic, Harper Grace Hickey, Lenny Canzoneri, Ariella Di Vito, Carter Verrocchi, Ava Daskarolis

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

For the Sick: Debbie & Jude Castleton, Andrew Purches, Ann Forster, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Antoinetta Colleppa and Angela Pavano.

Recent Deceased: Rosa Ziccarello, Peter Travers and Massimiliana Amici

Anniversaries: Trevor Lobo, Antonietta Parisi, Leonardo Iacovino, Giuseppina Merlino, Micheala Sirotic, Umberto & Vilma Sansico and Graeme Duggan

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

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Lenten Reflection

Third Sunday of Lent, 7 March 2021

Whatever we fast from in Lent, whether it's simple things like food and drink or the weighty matters highlighted by the prophets – injustice and hypocrisy – one thing we don't fast from is the word of God. Today we have a feast.

We're used to branding the first reading, from the book of Exodus, as the Ten Commandments. In catechism form it's a list of divine do's and don'ts that can seem imposed on us from on high. But the God who spoke these words to the Israelites is the God "who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." They are a gift from the God who "hears the cry of the poor" and "sets prisoners free."

In brief, the Ten Commandments map out the playing field of life. They define the arena in which life may be enjoyed and identify the boundaries beyond which life may be lost. Seen like this, they are a treasure of wisdom, as the psalm declares. The second and short reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is bitter-sweet. Paul puts the figure of Christ crucified right in front of us. He wants us to share in his discovery that earthly power and human wisdom are undone by the cross. He dares us to take the path of a self-sacrificing love that trusts in the saving power of God.

The gospel is confronting. It shows us an angry and aggressive Jesus driving traders out of the Temple. His passion for "worship in spirit and truth" foreshadows the passion he will endure for standing by the truth.

There's much food for thought and prayer here. At this point of our Lenten journey God's word poses us the question: by what power and wisdom are we seeking to live?

Riflessione quaresimale

Terza Domenica di Quaresima, 7 marzo 2021

Qualunque cosa da cui digiuniamo in Quaresima, che si tratti di cose semplici come cibo e bevande o questioni serie messe in evidenza dai profeti - ingiustizia e ipocrisia - una cosa da cui non digiuniamo è la parola di Dio. Oggi facciamo festa.

Siamo abituati a definire la prima lettura, dal libro dell'Esodo, come i dieci comandamenti. Come catechism, è un elenco di cose divine da fare e da non fare che possono sembrare imposte dall'alto. Ma il Dio che pronunciò queste parole agli Israeliti è il Dio "che ti ha fatto uscire dal paese d'Egitto, dallo stato di schiavitù". Sono un dono del Dio che "ascolta il grido dei poveri" e "libera i prigionieri". In breve, i Dieci Comandamenti tracciano il campo da gioco della vita. Definiscono l'arena in cui la vita può essere goduta e identificano i confini oltre i quali la vita può essere persa. Visti così, sono un tesoro di saggezza, come dichiara il salmo.

La seconda e breve lettura della prima lettera di Paolo ai Corinzi è dolce-amara. Paolo mette la figura di Cristo crocifisso proprio di fronte a noi. Vuole che condividiamo la scoperta che il potere terreno e la saggezza umana sono annullati dalla croce. Ci sfida a prendere la via di un amore altruistico che confida nel potere salvifico di Dio.

Il vangelo ci mette alla prova. Ci mostra un Gesù arrabbiato e aggressivo che guida i commercianti fuori dal tempio. La sua passione per l'"adorazione in spirito e verità" prefigura la passione che sopporterà per difendere la verità.

Ci sono molti spunti di riflessione e preghiera qui. A questo punto del nostro viaggio quaresimale la parola di Dio ci pone la domanda: con quale forza e sapienza stiamo vivendo?

Vocations

As many would be aware, Archbishop Peter has accepted six men for admission to Corpus Christi College this year. They are: Jordan McBroom, Xavier Ryan, Greg Lewis, Gerard Martin, Anthony Wright and Andrew Tran.

A special thanks to the priests who have encouraged and supported these men over the past several years to bring them to this point. It is a reminder that the role of priests in parishes is an essential part of vocations work. Please pray for these men.

Open Day at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13th March from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A 'socially distanced' Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

Australian Catholics

The Autumn edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available from the Gathering Space at St Joseph's Church, St Fidelis, St Ambrose and Our Lady's. Each household is invited to take home a free copy.

Italian Prayer Group at St Fidelis

Every Monday from 10-12pm. Will recommence from Monday 1st March 2021. All are welcome.

Gruppo di preghiera italiano a St Fidelis ogni lunedì dalle 22 alle 12. Ricomincerà da lunedì 1 marzo 2021. Tutti sono i benvenuti.

CATECHIST CLASSES

If your child is ready to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year (and attends a government or independent school) catechist classes are held in the parish, at Our Lady's, on a Saturday morning. Please contact Janice O'Rourke Mob: 0408556862 or Jenny Perry on Ph: 9481 8282.

STATION OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

St Joseph Every Friday at 10am
St Fidelis Every Friday at 7pm (English and Italian)
St Ambrose Every Tuesday at 10.30am (Italian)
Our Lady's Every Wednesday (Italian) & Friday in English at 10.30am

Thank You!

Thank you St Ambrose's for the intentions and lovely flowers. It was an honour to be involved in St Ambrose Food Bank for many years. *Bobby & Kay*

ROSARY: EVERY SATURDAY AT 9AM VIA ZOOM

Members of the Brunswick Moreland Mission are gathering to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, at 9:00am on each Saturday during Lent. We'd love you to join us. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>
Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650
By telephone: +61 3 7018 2005

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:
Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation
Or make a donation: phone 1800 101 201, free call within Australia.

THE SACRED GROUND PRAYER GROUP

Are held at Our Lady Help of Christians (community room rear of presbytery) every Thursday 10.45am. All welcome.

SUNDAY CUPPA

7 March at St Ambrose parish after the 10.30am Mass
14 March at St Fidelis parish after 11am Mass, everyone welcome.

'STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA If anyone is interested in having the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their home to pray the rosary, please contact Dorothy Grum on 9387 6606 or 0439 389 430. Thank You.'

ST AMBROSE'S 'STATIONS OF THE CROSS'

They will be returning soon, keep a look out.

JOB VACANCIES can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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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: bbe.org.au.