

# BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

## Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of  
Christians



St Ambrose

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

5 December 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

Italian Mass:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

**OUR PRINCIPALS** from our **PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
will share their 2021 with us.

**This week it is the PRINCIPAL MAREE MCINTOSH and  
PUPILS from OUR LADY'S EAST BRUNSWICK**

**Enlivened by the life of Jesus with the love and compassion of  
Our Lady, we are a community of faith and learning;  
valuing diversity and respect for all.**

**To live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.  
(Micah 6:8)**

It is with great pride I reflect on the achievements of 2021 school year, albeit a year that once again has provided challenges to all in our community as we have continued to navigate the current pandemic.

As a community of love and compassion, we have recognised and addressed the many obstacles this year has brought not only to our students, their families but also our staff. We take great solace in the manner in which these obstacles were addressed in order to ensure all in our community remained informed, connected and reassured.

As educators, once again we were presented with opportunities to learn and to re-think our teaching and learning approaches in order to provide opportunities for our students to apply their knowledge in varying contexts using new and emerging technologies. We continued to focus on contemporary skills and worked on improving student's public speaking, presentations skills, creativity and confidence via digital platforms. We are certainly grateful for the health and wellbeing of our whole school community and grateful for the patience and understanding shown by all as we continued to explore further ways to remain connected.

The creation of the above school Vision incorporating the voices of students, their families and staff, has inspired us to set the future direction of our school focussing on incorporating the voices of all. With this in mind we have successfully developed a School Advisory Council which will provide ongoing support in relation to the following:

- The Religious Education Program
- Curriculum
- Enrolments and Enrolment Policy
- School resources
- Improvements in the school
- Annual Report to the school community
- Family Partnerships

We are excited about what next year will bring as we look forward to using our school Vision to frame our thinking and actions as we strive to provide contemporary and engaging learning experiences based on our rich faith tradition.

## First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch  
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and  
distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your  
head:

since God means to show your splendour to every  
nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through  
devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God  
has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of  
God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide  
shade for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his  
glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we  
are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,  
remembering how you have helped to spread the  
Good News from the day you first heard it right up  
to the present. I am quite certain that the One who  
began this good work in you will see that it is  
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God  
knows how much I miss you all, loving you as  
Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love  
for each other may increase more and more and  
never stop improving your knowledge and  
deepening your perception so that you can always  
recognise what is best. This will help you to become  
pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of  
Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness  
which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and  
praise of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign,  
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod  
tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the  
lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch  
of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and  
Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of  
Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the  
whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is  
written in the book of the sayings of the prophet  
Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Gospel of the Lord.**

# Here is a snap shot of the current School Representative Council's Highlights for the SCHOOL YEAR

Class	Highlights	Challenges	Looking forward to
<b>Prep R</b>	The best parts of the year have been coming back to school after remote learning and playing with our friends.	The hard parts of the year have been learning from home without our friends.	Our class is looking forward to moving to Grade 1 and making new friends.
<b>1V</b>	The best parts of the year have been learning more about maths and coming back to school after remote learning. Another big highlight was having Ms Virginia as our teacher.	The hardest part of the year was learning from home and trying to do our writing with our parents.	Our class is looking forward to getting a new teacher, a new classroom and making new friends as well as doing new activities.
<b>2B</b>	The best parts of the year have been coming back to school after remote learning and seeing our friends.	The hardest parts of the year have been going into remote learning and having to do remote learning.	Our class is looking forward to getting a new teacher and moving to a new classroom as well as meeting new people.
<b>3S</b>	The best parts of the year have been the first day of Year 3 and meeting new people in our class. Another big highlight was people receiving the role of Social Justice and SRC Leader. Another part was coming back from remote learning and being able to learn face to face.	The challenges of 2021 have been doing remote learning and going into lockdown as well as not being able to see our friends during the remote learning period. Another challenge was cancelling the Production after working very hard on it. Another challenge was coming back to school after remote learning and adjusting to normal school life again.	Our class is looking forward to the first day of Year 4 and moving to a new classroom, getting a new teacher and being in a class with friends next year. Our class is also looking forward to the holidays before next year.
<b>4S</b>	The highlights of the year have been coming back to school after remote learning and seeing all our friends again.	The challenges of the year have been going in and out of remote learning and experiencing technical issues.	Our class is looking forward to going on camp, getting a new teacher and learning new things.
<b>5L</b>	One of the highlights for our class this year has been going to camp and being able to participate in the Sports Carnival. We have also enjoyed coming back from school after lockdown and remote learning.	One of the main challenges of this year has been going into lockdown and doing remote learning.	We are looking forward to moving into Year 6 and becoming the leaders of the school. We are also looking forward to receiving leadership roles and our buddies.
<b>6H</b>	The highlights for our class have been going on camp, the triathlon and participating in 'Our Lady's Camp Idol'.	One of the main challenges of 2021 has been going into lockdown and continuing with remote learning as well as the COVID restrictions we have to follow at school. Other challenges have been missing out on Inter - School Sports the Book Week Parade and Italian Day.	Our year level is looking forward to moving onto high school and moving back into normal life next year.

## Quote from Pope Francis

*"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone".*

## Prayers of Intention:

**For the Sick:** *We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.*

**Recently Deceased:** *Joan Harrington, Mirka Konestabo, Cecelia Hardiman*

**Anniversaries:** *Francesca Auddino (1 month), Giuseppe Palmieri, Antonio Mercuri, Pasquale Mercuri, Angela Caruso, Maria Mastroianni, Famiglia Mercuri, Famiglia Mastroianni, Peri Ingiovanna, Acirro Pasquale*

## Hear the Words of the Prophet Isaiah

At the Communion Service at St Joseph's on TUESDAY 10am -10.30am.

"Here is your God.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

Gathering lambs in his arms.

Holding them against his breast

And leading to their rest the mother ewes." Isaiah 40:11

What did these words mean when they were written and what do they mean to you and me now?

## Congratulations

**Wedding:** *Cassandra Barilla & Peter Popovski*

**50th Wedding Anniversary:** *Jose & Veronica Rodriguez*

**First Holy Communion:** *Clea Polidana & Alana Kraljevski*

## Please find the attachment - Christmas Mass time for 2021.

Please take one home.

**Rosario e Riflessione in Italiano** nella Capella di San Fidelis; ogni Giovedì dalle 2pm-3pm, Si comincia il 9 di Dicembre.

Tutti benvenuti

**Rosary and Reflection in Italian** in the Chapel of St Fidelis. every Thursday from 2pm – 3pm, starting on 9th December 2021.

All welcome!

## Zoom Rosary

You are warmly invited to join us praying the Rosary over Zoom at 9:00am each Saturday during Advent.

<https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>

Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005.

## Tuesday Evening Meditation Group

We are breaking for the Christmas period. Our last session will be Tuesday, 14 December 2021. We will resume on Tuesday, 1 February 2022. (Jo Bennett - [jbennett@joeb.com.au](mailto:jbennett@joeb.com.au) ; 0401 148 133)

## Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Festive Music for Christmas, Wednesday 15 December, 7.00pm

Cathedral Brass, with Anthony Halliday, organ. Brett Kelly, conductor.

Cost \$25 - tickets online or at the door. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge. Online tickets: [www.trybooking.com/BVJPD](http://www.trybooking.com/BVJPD)

## Open Parish Meeting – February 2022.

As we are all aware, the lockdown processes delayed the opportunity to hold our planned Open Parish Meeting. With Christmas fast approaching, it is felt that the meeting should be held in February to start our parish processes and planning for 2022. Dates and times will be provided in the new year. The Parish survey information will inform the development of this meeting. The PPC looks forward to new ideas that you can contribute to the planning processes for the Parish.

## Saints of the Week

6 December, *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

7 December, *St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor, Memorial*

8 December, *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity*

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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)