

# BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

## Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of  
Christians



St Ambrose

CHRIST THE KING, Year B

21 November 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

**The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love. Pope Francis**

#### WHAT does the word LITURGY mean?

A well-known word that is close in meaning to 'liturgy' is the word 'worship'. But while worship can be done privately, 'liturgy' is always a public, group activity. Like many other 'churchy' words, 'liturgy' comes from the language used by the early church in its worship and writings – Greek. The word liturgy is derived from leitourgia which was used to refer to any public work or function exercised by the people as a whole. The people who do the work of liturgy are the people of God, all baptised.

A working definition of 'liturgy' that is helpful is 'The official, public worship of the Church'.

Some of the best-known forms of liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church are:

- [Mass \(or Eucharist\)](#)
- [Baptism](#)
- [Confirmation](#)
- [Marriage](#)
- [Funerals](#)
- [Penance \(or Confession\)](#)

#### Liturgical Seasons

The worship of the Catholic Church follows a calendar that is based on a cycle of liturgical seasons plus saints' days celebrated throughout the year.

Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life in a recurrent pattern. Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates Christ's conception, birth, death, resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During the course of the year we bring to mind past events and people to keep the mystery of faith alive today and we look forward to Christ's return in glory at the end of time. As pilgrim people, we are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and guided by the saints, our ancestors in the faith, living witness of God's unchanging love.

In some respects the church's way of keeping time conflicts with the secular calendar. The new liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent at the end of November, just as many other things like the academic year are coming to an end.

The next two seasons of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent** – a period covering the 4 Sundays before Christmas during which we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and anticipate his coming again at the end of time. The liturgical colour for Advent is violet.
- **Christmas** – the season of Christmas celebrates Christ's birth and early manifestations. It runs from 25<sup>th</sup> December to until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after 6<sup>th</sup> January. The liturgical colour for the Christmas season is white.

## First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. **Ṛ.**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **Ṛ.**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. **Ṛ.**

## Second Reading

Apocalypse Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse  
Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born  
from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth.  
He loves us and has washed away our sins with his  
blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve  
his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and  
power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is  
coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even  
those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth  
will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am  
the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who  
is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David  
our Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus  
replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or  
have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate  
answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and  
the chief priests who have handed you over to me:  
what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a  
kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this  
world, my men would have fought to prevent my  
being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is  
not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said  
Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I  
am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world  
for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are  
on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

**Gospel of the Lord.**

## Prayers of Intention:

**For the Sick:** *Elenor Foley, Gianfranco Berardi, Maria Grazia Zanchi, and Simone Berardi, Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuel Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, John McCann, Brendan Meredith, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Angela Pavano, Marie O'Toole, Joyce Chong, Noli Sagolili, Marilyn Figueroa, Reymond Figueroa, Reyhan Joseph Figueroa, Mary Refalo & Kevin Barry.*

**Recently Deceased:** *Giovanna Vaccaro, Bishop Bill Wright, Remigia Servello, Maria Coloca, Kierce O'Loughlin, Teresa Esposito, Mary Victoria Pauchnik and Ramsey Pereira.*

**Anniversaries:** *Robert Hardstaff, Susie Renald Family, James Renald Family, Adrian Renald Family, Tullio Liberatore, Tommaso Mastrantuono, Salvatore Oliveri (one Month), Sr Charlotte Miranda, Sr Lourdes Pereira, Gwenda Morabito, Alberto Bruno, Conceita Bruno, Antonio Esposito, Carmela Esposito, Kit D'Orsa El Herr Family and Patricia David.*

## **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

## **RCIA PROGRAM 2021 -2022**

The RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will begin for those who wish to be baptised/received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2022. The programme will commence on Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7:30pm to 8:30pm for enquiries and introduction at St Fidelis Parish Centre 49 Clarendon Street, Coburg Vic 3058. Then the programme will be held via zoom on every Thursday during the Advent season except Thursday 23 December 2021.

## **BIBLE QUESTIONS**

**How many Books in the Bible are written in Code?**

Only Two - The Book of Daniel (OT) and the Book of Revelation (NT). Why are they written in Code? What do they tell us about God and Hope? To find the answers join Sister Denise Hannebery at St Joseph's West Brunswick 10.00am - 10.30am each Tuesday for

**The Celebration of the Word with Communion.**

## **RENEWED SPIRITUAL SEARCH**

A new report released mid-last week has revealed that the experience of COVID-19 has caused many Australians to experience a renewed spiritual search.

A third of Australians have thought more about God (33 per cent), while three in ten (28 per cent) have prayed more. During the pandemic, almost half of Australians have thought more about the meaning of life (47 per cent) or their own mortality (47 per cent).

The collective experience of the pandemic has ushered a return to local and a focus on community, with half of Australians (53 per cent) valuing a strong local community more than they did three years ago.

The local church is a key element of the local community, with three in four Australians (76 per cent) agreeing the churches in their local area are making a positive difference to their community. research, conducted by McCrindle Research, surveyed 1,000 Australians and found that two-thirds of Australians are likely to attend a church service either online (64 per cent) or in-person (67 per cent) if personally invited by a friend or family member.

## **Discipleship: Embarking on Mission**

The life of a disciple is shaped by a number of significant experiences. Our baptism incorporates us into a life in Christ, but it is only the beginning. Each baptised person is called to embark on mission with Jesus, helping to bring healing and restoration to a hurting world. The call God places on our lives is personal and unique, and each of us is needed and necessary in building up the kingdom.

## **Red Wednesday: Stand up for persecuted Christians**

Across the Archdiocese, we are invited to stand in solidarity on Red Wednesday, 24 November, and to pray for those around the world who are suffering violence, persecution and death simply for professing their religious beliefs. A range of resources – including five ways to mark Red Wednesday – have been developed to help parishes, households and individuals mark this day in a meaningful way. And St Patrick's Cathedral will join other cathedrals, churches and prominent buildings around Australia and the world on 24 November by floodlighting the exterior of the cathedral in red and by holding a prayer vigil at 7.30pm.

Continue reading:

[Red Wednesday: Stand up for persecuted Christians](#)

## **Congratulations**

**Wedding:** *Clara Beech & Mitchell Edwards (St Ambrose's)*

**Baptism:** *Xavier Ronnie Michielin, Mia & DeAndre Fernando-Ponniah, Eliza Jones, Jaxon Xuereb & Maksymilian Jones*

**First Holy Communion:** *Alexandra Archibald, Kiara Louca & Samara Di Bartolo*

## **Holding the Light - An Ecumenical Service**

Sunday 28 November, 2021 @ 2:30pm – 4:00pm

St Peter's Eastern Hill, Anglican Church, 15 Gisborne St, East Melbourne. Now in its sixth year, the ecumenical service is invitational and held in a spirit of welcome. While it is held within the Christian tradition, it is open to anyone who might wish to join together and take part in a ritual and is a time for anyone to engage...engage in a period of quiet, lament, and prayer/reflection on the tragic results of violence and in hope for a better future for our communities.

## **Consultation for National Youth Ministry Network**

Thursday 25 November, 2021 @ 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Representatives of Australian Catholic youth and young adult ministries are invited to take part in a consultation to explore the establishment of a new national network. Hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation. Laity and Ministry (BCELM), with the Australian network of diocesa online consultation...

## **Advent Reflection**

The Season of Advent invites us to find strength and hope in God's presence with us. During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection:

### **St Ambrose:**

- Tuesday advent reflection in Parish House after Communion service in community room.
- Thursday Gospel discussion in Parish House after Mass with Trish.

### **Our Lady's:**

- Wednesday advent reflection after Communion service.
- Friday advent reflection after Mass

## **WORKING BEE AT ST JOSEPH'S**

Saturday 27 November from 10.30am. Come one, come all.

Meet at the Church.

## **Parish Zoom Cooking**

Date: Tuesday 30 November 4 pm. Cook: Bernadette

Food: Christmas plum pudding. Please join us via Zoom using <https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

## **Saints of the Week**

22 November, *St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

23 November, *St. Columban, Abbot Martyr*

24 November, *St Andrew Dunglac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

25 November, *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr*

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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)