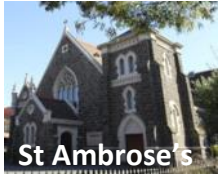


BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose's



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis'

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 3 November, 2024

Mass Times

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (OLHC)

Friday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST AMBROSE'S

Thursday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am —11:00am

ST JOSEPH'S

Wednesday 10:00am

Sunday

9:00am & 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am —11:00am

ST FIDELIS'

Tuesday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Italian Mass:

1st & 3rd Sunday

9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am —11:00am

Greetings from Fr Brendan Reed and Fr Tien Tran

My Great-Great-Grandfather moved from London to Melbourne with his second wife and the youngest five of his fifteen children, in 1853. He was a musician and set up Reed's Music Warehouse in Bourke Street. The family lived not far away, on the corner of Bourke and Swanston. Later they moved to King William Street, North Fitzroy. By the 1890s however, it was Brunswick that was home to the Reeds. My family history tells us that from about 1890 "Brunswick held the highest concentration of Reeds in Australia, for a generation if not for 50 years. If they weren't Reeds, they were Coleman, Biggs, Schmidt, Sandars or Hall, but they were all cousins." I still have a couple of siblings and some nephews and nieces in the local Brunswick and Moreland area.



I am very much looking forward to moving 'back home' and joining the Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community. I am curious to find out if I still have any distant relatives around the neighbourhood. For the last two decades I have been Parish Priest in the Deepdene, Balwyn, Camberwell, and Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parishes. In the last couple of weeks those five communities have amalgamated into the newly formed, *Our Lady of Pentecost Parish*. So, I am no stranger to partnered parish communities and I am looking forward to seeing what the particular characteristics, strengths and challenges face us at BMCC. Before any of that, however, I am simply looking forward to meeting you all and to getting to know you and your families. I am excited to be sharing this ministry with Fr Tien Tran who will be our Assistant Priest. We are both looking forward to sharing parish life with you and to serving the Catholic Community of Brunswick Moreland.

I would like to thank Fr Linh Pham, Fr Tho Tran and Fr Greg Burke for preparing the way for us and for making this transition so smooth and positive. Thanks also to our parish staff and in particular to John Maulden for assisting us in the move to St Fidelis Presbytery where Fr Tien and I will be living. Some of you will meet Fr Tien this weekend and then from 9 and 10 of November we will both do our best to get around to each of our Churches and introduce ourselves in person.

With best wishes, *Fr Brendan Reed*

Dear parishioners of Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community, My name is Tien Tran. I was born and grew up in the province of Dak Nong in the central highlands of Vietnam from a family of two children. My younger sister is currently studying and living in Melbourne. Both of my parents still live in Vietnam. I came to Melbourne at the age of eighteen as an overseas student, studying international trade.



I entered Corpus Christi Seminary, Carlton in 2017 and was ordained a priest in November last year. Since January this year I have been at St Peter's Parish, Epping. I enjoy sports, including soccer, tennis, and cycling. There are a lot of exciting reasons to be living in Moreland but one of them is certainly the cycling trails. I love the outdoors and I'm a quite social person. I like music and art (though I'm not good at either of them). I love good food and drink and enjoy cooking when I get the chance to do so. So moving to Brunswick and Moreland and working in the area is quite exciting for me since the areas are well known for lots of things that I take an interest in. I've been a priest for less than a year so there is still lots of learning to do. For this reason, first of all, I'm grateful and excited to be living and working with Fr Brendan that together with the parish staff I am sure we will make a great team. My hope coming to Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community is to continue and further the important and necessary works that Frs Linh, Greg and Tho have done since the three parishes coming together. I also look forward very much to my engagement with the students, parents and teachers at our three primary schools. Even though there are hopes and excitements that I look forward to in coming to BMCC, at the heart of being a priest is to be a shepherd to God's people. Thus, I'm truly looking forward to meeting and getting to know many of you in the weeks and months ahead. I hope that together we can hear afresh the Good News offered to us and so to be the good news for the world. *Fr Tien*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Psalm 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is

living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 6:58

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

REFLECTION

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is a day dedicated to prayer and remembrance for our departed loved ones, observed on Saturday, November 2. It is a cherished custom to visit the graves of the deceased on this day, and throughout November, to pray at their resting places, where their bodies, sanctified in life by the sacraments, await the General Resurrection. Many also leave flowers or other tokens of remembrance to honor their memory.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR ALL SOULS

Envelopes for November Masses in remembrance of our deceased relatives, friends, and the Holy Souls are now available in the pews of all BMCC Churches. These envelopes will be collected during Mass. Thank you for your participation in this meaningful remembrance.

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NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

You are welcome to add the names of your deceased relatives and friends—our Holy Souls—to the remembrance book. It will be available on the stand in front of the Lectern starting November 1st and will remain there throughout the month.

SAVE THE DATE - EARLY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Come and join 'Our Help of Christians' parishioners for an early Christmas Dinner after mass on Saturday 30th of November.

Everyone across the mission welcome as we look forward to an evening of laughs and new memories.



Venue: Empress Hotel, 714 Nicholson St Fitzroy.

Time: 6:15pm onwards

RSPV by 16th November.

Call or text Lina on 0414371962.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2025 ON SALE NOW!

Columban Calendars are available for \$12.00 each at the St Vincent de Paul stall in the church foyer.

Get ready for 2025!

All proceeds support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's work in our parishes, helping those in need.

ADVENT PROGRAM BOOKLET LIGHT FROM WOLLONGONG DIOCESE

Available at St Joseph's Piety Stall. A daily program of readings for the season of Advent. Price: \$5.50

ALPHA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

A national two-day Catholic Conference that seeks to equip and empower leaders to explore Alpha as a catalyst for intergenerational renewal.

You can attend a single day at 50% discount. Apply discount code: SINGLEDAY and add a note in comments nominating the day you wish to attend. You may also add no previous experience with Alpha.

Conference Details: **8 - 9 November 2024**

Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy

Information & registration :

www.generationsconference.com.au

For more information contact Margaret Trainor :
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PODCAST: THE PAPAL VISIT TO INDONESIA



On the podcast Talking Indonesia, Jemma Purdey (St Joseph's parishioner) recently chatted with Fr Bagus Laksana SJ, the Rector of Sanata Dharma University in Yogyakarta, about Pope Francis' recent visit to his country. It was the third papal visit to this Muslim majority country, which is also home to almost 9 million Catholics.

To listen to the Podcast visit:

(<https://indonesiaatmelbourne.unimelb.edu.au/talking-indonesia-the-papal-visit>)

ALERT: FRAUDULENT EMAIL NOTICE

Dear Parishioners,

We want to inform you about a scam email that has been reported, supposedly from Father Linh.

The email is from the address: parishoffice7293@gmail.com.

Please be aware that this is not a legitimate communication.

Do not reply to this email or provide any personal information. The correct email address for Father Linh is linh.pham@cam.org.au

Thank you for your vigilance and for helping keep our community safe.

BAPTISM



The Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community joyfully welcomes **Felix Samuel Guler Chee** through the holy sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Joseph's Church.



A prayer for the month of November

God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love
all the people we have known and
who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls
we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses
who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members,
knowing that they also pray for us.



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PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE'S	OLHC	ST FIDELIS'	ST JOSEPH'S
RECENTLY DEC'D	Thelma Papi		Margaret Patricia O'Neill	
ANNIVERSARIES			Santo Failla, Vincenzo Martino, Carmela Borrelli, Raffaele Monea, Annunziata Grazia & Vincenzo Cardillo, Domenico & Domenica Russo, Domenico, Carmela & Antoni Veneziano, Giuseppe Masini, Umberto & Vilma Sansico, Duggan Family, Terrence Sheehan.	Terry, Danny, Molly, Errol Walsh; Janice, Veronica, James Wyllie; Michael Gurry, Terry Hume, Jenniffer Tucker, Brian Lowry

Please Note: We encourage all parishioners to access the newsletter on our website at <https://bmcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-newsletter>. Anniversary requests and newsletter items should be submitted by noon on Wednesdays.

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