



# BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Incorporating the Parishes of St Fidelis' (Moreland), St Joseph's (West Brunswick), St Ambrose's, and Our Lady Help of Christians (Brunswick & Brunswick East)

**Corpus Christi Sunday Year A**

**Sunday 7 June 2026**

### **The Reintroduction of Communion Under Both Kinds Part III: Take This All of You**

As we come to our final reflection on the action of the Eucharist and prepare to celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday this weekend, it is important to consider not only *what* we receive, but *how* we receive.

All who are baptised and have received their First Communion are invited to participate fully in the Eucharist, to do what Jesus himself asked of us: "Take, eat, and drink." We also recall his words: "Take this, all of you..." Jesus makes it clear that his self-giving gift is for all. It is not reserved for a select few, but offered freely to the whole community of believers.

Pope Francis reminded us that the Eucharist "is not a reward for the virtuous but medicine for the sick." We do not come to the Eucharist because we are already perfect, but because we are in need of healing, hope, and renewal.

For this reason, the disposition of our hearts is just as important as the act of receiving itself. We approach the altar with humility, aware that we cannot save ourselves. We stand in need of God's mercy, and we rely on one another as members of the Body of Christ. The Eucharist draws us into deeper communion, not only with Christ, but with each other.

It is important, therefore, to remember the communal dimension of the Eucharist. Communion is not simply an individual moment between "me and God." Rather, it is the whole Church, the Body of Christ, receiving from her Lord. We come forward together, are nourished together, and are sent forth together. Our reverence, then, includes an awareness of those around us.

In practical terms, as we reintroduce Communion from the chalice, this communal awareness invites us to be mindful of the health and well-being of others. Communion will be offered by drinking from the chalice, not by intinction (dipping the host into the chalice). Therefore, if you are unwell or experiencing symptoms of illness, we kindly ask that you refrain from receiving from the chalice at that time. This simple act of consideration is itself an expression of charity and respect for the wider community.

#### **Additional Communion Ministers Needed**

With the reintroduction of Communion under both kinds, additional ministers are needed to assist in this ministry. We are blessed to have many dedicated Communion ministers serving our parishes across the seven Sunday Masses. At present, however, there are more ministers at some weekend Masses than others. While more ministers are needed at all Masses, there is an urgent need for ministers at the following times: Saturday 5:00pm at Our Lady's, Saturday 6:00pm at St Fidelis, Sunday 9:00am at Our Lady's, and Sunday 5:00pm at St Joseph's. If you regularly attend one of these Masses, we warmly invite you to consider becoming a Communion Minister and serving in this ministry. Induction and training will be provided. Please click on this link <https://shorturl.at/Hsabi> or scan the QR code to register your interest. We will then contact you regarding induction, training, and rostering.



As we come forward to receive Communion this weekend, whether under one kind or both, may we do so with hearts open to transformation. Nourished by the Eucharist, may we become what we receive, and be sent into the world as living signs of the love of Christ for the world.

*Fr Tien*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

# BMCC NEWS AND EVENTS

## THE RITE OF WELCOME

This Sunday at St Ambrose, the Baptism Rite of Welcome will be celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass for families presenting their children for baptism over the coming month at BMCC parishes. Hospitality is followed after Mass with a special welcome to the families presenting their children for baptism to stay, connect, and celebrate with the parish community.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### WINTER APPEAL 2026

Next weekend, our parish will hold the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. As the colder months set in, many individuals and families in our community are facing hardship and struggling to meet basic needs.

A second collection will be taken up at all Sunday Masses on 13 and 14 June. Your generosity will help St Vincent de Paul provide practical assistance, including supermarket vouchers and support through St Vinnies shops, offering hope, dignity and care to those most in need.

Please support this important appeal as generously as you can. A St Vincent de Paul representative will speak at Masses and be available to answer any questions.

Donations can also be made online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or by calling 13 18 12. Thank you for your support of those experiencing hardship in our community.

## THREE WINTER NIGHTS WITH MATTHEW



We were delighted to welcome over 30 people to our first session on Tuesday 2 June. Thank you to all who attended and helped make it such a meaningful evening.

The series continues on:

• **Session 2: Tuesday 9 June** – Matthew's Gospel – the text

• **Session 3: Tuesday 16 June** – Praying Matthew's Gospel  
Time: 7.30 pm – 8.45 pm. Venue: Luby Centre, St Ambrose's. These evenings offer an opportunity to deepen our understanding of Scripture and reflect together on its meaning for our lives today. All welcome.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Next weekend, we joyfully celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with the children of the Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community across our parish schools.

- Saturday 13 June, 5pm Mass – Children from Our Lady Help of Christians and Children from the Parish Sacramental Program
  - Saturday 13 June, 6pm Mass – Children from St Fidelis'
  - Sunday 14 June, 9am Mass - Children from St Joseph's
- Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they receive the Eucharist for the first time. May this be a moment of grace, faith, and deep joy for our whole community.

## WEDDING

The Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community extends prayerful best wishes to .....on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday,

## RECENTLY DECEASED AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for those recently deceased, and let us keep their families in our thoughts and prayers, especially for: **Idelma Fabris : Funeral will be held at St Ambrose's on Tuesday 9th June at 11am.**

We also remember in prayer those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: **Edward Lekamge, Carmela Feroce, Domenico Caputo, Antonio Isaia, Filomena Vinci, Carlo Pilatti, Henry Michael Travers, Betty Jean Moore.**

## BEYOND BMCC NEWS AND EVENTS

### MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The Archdiocese of Melbourne invites all parishioners to take part in the annual *Corpus Christi Procession*, a public celebration of the Eucharist and a powerful witness of faith in the heart of the city.

This significant event brings together parishes, families, schools, and communities from across Melbourne to honour the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The procession includes prayer, hymns, Benediction, and a solemn walk through the city streets, culminating in a communal celebration of faith.

All invited to attend and participate in this important archdiocesan gathering.

**Date:** Sunday, 7th June

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne (and surrounding city procession route)

For more information, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/melbourne-corporis-christi-procession>

### PARISH WEBSITE

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## BMCC AMALGAMATION—EMMAUS PARISH

### EMMAUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

you walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus  
when their hearts were uncertain and their hope unclear.

Walk with us now, as we journey together as the  
Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community.

Open our ears to listen deeply, our hearts to trust your presence,  
and our minds to understand where you are leading us.

As we discern the call to become one parish, help us recognise you in our  
shared stories, in prayerful conversation, and in the breaking of the bread.

Give us courage to let go of what has been,  
grace to honour all that has shaped us,

and hope to embrace the future you are unfolding among us.

May your Spirit unite us in mission, so that, journeying together, we may bear  
witness to your love and justice in our world.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

### Thanksgiving via EFT

**St. Joseph's Parish, West Brunswick :** BSB: 083-347 Church Account: 455 199 263

**St. Fidelis' Parish, Moreland:** BSB: 083-347 Church Account: 665 217 159

**Catholic Parish Brunswick & Brunswick East ( St. Ambrose & Our Lady Help of Christians ):** BSB: 083 347 Church Account: 245 201 273

**To support your Priests: Brunswick Moreland Presbytery Account**

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### CHURCHES & MASS TIMES

#### Our Lady Help of Christians

49 Nicholson Street, East  
Brunswick 3057

Friday 9:15am

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

#### St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Road,  
Brunswick 3056

Tuesday 9:15am

Saturday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

#### St Joseph's

183 Hope Street,  
West Brunswick 3055

Wednesday 9:15am

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

#### St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon Street, Coburg 3058

Thursday 9:15am

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

#### Confessions

St Ambrose's

Every Saturday at 10:30am

