

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

27 March 2022

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:

2nd & 4th 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:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:
10:30am – 11:00am

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

Stations of the Cross during Lent is an excellent way of preparing for the Passion and meditating on its meaning for our lives of faith. The following opportunities are provided.

St Joseph's	Friday 3:00pm follow by Divine Mercy and Benediction
St Fidelis	Friday 7:00pm (Both Italian and English)
St Ambrose's	Tuesday 10:20am (Italian)
Our Lady's	Friday 10:30am

Anointing Masses are deeply spiritual experiences that help us feel the embrace of God as we age and deal with illness.

St Joseph's	Wednesday 30 th , March 10:00am
St Fidelis	Friday 1 st , April 9:15am
St Ambrose's	Thursday 7 th , April 10:00am (Lunch in Luby Centre)
Our Lady's	Friday 8 th , April 10:00am (Lunch in the Hall)

If parishioner's need to be picked up please ring the Parish Office during office hours. All welcome!

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

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

Recently Deceased:

Irma Ferrante and Matthew Tenace

Anniversaries: *Clara Tantalo, Nancy, Norman and Elsie McDonald, Daniel McCarthy and Vito Ventura.*

SOLEMN MASS AND DEVOTIONS FOR FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

SOLEMN MASS and Devotions for
FEAST of DIVINE MERCY
Sunday 24th April, 2022 2.30- 4.30 pm
St. Joseph's church, West Brunswick
Fliers at back of church

BBE Next Pastoral Planning Session

The second of five sessions for all parishioners to develop a plan for our future will be held after weekend masses at Our Lady's and St Ambrose on 2nd and 3rd April. Together we'll extend our search for sources of Jesus' life among us and prioritise areas we want to nourish and take in new directions over the next four years. Please come along and join in shaping our future.

Reconnecting and Renewing

Parishioners of St Joseph's are actively engaging in a process of Reconnecting and Renewing relationships with all parishioners both old and new. As we emerge from our restrictions, parishioners are working to engage, reconnect and renew relationships through personal phone calls, letter drops and conversation.

Parishioners have combined prayer with a systematic, planned and intentional method aiming to build up the assembly of parishioners. This will be done through the participation in the sacramental and pastoral life of West Brunswick. And more broadly in the Brunswick Moreland Mission. Margaret Trainor will speak and encourage parishioners at Masses this weekend, explaining the timeline and hopes for this prayerful movement.

St Joseph's Feast: Garden Party a Great Success.

Thank You to our Working Bee group who prepared our Celebration after Mass last Sunday. And to all who baked delicious goodies, who served the tea and coffee and to all the Parishioners who stayed and enjoyed our parish celebration. Flowing on from this

St Joseph's Primary School had a very special Paraliturgie on Monday to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day. Pupils from Prep to Grade Six read the story of St Joseph in Luke's Gospel, they sang and prayed special prayers and shared what it means to belong to St Joseph's Community.

Ukraine Emergency Appeal Update

We are pleased to say with your generous support Salesian Missions Australia has raised over \$48,000 for Ukraine Relief. Thank you for your support as we continue to be united and pray for peace.

Please find the link to a video showing just some of this critical work https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=geNNdsfS_pc you can also visit our website for details. www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au

Project Compassion 2022

Lent is the season for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Project Compassion is an excellent way of connecting our prayer and fasting to a practical good. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the Parish, or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Sacramental Life

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission

Wedding Congratulations this weekend to:

Adriana Giuliani & Adam Vracknos

Scripture Reflection and Communion Service

at St Joseph's on Tuesday at 10.00am – 10.30am

Come and reflect on the Scripture Readings of the day.

"the mighty Lord is with us; God is for us a refuge and strength.

A helper close at hand." Psalm 45

Who is EZEKIEL and what is his message for you?

Jesus in the Gospel heals a paralysed man after 38 years of suffering. Imagine what Jesus can do for you and me?

All Welcome!

Wednesday 10:00am – 11:00am at Our Lady's Community Room, communion service and gospel reflection in Italian

"Cura di se con la Bibbia". All welcome!

Lenten Gospel Discussion

On each of the Thursdays of Lent, there is the opportunity to gather for a Gospel reflection after the 10.00am Mass at St Ambrose's. We meet in the Spirituality Room in St Ambrose's Community Centre. We are using Fr Michael Elligate's Lenten program, 'Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent'. Booklets are provided for participants.

Rosary via Zoom

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

<https://zoom.us/j/92496488650> Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005."

Concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Mia Sorella in Concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday 1 April, 2022 6.00pm - 7.00pm

\$25 - tickets online or at the door. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge. Online tickets and further details: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRYBS>

The concert comes highly recommended; truly memorable event. Wiradjuri Soprano Shauntai Batzke, the Italian-Australian Soprano Michelle Francis Cook, and Australian songbird, Soprano Helen Ling combine to present songs that inspire with soaring vocal lines and thrilling harmonies with an array of genres including original repertoire and unique arrangements of favourites.

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Safety of Children and All Vulnerable People

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