

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

28 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:

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

HELLO Parishioners! We are the PARISH SECRETARIES.

My name is Jenny Di Valentino

My Primary School Days were here in this Parish, at Our Lady's East Brunswick. I grew up just behind the school, I had a beautiful upbringing by my wonderful catholic/religious parents - who were parishioners of OLHC and visited/attended church most days of their lives. I have five siblings, I am a mother of two and a wife of a traditional Italian gentlemen. I completed my secondary Education at the Academy of Mary Immaculate. My previous job was within the Supply Chain industry as Inventory controller/supply planning, and customer service, it truly educated me in the areas of relationships and management skills. It was two years ago that Fr David Cartwright employed me as the parish secretary at St Fidelis Moreland. My office is in the Presbytery where our two priests live, Fr Linh and Fr Greg. They both lead very busy lives but I do see them coming in and out. St Fidelis is a beautiful church for weddings and Baptisms so I enjoy taking couples over to the Church, to see how they will plan their Wedding Ceremony. But most of my office time is spent on the phone, answering enquiries, taking messages about Funerals and Anniversaries, finance work and a number of administrative duties. I also enjoy having a supportive chat to parishioners who need a listening ear. It is a very busy centre of activity and I am glad I am here for all our parishioners. I have built a rapport and established a lovely relationship with many parishioner's. I have been fortunate in having supportive Father's since I commenced at St Fidelis two years ago, but I'm extremely appreciative that it has been extended to my family outside of work hours.

My Name is Enza Cannizzo

I am very much a local girl! I was born in Brunswick and I was baptised at St Ambrose Church. I started school at St Ambrose Primary School but when I was seven years of age my family moved to Fawkner so I continued my education at St Matthew's North Fawkner. My Secondary education was at Fawkner High and then I went to Business College before joining the Taxation Office and working there for several years. I answered an advertisement for a Secretary at St Joseph's West Brunswick. I am still here but I have seen many Parish Priests come and go. Father Paul Taylor was the first, then Fr Pat Harvey, then 4 months with Monsignor Greg Bennet, and now Frs Linh Pham and Fr Greg Bourke. It is very different at St Joseph's now because our priests live at Moreland but I still work from the office and welcome parishioners who knock on the door or those who ring for information. I keep the rosters up to date and there are so many records that must be updated and filed. I still feel my office is the Hub of St Joseph's and I am there for all parishioners.

My name is Sandra Laybourne

I was born in India but came to Australia when I was very young. All my schooling was in the Sunshine East and Tullamarine area of Melbourne. After completing my education I became a Secretary and that has been my role for many years and it is what I enjoy here now. I am also a wife and mother and a new grandmother as well as being a parishioner of St Martin de Porres Parish at Avondale Heights. It was in 2019 that Fr Joel Peart advertised for a Parish Secretary for the parish of St Ambrose Brunswick and Our Lady's East Brunswick. My office is at St Ambrose and it is there that my computer is kept busy, preparing the Parish Newsletter, in consultation with our priests and our two other secretaries. There are many phone calls, emails, and enquiries. I have become a listening compassionate ear for so many parishioners and I can direct those in need to our Soup Kitchen at Our Lady's, or to St Vincent de Paul or to our priests. Parish Secretary can be a very demanding ministry but it is very rewarding.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.

2. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

3. His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. R.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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: *Corrada Cimati*

Anniversaries: *Frank Morris, Patricia Morris, Katherine Banon, Stan D’Souza, Maria Tata, Matteo Giliberto, Giovanni Cannizzo*

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 4 December 2021, at 10am, at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will ordain five new priests for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Mass will be broadcast live to community TV channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and livestreamed to the [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#).

Dear Parishioners

We are delighted that our parishes are able to gather again for Masses. It brings joyfulness into the lives of our parishioners. A big thank you to our Parish Pastoral Councils and volunteers across our parishes, who have been working hard to put together a Covid19 safe plan. While we welcome the opening up of our churches and the opportunities for gathering, we remain mindful and respectful that many in our community are feeling cautious and anxious, and that our communities still cannot gather fully and united as we would wish, due to vaccination status.

With current restrictions, our Churches have the capacity to accommodate all those who are fully vaccinated. However, for those whose vaccination status is unknown, the number is restricted to one person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 50 people.

A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19, for the purposes of attending a Place of Worship, if they:

- have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, or
- have a valid and authorised medical exemption to COVID-19 vaccination or
- are aged under 12 years and 2 months.

If a person can show evidence of any of the above, they can enter as fully vaccinated. If they cannot show evidence of any of the above, they are not considered fully vaccinated and may only participate in groups that allow for unknown vaccination status.

For parishioners of our Brunswick – Moreland Mission, an additional Mass will be provided each Sunday afternoon at 3pm for those who do not wish to provide their vaccination status.

- Sunday 28 November 2021 at St Ambrose's Church.
- Sunday 5 December 2021 at St Fidelis' Church.
- Sunday 12 December 2021 at St Fidelis' Church.

BBE PARISH WEEKEND

Have you expressed your interest for our Parish Weekend on 11-13 March? Bargain price for families of \$60 per family- all meals and lots of fun for young and old! Email:

Bernadette.mercieca@acu.edu.au

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.

FEAST OF ST. ANDREW-APOSTLE TUESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

“Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and ANDREW and he said to them: ‘Come after me and I will make you fishers of my people’.”

Join Sister Denise Hannebery at the Tuesday Communion Service (10.00am—10.30am) to hear Jesus say to you “Come after me and I will make you fishers of my people.”

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING ADVENT - ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers will be from 3pm to 4pm on Friday 3rd, 10th, and 17th December 2021. A prayerful time in preparation for Christmas- a chance to stop and recharge.

ZOOM ROSARY

You are warmly invited to join us praying the Rosary over Zoom at 9:00am each Saturday during Advent, commencing this Saturday 27, November. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>
Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022

Columban Calendars are on sale at \$10 each from the St Vincent de Paul Stall in the Churches.

A variety of Christmas cards are also available. Be ready for 2022! All proceeds go towards the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish which cares for people in need

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RESORATION

Church Restoration commenced last Thursday due to an Insurance Claim regarding water ingress and subsequent damage. The Adoration Chapel cannot be used until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

Names of our deceased relatives and friends and for the Holy Souls are on a stand in front of the Lectern. You are welcome to add a name/names on the blank sheet on the back of the folder.

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 with Trish after Mass.

Our Lady's:

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

Sacramental Life

First Holy Communion

St Joseph's was celebrated last week 20 and 26 November.

St Fidelis this Sunday 28, November, we welcome *Sierra Carnes*.

Our Lady Help of Christians Friday 3, December at 6pm.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith lives. 'Thank you' to all who have prepared the children, especially their teachers and parents.

Baptism: The Christian communities of Moreland and Brunswick catholic Mission welcome our new members through sacrament of baptism this weekend: Alexandra Macdonald, Zoe Chisholm, Daniel Leign Clymo, Evie Critelli and Rose Hong An Chew.

Feast of St Ambrose

A Feast in honour of St Ambrose will be celebrated at Mass next Sunday 5 December at 10.30am. Please join us for Morning Tea after Mass. All welcome!

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass at:

- ◇ St Fidelis': Tuesday 14th December at 9:15am
- ◇ St Joseph's: Wednesday 15th December at 10am
- ◇ St Ambrose's Thursday 16th December at 10am
- ◇ Our Lady's Friday 17th December at 10am

Final Soup Kitchen for the Year

The Heart to Hearts soup kitchen at Our Lady's will close for the year on 16 December 2021, and will re-open on Thursday 5 February 2022. A special thanks to Gerry McCabe and all parish volunteers who enable this great ministry to continue.

Parish Zoom Cooking

Date: Tuesday 30 November at 4pm. Cook: Bernadette
Food: Christmas plum pudding. Please join us via Zoom using <https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

Saints of the Week

30 November, St. Andrew, Feast, Apostle

3 December, St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial

4 December, St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor, Memorial

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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