

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 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

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN AGAIN!

It is wonderful that this weekend we are able to open all our Churches and welcome people to gather once again for the celebration of Mass. As we return to our Churches we will still need to follow a number of protocols, to keep everyone safe and minimise any chance of the spread of the virus, such as the number of people permitted to gather at each Mass, showing evidence of vaccination (or exemption, or under 16 years), wearing masks indoors and sanitising hands before receiving Holy Communion.

All parishioners will need to check in on arrival for Mass via the Services Victoria QR app which now has the facility to link your vaccination certificate. For those unable to do that, pen and paper will be provided for manual check in.

For parishioners of our Brunswick - Moreland Mission, who do not wish to provide their vaccination status, an additional Mass will be provided each Sunday afternoon at 3pm at St Ambrose's Church 287 Sydney Rd, Brunswick Vic 3056. Booking for attending this Mass is required due to the cap on participants - only 30 people indoors.

Weekday Masses and Communion services are back to normal and are open for both people who are fully vaccinated and those whose vaccination status is unknown. Limit will be 30 people at each Mass/Communion service.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these COVID challenging times.

For a Synodal Church: *Communion, Participation and Mission*

Staff, volunteers and clergy who are interested in understanding the Synod journey and how they might engage and consult within their own communities.

There will be two sessions held, which you are invited to attend, in order to learn more about:

- What is the Synod on Synodality?
- How can we contribute as a local community to the preparatory phase?
- Experience the discernment process as a participant so you might learn to facilitate your own community discernment for the Synod consultation in 2022.

The sessions (same content for each session, repeated at different days/times) will be held on:

- Tuesday November 23rd, 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- Thursday November 25th, 7.30 - 9.00pm

Both sessions will be hosted online (via zoom) and registration for the sessions is via the trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXX>
For further information or for assistance with bookings please contact the *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal* via email: proclaim@cam.org.au

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

Gianfranco Berardi, Maria Grazia Zanchi, and Simone Berardi, Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuell 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: *Fernanda Garcia Ibanez,*

Vincenza (Nannina) Ragusa, Giuseppe D'Anna, Francesca Auddino, Teresa Esposito, Mary Victoria Pauchnik & Giovanni Di Iorio.

Anniversaries: *Antonio Coiro (1 year), Giovanni Scangis, Pietro Scangis, Felice Langone, Ralph Cananzi, Frank Giusieppi, Maria Papaleo, Angelo Antonia, Cavalieri Family, Scruci Family, Cuzzupi Family, Joseph Gauci, Rose Gauci, Angelo Rapa, Carmen Rapa, Joseph Rapa, Mary Kiomall, Charles & Edna Pereira and Albert Harris.*

REFLECTION by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him. It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming A Catholic?

Or may be you know a family member or a friend who is considering becoming a Catholic. We would like to invite you to take a closer look, by attending our formation sessions on "The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults "(RCIA). In these sessions we will provide information about the Catholic Church and what it teaches, in addition to taking a look at all your important questions relating to the faith. The programme will commence at the beginning of the Season of Advent - the last week of November 2021.

We are also in need of volunteers, to assist with preparing the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) programme. If you have experience or qualifications in catechesis, religious education or teaching and are able to assist us at St Fidelis and St Joseph parishes, we would be very grateful. This can be a very rewarding ministry and you would be supported by priests and our wonderful team of existing catechists, who would make you welcome, and they will be looking forward to working with you. For further information or to offer your expression of interest, please contact us via the parish email, St Fidelis moreland@cam.org.au; St Joseph's, brunswickwest@cam.org.au or phone 0452 180 037. All volunteers are required to meet the Safeguarding Standards.

Public lecture: "How Do We Know What We Don't Know?" by Bishop Michael McKenna

17 November, 2021, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

In 2021 the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) is celebrating 25 years of service to the Church. To mark the occasion, this free online lecture will look at how research and analyses undertaken by the NCPR have informed the planning for parish, school and other ministry developments and have supported major Church initiatives, including the Plenary Council.

Register: <https://www.acu.edu.au/ncpr25>

Consultation for National Youth Ministry Network

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 diocesan youth ministry coordinators (ANDYMC), this online consultation is open to representatives from youth and young adult ministries in dioceses, religious orders, ecclesial communities, universities, schools, and organisations from around Australia. Register at:

https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/youth#ymc_2021

Families and Italian Masses at St Joseph

There will be no Italian and families Masses in November and December 2021.

Congratulations

John and Lina Borrelli celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Gospel Discussion

The weekly Gospel discussion will no longer be held via Zoom but will be face-to-face. Please note the change of day and time. It will now be held each Thursday morning at St Ambrose's Parish House following the 10.00am weekday Mass. All are warmly invited to join the discussion. Each week we will reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday.

Meditation Every Tuesday Evening at 7.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome, newcomers and experienced meditators alike. If you would like to participate, please call Jo Bennett (0401148133) or email jbennett@joeb.com.au

Parish Cooking Club

Please join us on Tuesday 16 November 4 pm via Zoom using <https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

You can cook along or just watch. Cook: Stephanie. Food: Vegetarian lentil kebabs . All welcome

BBE – Parish Weekend - Doxa Camp,

Keep this date free: Friday 11th March to Sunday 13th March 2022. More details will be made available closer to the date.

Looking for a House to Rent

Family in our parish is looking for a three-bedroom house in Brunswick area to rent. Please ring: Silvia on 0481 353 455 if you can help. Thank you.

FEAST of the DEDICATION of ST JOHN LATERAN BASILICA

Communion Services with Sister Denise Hannebery, will resume on Tuesday 9th November (10am - 10.30am).

The Pope's Cathedral church in Rome is St John Lateran. It was the first Basilica built in the 4th Century by Constantine and has been rebuilt several times. The 17th century Basilica is the present Basilica.

In the Scripture reading of the day, St Paul reminds us that we are the Temple/Basilica of God. He asks the Corinthians and us: "*Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?*" 1Corinthians 3:17

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

9 November, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – *Feast*

10 November, St Leo the Great, Pope – *Memorial*

11 November, St Martin of Tours, Bishop – *Memorial*

12 November, St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr – *Memorial*

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