

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28 May 2023

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

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

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP COUNCILS

This 2023 Pentecost weekend, we are commissioning the BMCC Evangelization and Stewardship Councils new members, during the Masses. We are grateful and pleased that the new members of these Councils have participated in the discernment process and accepted their positions, as representatives for BMCC's new structure. We congratulate and welcome **Evangelization Council members:**

Agnes Dodds, Tony Clack, Margaret Trainer, Linda Lippens, Marl Kelly and Roger O'Halloran.

The Evangelisation Council will work in synodality to animate the mission of our parishes. They will provide strategic oversight of our activities and encourage all in a spirit of hope and faith.

Stewardship Council members are Claire Vitale, Carl Foti, Margaret Duggan, Richard Lim, Rowena Gonzales and Brian Doyle. The Stewardship Council will work in synodality to ensure the ongoing sustainability of our parishes so that we can continue to build on our work, to be the light of Christ in this important and challenging ministry, in the mission of the church.

Also with deep gratitude, BMCC parishioners, together with the priests, thank former members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils for their contribution to the life of our parishes over recent years. Their gifts and talents have enabled others to live out their Baptismal call in many ways. We are indeed grateful.

ST JOSEPH'S FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



St Joseph's Parish are undertaking a program of necessary maintenance works commencing in June. We are undertaking a special fundraising campaign to meet the costs of \$60,000.

An Open Letter to parishioners is provided at the parish with information and banking details. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

First Reading**Acts 2: 1-11***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R) *Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading**1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation**In 14:23****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!**Gospel****In 20:19-23***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

For the Sick: *Mdm Lim, Lewis Calleja, Gina Denk, Bernadette Steward, Cynthia D'Souza*

Recently deceased: *Vincenza La Rosa, Maria Iacano, Nik Bradley, Harry Aringay, Rosa Adigrati. Antonio Falcone, Maria Messina, Nunziata Trinchera, Victor Ciantar, and Rosalia Mollica*

Anniversaries: *Renato Stefani (1 month), Mario Giampietro (1 year), Guido & Mary Scicluna, Mary Tauce, Agnese Casagrande, Augusta Cecchin, Pasquale Amoroso, Maria Cippolone, Pasquale & Angela Monea*

OUR PENTECOST THE BIRTH OF SOMETHING NEW

To imagine what the future might bring is always a challenge. Who could imagine that the first aeroplane flew only 120 years ago and 120 years later, passengers now rocket into space?

The Gospel writers could not have imagined that there would be a Vatican City and billions of baptised Christians would be reading their Gospels. What do we imagine our Church will be like in 120 years? To imagine the future, God constantly brings us back to reflect on the past. Three symbols of Pentecost image for us the past, the present and the future.

In the first book of the Bible, Genesis we read that in the desert, at night, a pillar of fire signalled that even in darkness God is there. Before the Exodus, the Chosen People wanted to demonstrate to God and the people their superior Intelligence, by building a tower. God destroyed the Tower of Babel and introduced the confusion and the chaos of many languages.

In the second creation story, when God creates the human person, it is into the nose of the clay Adam, that the breath of God is blown. So, from our past heritage, into the present and into the future the three symbols endure:

1. the fire of the Spirit (tongues of Fire)
2. and the one language of love
3. and the surprising energy of the wind (breath of God) as it howls and blows us into action.

As we commence this new time of the Mission, we can see this is our Pentecost.
The birth of something new.

REFLECTION BY Fr GREG BOURKE

FATHER GREG'S FAREWELL

WILL TAKE PLACE



Fr Greg Bourke will offer Masses on following dates:

4th June St Ambrose at 10:30am

11th June OLHC at 9am

18th June St Joseph's 9am

25th June St Fidelis at 11am

The St Fidelis Parish Social Committee cordially invite parishioners to a luncheon in the St Fidelis School hall on Sunday, 25th June after the 11am Mass.

This will also be an opportunity to farewell Fr. Greg Bourke as he pursues his next appointment.

If you would like to attend, for catering purposes, booking are required. Please contact the St Fidelis Parish office on 93861224 or email: moreland@cam.org.au. There is no cost involved but a small donation at the door would be much appreciated.



Catholic mission special collection will be taken next weekend. Thank you for your support

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

"In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity."

Prayer is nothing more than lifting our hearts or minds to God. God, the Eternal Present, is at all times beckoning us towards deeper union with him. Pope Francis reminds us that the fruit of prayer is charity – selfless love. We cannot spend true time with God in prayer and remain untransformed by his charity. It is this encounter with Charity itself – with God – that impels us to respond with charity towards others.

"If we want life, let us give life. If we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."

In his address to Congress, Pope Francis cited the Golden Rule as a solid foundation for promoting the common good. In our individualistic society, we often forget our vocation to promote the common good. It's difficult to see how our actions impact others. Pope Francis reminds us to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Mt 7:12)



COMMUNION SERVICE with SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Tuesday at 10am at St Joseph's

"I will send the Holy Spirit to you ... The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said to you."

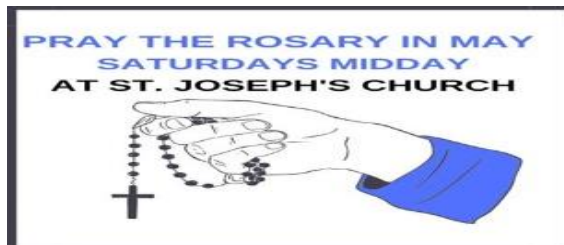
John 16:5;14:26

Tuesday 10:00am at St Ambrose's (English and Italian)

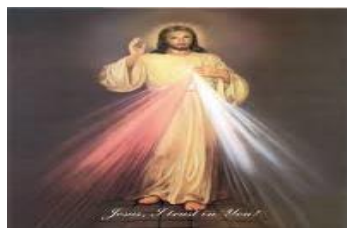
Wednesday 10:00am at Our Lady's Community Room, (Italian).
"Cura di se con la Bibbia".

All welcome.

ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY



DIVINE MERCY



St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer is held each Friday at 3pm. We welcome you to join us for an hour of prayer.

ST FIDELIS' PIETY STALL



St Fidelis piety stall has been restocked with new supplies. Please do visit the stall.

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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