#### Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am

During Covid19 Restrictions, confessions will be heard from the Sacristy door at the rear of St Fidelis Church, Clarendon Street, Moreland. Penitents must socially distance with no more than five waiting at any given time.

#### **RCIA**

Do you know anyone who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic? Early next year we will be holding information/education sessions for adults who are seeking to be baptised or brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please ring the Parish Offices.

# **Jamberoo Abbey Retreats**

Retreat begins 3rd January 2021 and goes for 40 days. For more information see our website: www.jamberooabbey.org.au

# 'Cuppa'after Mass

There will be a 'cuppa' after the 10.30am Mass at St Ambrose's today to celebrate the Feast of St Ambrose (which fell on 7 December). We will gather in St Ambrose's Community Centre, all are welcome!

# **Christmas Eve Family Mass**

At the 5.00pm Family Mass at Our Lady's on Christmas Eve, all children are warmly invited to come dressed as people from the Nativity scene, e.g. shepherds, angels, kings, Mary or Joseph. Please come early

# **Christmas Mass Times**

#### **Christmas Eve Masses 24 December**

5.00pm Family Mass at Our Lady's
6.00pm Family Mass at St Fidelis'
7.00pm Family Mass at St Joseph's
9.00pm Christmas Mass at St Ambrose's
10.00pm Christmas Mass at St Fidelis'

# Christmas Day Masses – 25 December

9.00am Christmas Mass at St Joseph's
9.00am Christmas Mass at Our Lady's
10.30am Christmas Mass at St Ambrose's
11.00am Christmas Mass at St Fidelis'

#### Contact

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#### Please see Zoom Links':

Rosary: Every Saturday at 9am:

During COVID restrictions the Rosary is recited over Zoom at 9:00am Saturday
VIA ZOOM https://zoom.us/j/7750427546

# Sunday 11:00 am Mass to be streamed on the parish

https://www.facebook.com/St-Fidelis-Parish-Moreland-183834618311776/

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm7GEgt-p2odZexFuLSq92Q

#### **Zoom Meditation**

session each Tuesday- 7.30 pm

Tuesday 15th December will be our last session for the year. We will resume on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. ZOOM LINK: https://zoom.us/j/99355766687

# Wedding Congratulations and welcome into the Church through sacrament of Baptism

**Wedding:** Giuseppe Manna & Maria Pitruzzello

**Baptism:** Alyssa Romano, Estelle Infelice and Aemon Eltchelebi

# Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Rosary statue will be at the home of Pat O'Neil on 20 Dec & 27 Dec 2020. If you would like to have the Statue at your house ring Josie on 9386 8860.

# 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 bbe.org.au.

# Changing Chimes in Brunswick and Moreland Weekly Newsletter







St Joseph

St Fidelis

Our Lady help of Christians

St Ambrose

# Third Sunday of Advent Year B

# 13 December 2020

#### MASS TIME

#### St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Road, Brunswick 3056

Thursday 10:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Communion Service Tuesday 10:00 am

# Our Lady's

49 Nicholson Street, East Brunswick 3057

Friday 10:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Wednesday 10:00 am

#### St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon Street, Coburg 3058

Tuesday 9:15 am Friday 9:15 am Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am

# St Joseph's

183 Hope Street, West Brunswick 3055

Wednesday 10:00 am
Saturday 6:30 pm
(First Saturday only)
Sunday 9:00 am
5:00 pm

Communion Service Tuesday 10:00 am

#### **Christmas Reconciliation**

To help us in our spiritual preparation for Christmas, there will be extra times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at:

**St Ambrose's - Tuesday 15 December at 7.00pm – 8.00pm** (*Italian, Maltese and English*)

St Joseph's - Wednesday 16 December at 7.00pm - 8.00pm St Fidelis' - Thursday 17 December at 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### Confirmation

Congratulations to all our children who were confirmed last weekend and to those who will be confirmed this weekend. A special thank you to parents and teachers who journeyed with them on their faith journey. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation may God continue to pour His Spirit, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord upon you all.

# Melbourne Overseas Mission 2020 Appeal

(MOM) is a humanitarian organisation founded in 1968 by Cardinal James Knox, based on a Christian motivation of commitment to the poor with strong objectives to encourage self-help and self-reliance, respect human rights and enhance gender equality. Please donate directly to Melbourne Overseas Mission. Contributions of \$2.00 and over for relief and development projects are tax deductible, see link for more information.

MOM annual appeal donation link: https://bit.ly/CDFpayMOM

# **Congratulations Bishop of Sale Greg Bennet**

If you would like to see the ordination of the tenth Bishop of Sale Greg Bennet, please go to website link:

https://www.cdsale.org.au/bishop-ordination-bennet

# **Mercy Connect Melbourne**

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM, Tel: 9326 1895

Email: somml@bigpond.com or Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

# Signing in Process for Masses on Weekends

Please come to church a bit earlier so we can complete the sign in process in time. Ushers will show you how to use QR codes if you are unfamiliar and assist you with seating.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three parishes stand.

### First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm

### (R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,

on those who fear him. (R.)

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. (R.)

# Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit,

soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!** 

#### **Gospel** John 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

# The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed is said.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

# **Third Sunday of Advent**

Be a Light

During this Advent time, we can walk along the streets at night, and see many houses decorated with Christmas lights. It is wonderful to see Christmas lights appear again, in our streets, and particularly after many months of lockdown.

Christmas lights are not only for decoration but they are signs and symbols, which remind us, that Christmas is the time, that the Light of Christ is coming to our family. The Light of Christ is shining in our neighbourhood. The Light of Christ reminds us that each of us can be a light to our family, to our neighbours, and to our friends.

Faith and Hope in the coming of Jesus, into our lives again, motivates us to be people of light. We cannot be a bright light without the presence of Jesus.

We are called to live and bear witness to Jesus, the Light, as the prophet Isaiah proclaims: "to bring good news to the poor ... to bind up hearts that are broken." We will experience true joy in the Lord, when the poor are taken care of, the broken hearted are healed.

The Third Sunday of Advent is a Sunday of Rejoicing. Let us rejoice as we delight in the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. Let us rejoice with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, using her words: "My soul rejoices in my God. The almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!"

#### Terza domenica di Avvento

Sii luc

Durante questo periodo di Avvento, possiamo passeggiare per le strade di notte e vedere molte case addobbate con luci natalizie. È meraviglioso vedere le luci di Natale riapparire, nelle nostre strade, e in particolare dopo molti mesi di lockdown.

Le luci di Natale non sono solo per decorazione, ma sono segni e simboli, che ci ricordano che il Natale è alle porte, che la Luce di Cristo sta arrivando nella nostra famiglia. La luce di Cristo risplende nel nostro quartiere. La luce di Cristo ci ricorda che ognuno di noi può essere una luce per la propria famiglia, per i propri vicini e per i propri amici.

La fede e la speranza nella venuta di Gesù, di nuovo nelle nostre vite, ci motivano ad essere persone di luce. Non possiamo essere una luce splendente senza la presenza di Gesù. Siamo chiamati a vivere e rendere testimonianza a Gesù, la Luce, come proclama il profeta Isaia: "per portare la buona novella ai poveri ... per fasciare i cuori che sono spezzati". Sperimenteremo la vera gioia nel Signore, quando ci si prenderà cura dei poveri, i cuori spezzati saranno guariti. La terza domenica di Avvento è una domenica di gioia. Rallegriamoci mentre ci dilettiamo per la venuta di Gesù, la luce del mondo. Rallegriamoci con Maria, la Madre di Gesù, usando le sue parole: "L'anima mia esulta nel mio Dio. L'Onnipotente

With God's blessings.

Fr Linh & Fr Greg

#### **Prayers of Intention:**

**For the Sick:** *Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Nora Hopkins & Krishna Kelly* 

fa meraviglie per me. Santo è il suo nome!".

For Anniversaries: Rosa Lumicisi,

#### **Our Advent Theme**

Our theme for the Season of Advent is Turning Toward the Light.
On the altars of St Ambrose's and Our Lady's churches is an image of the Annunciation by Henry Ossawa Tanner,



painted in 1898. In it we see Mary as a teenage girl, dressed in peasant robes. She gazes, overawed by the light that has appeared to her. She does not turn away from it. She turns toward the light – the light that brings a divine message that transforms her, and our world, forever. Just as the light floods into the messiness and ordinariness of her life, so may we allow the light of Christ to flood our own lives as we emerge from the strange realities of this past year. During this season of Advent let us turn toward the Divine healing light, receiving it deeply into our hearts and lives.

#### The Parish Voice

The Parish Voice magazine for Our Lady's and St Ambrose's is still available on the table at those churches today. Please take a copy home. It's free of charge!