

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

26 February 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-MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (BMCC) REFLECTION FORM FOR EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARSHIP COUNCILS

A discernment and formation process for Evangelisation and Stewardship councils are now beginning, for people who wish to engage in the new structure. Reflection forms are available in all the churches to be collected. The Reflection form is also available to download, on the parish website at: <https://bmcatholicmission.org.au/>

Please return your reflection form to the parish office via email or hard copy by Thursday 2 March 2023. We thank everyone for your contributions to this process.

FAREWELL FOR SR MARJETKA, mc.

Sister Marjetka who has worked in ministry for many years with the elderly and more specifically the Italian Community in BBE, will be leaving us soon. Sister Marjetka will begin a new ministry for her religious congregation in Brazil. Sister recently sustained a broken collar bone after falling off her bicycle and is having complete rest (under Doctor's orders) and has advised us that she will not be able to return to work at BBE before she takes up her next appointment.

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to join the 10:30am Liturgy and the fellowship afterwards to *Thank and Farewell Sr Marjetka on Sunday March 19th at St Ambrose Church and Community Hall.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS INQUIRY

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) current Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Legislation has produced a Consultation Paper which proposes severe limits on the ability for religious schools to appoint staff who support their mission other than roles in which 'the teaching, observance or practice of the religion is a genuine requirement of the role.' For every other role it would become unlawful for the school to give preference to teachers who share, or who are willing, to support the religious beliefs of the institution. This would effectively remove the right of faith-based schools to express their religious identity and culture.

Archbishop Comensoli, along with other faith leaders, encourages you, as well as parents and other members of the Catholic community, to complete the following survey with an expression of hope to protect faith-based schools from further obstacles that will impede their ability to express our Catholic faith: <https://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiry/anti-discrimination-laws/submission/survey/>

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

We pray for the sick of our parish especially Jude Castleton, Maria Mallozzi, Alan Miller, Lewis Calleja, Cynthia D'Souza, Gina Denk and Bernadette Steward and for all who have asked for our prayers.

Anniversaries: Anna Squeo (1year), Berardino Panella (1 year), Salvatore Denino, Carmelina Denino, Domenica Orsida (1 mth – Deceased in Italy).

OUR LADY'S ROSTERS AVAILABLE TODAY

The new rosters are all available today. A sincere thanks to all who have generously volunteered to actively participate in the liturgical life of the parish through these ministries. The rosters will run until the end of August. There will then be an opportunity for others to join the new rosters beginning in September.

POPE FRANCIS: LAYPEOPLE ARE NOT GUESTS IN THE CHURCH

The Church is a home that priests and laypeople need to care for together, *"It is time for pastors and lay people to walk together, in every area of the Church's life, in every part of the world."* *"The lay faithful are not 'guests' in the Church, they are at home, so they are called to take care of their own home,"* he said.

The Pope also said: *"a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission"*. Synodality indicates walking together and listening to one another but above all to the Holy Spirit.

SYDNEY ROAD STREET PARTY ON 5th MARCH 2023

We plan to conduct a Devonshire Afternoon Tea Stall in the St Ambrose's Grounds as part of this local annual event. For this to happen we need parishioners to volunteer to give some time on Sunday 5th March to help run the stall. A list of tasks and times will be on the table in the foyer Sunday February 26th.

Thank you Margaret Duggan Ph. 0409 324 882

STATION OF CROSS DURING LENT

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

Working Bee



At St Joseph's Church

Saturday 4 March 2023 from 10am to 3pm. Light lunch provided.

Come even for a few hours, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please ring Parish Office on 9380 4789 if you can help.

Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENTEN SEASON 2023



Laxmi, 16, lives in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father

worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



ST JOSEPH'S FESTA

St Joseph feast day will be celebrated on Sunday 19 March:

9:00am at St Joseph's
10:30am at St Ambrose

For more information on this feast of St Joseph please contact parish office.

Sacramental Life:

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Community welcome with joy through the sacrament of **Baptisms**, this weekend.

Kaden Davis, Xavier Davis, Nate Davis, Alexandra Leswe and Maxwell Theodore LoCastro Clare

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICES



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION and COMMUNION SERVICE Tuesday 10am at ST JOSEPH'S

"The WORD that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." Isaiah 55

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICE

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

Wednesday 10:00am – 11:00am at Our Lady's Community Room, (Italian). "Cura di se con la Bibbia". All welcome!

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

The season of Lent is just around the corner, so it's time for us to get together to discuss and reflect on the readings our lectionary provides for Lent. This year we will use the program 'God is on the Journey too' by Christopher Monaghan CP. Booklets will be provided for all participants. We will meet in the Spirituality Room of St Ambrose's Centre following the 10.00am Mass each Thursday, beginning this week, 23 February. Trish Murray will lead the group. We will meet for about 45 minutes each week. All are welcome!

FAITH AND FOOTBALL?

Come and listen to Matthew Kennedy, a senior player with the Carlton Football Club. Matt talks about his experience and faith journey in the fast-paced world of AFL football. Refreshments provided (gold coin donation).

Who: Anyone interested in getting an insider's view of footy and curious about where faith fits in.

When: 7:30 PM Wednesday 8th March.

Where: St Fidelis Hall, 49 Clarendon Street, Coburg.

Parking available in Church carpark beside hall.

RSVP: email rogeroh@outlook.com

by Monday 6th March for catering purposes, put 'Matt Kennedy' in the subject line. Extras welcome on the night.

FAMILY WEEKEND MARCH 10-12

There are only 3 weeks until our weekend at Doxa!

There are still vacancies so get in touch if you are interested by emailing bernmercica@icloud.com

MEDITATION GROUP

Face-to-face meditation group at the usual time and place on Tuesday at 3pm, Spirituality Room, St Ambrose Parish Centre. Also via Zoom at 7:30pm. Contact Jo Bennett 0401148133 or email: jbennett@joeb.com.au for more information.

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Safety of Children and All Vulnerable People

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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