

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

6 February 2022

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:

Resumes on Sunday
13 February 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

CELEBRATING WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

This weekend, the Church in Australia will celebrate Word of God Sunday, which was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 in his [apostolic letter, *Aperuit Illis*](#). He encouraged the faithful to celebrate and study the word of God in scriptures. While many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year, which this year falls on 6 February.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. without love, then I am nothing at all.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: *We pray for strength and peace for our sick and for those who care for them.*

Recently Deceased: *Tony Petrarca, Alex D'Souza, Maria Iuele, Vincenzo Scarpina.*

Anniversaries: *Sarina Vicendese, Maria Florio (1 year), Family Iacovino, Family Spanti, Family La Barbera, Family Giacoppo, Family Carosella, Family Primiano, Jim Spall, Domenico & Assunta Testa, Emilio, Rosa & Stefano Borrelli, Angela Donato, Immacolata Orsida (1 month), Kevin Gurry and Justin Mazzone.*

Blessing for the year ahead

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has recorded a brief message for parishes, families and clergy as the year swings into gear. *"I just want to assure you of my prayer and support as we enter into 2022 ... that this year might be one of coming together in prayer, in discernment, and consultation."* He also mentions two key Archdiocesan anniversaries taking place this year. <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/blessings-for-the-year-ahead>

Safeguarding Children and Young People @ CAM: Induction Session

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

10:30am - 12:00pm

Hosted by the Professional Standards Unit (PSU), this interactive induction session is designed to introduce newly appointed clergy, staff and members of a safeguarding committee. It is designed for newly appointed persons within CAM to develop their understanding of child abuse, responding and reporting child abuse and child-safety related misconduct, child safety legislation in Victoria and safeguarding requirements within CAM parishes, agencies and entities. Induction is pitched at an introductory level and is facilitated by Katherine Levi, Director of the CAM Professional Standards Unit. Spaces are limited so please book soon. For any enquiries please contact the Professional Standards Unit on 9926 5621 or psu@cam.org.au

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend (12 and 13 February) is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

BBE Parish Pastoral Council

The Brunswick/Brunswick East Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Tuesday the 8th of February to discuss the general running of the parish and its properties, continue preparations for the Parish Pastoral Plan and plan for Easter 2022.

Parade College Open Day is taking place on Sunday February 13, 2022.

- ♦ 10am - 2pm Preston 8 Clifton Grove
- ♦ 10am - 2pm Bundoora 1436 Plenty Rd

We look forward to welcoming your families to the College to learn about our programs, meet our staff, and view our amazing facilities.

Sacramental Life

Baptism: The Christian Communities of Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome our new members through sacrament of baptism this weekend: *Thailia Maria Senda*

Wedding Congratulations:

Laurence Fusillo & Christian Damicoucas

Daniel Harris & Amy Capuana

Rhyce Ellis & Caren Burns

Divine Mercy and Benediction

St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction on each Friday at 3pm resume this Friday 4 February 2022. We welcome you to join us for an hour for prayer before Blessed sacrament.

BBE Parish Weekend at Doxa

The Parish weekend at Doxa is only 4 weeks away! This is a wonderful opportunity to build community relationships. The accommodation is comfortable and well resourced and is suitable for all ages. There is still time to book your family in. Please contact Bernadette Mercieca <bernmercica@icloud.com> for more details and the Registration form. Cost: \$60 per family.

Parish Meditation for 2022 will start on Tuesday, 1 Feb at 7.30pm. If you are looking for another way to pray, and would like to try Meditation for the first time, you will be very welcome! Contact me, and I will talk to you about it and send some information to get you started.

Contact Jo Bennett 0401148133 or jbenett@joeb.com.au

Communion Service

In recent newspapers there is much written about "Elder Abuse." In Mark's Gospel Jesus is dealing with the same issue.

Join Sister Denise to prayerfully reflect on what Jesus says about this. Tuesdays 10.00am - 10.30am at St Joseph's.

All Welcome!

Saints of the Week

Thursday, 10 February, Saint Scholastica

She was born in Nursia in about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.

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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