



Emmaus Companion

From Liturgy to Life

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

23 August 2026

Welcome to Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland! Whether you are new, visiting, or a long-standing parishioner, we're grateful for your presence.

We proudly acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, Traditional Custodians of this land on which we gather to worship.

Liturgy

God reveals true authority through faithful service; Peter professes Jesus as Christ, receiving responsibility to strengthen and guide the Church.

Entrance Hymn

**Church of God, chosen people, sing
your praise to God, who has called you
out of darkness into his marvellous
light.**

1. Come, people of God, with joyful song,
Praise God the Father of all.

Baptised in Christ, reborn in him,
our hearts are filled with joy.
He cleanses our sin,
renewing our lives.

2. The church is built with living stones
with Christ as cornerstone.

In him we trust who makes us one,
uniting us in love.

We build on the rock
of faith in Christ.

3. As heirs of Christ, redeemed by love
we wait for his return; a priestly people
off'ring praise to God, the source of hope.
For Jesus is Lord, our Saviour and God.

Church of God, Text: Pamela Stotter. Music: 1980 ICEL

Dio sei Amore (No.2 in Compagno di Inni)

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you have built your Church on
a firm foundation: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, your love is eternal: Christ,
have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Christ, the son of
the living God: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

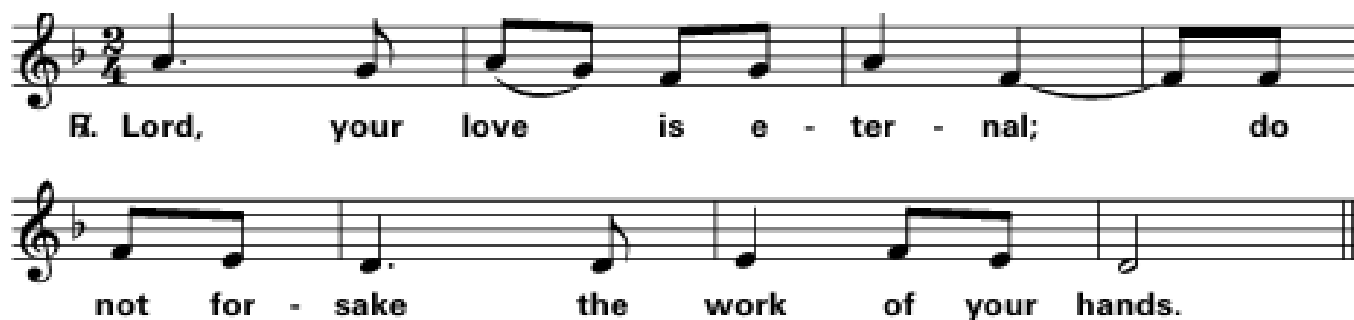
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Roger Heagney



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. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him

anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you,
we are an offering.

2. Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives,
they are yours,
we are an offering.

**All that we have,
all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you,
we give to you.**

3. We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you,
we are an offering,
we are an offering.

We Are An Offering. Text and Music by Dwight Liles

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen Amen Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

Communion Motet

The Lord is my shepherd - Dvorak

Communion Hymn

**Take and eat; take and eat;
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood given up for you.**

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;

I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

2. I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
you are my own: your ransom is my blood.

Take and eat. Text: James Quinn SJ. Tune: Michael Joncas

Recessional Hymn

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing

that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

O God beyond all praising Text: Michael Perry. Music: THAXTED (1) 13. 13. 13. 13. 13. 13.

Lodate Dio (No.8 in Compagno di Inni) **Organ Postludes**

- Passaglia – G.F Handel
- Prelude in B flat BWV 560 – J.S. Bach
- Papal Hymn – Ch.M. Widor

New to our Parish?

Welcome to Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland. We're glad you are here. In this Emmaus Companion you'll find Mass times and parish information. Visit our website for details about sacraments, ministries, and ways to get involved.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 24 August – Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday 25 August – Memorial of St Louis

Thursday 27 August – Memorial of St Monica

Friday 28 August – Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday 29 August – Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

Sunday 30 August – **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Year A *"What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"* Matthew 16:26

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Baptism

Antonio Gianfranco, Leo Rositano

Funerals

Rosa Gurciullo on Thursday 27th August, 11.00am at St Fidelis

Anniversaries

Rosa Cutrupi, Leo Taylor, Elisa Figliola

Parish Life

Latest news and upcoming events at Emmaus Parish

From 49 Clarendon

A New Chapter Begins: Emmaus Parish Inaugurated

On Friday evening, hundreds of parishioners from across Brunswick Moreland gathered at St Fidelis Church for the joyful Inauguration Mass of Emmaus Parish. It was a night filled with gratitude, prayer and hope as we celebrated the beginning of a new chapter in our shared journey of faith.

The evening opened with a beautiful Welcome to Country by Wurundjeri man Daniel Ross, accompanied by the sound of the didgeridoo played by Troy Kuhl. This moving acknowledgement reminded us that our parish story unfolds on land rich in culture, history and spirituality.

A highlight of the celebration was the entrance procession, led by students from our three parish schools carrying school banners. Their presence was a powerful reminder that the future of Emmaus Parish rests in the next generation and that Catholic education remains at the heart of our community.

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli presided at the Mass, joined by Bishop Emeritus Terry Curtin, Father Tony Kerin, Father Brendan Reed, Father Tien Tran, Father Tony Feeney and Father Brendan Hayes. Throughout the liturgy, the Emmaus Parish Choir, Emmaus Parish Children's Choir and St Joseph's Collegium enriched the celebration with inspiring music. Voices, organ, trumpet, recorder and didgeridoo combined to create a truly memorable atmosphere of prayer and celebration.

Several moments touched the hearts of those present. Before the Gospel, the gentle sound of the didgeridoo invited us into a spirit of reflection and attentiveness to God's Word. The Gospel procession included a Message Stick, symbolising the Gospel as God's message entrusted to each generation. The second reading was proclaimed in Italian, honouring the deep contribution of the Italian community to parish life over many decades.

The voices of our children also played an important part. The Emmaus Parish Children's Choir sang We Are An Offering, while students from our schools led the Prayers of the Faithful. Their participation reminded us that young people are not simply the future of the Church; they are an important part of its life today.

In his homily, Archbishop Comensoli reflected on Mary, whose Assumption we were preparing to celebrate. He encouraged us to follow her example of listening to God's

Word and allowing it to shape our lives. He also reminded us that while change can involve letting go of what has been, it also opens the way for new life and new possibilities.

A particularly meaningful moment came during the Commissioning of the Parish, when parishioners renewed their commitment to be a community of welcome, prayer, service and evangelisation.

Following Mass, celebrations continued in St Fidelis School Hall, where parishioners shared food, conversation and fellowship. Many also contributed to a collaborative artwork, The Tree of Life, symbolising the many stories, gifts and people who now form Emmaus Parish.

The inauguration was much more than a ceremony. It was a moment of grace that celebrated our rich heritage while looking confidently towards the future. We thank everyone who contributed to both the Mass and the celebrations in the hall for their dedication and hard work in making it such a memorable occasion.

As we begin this new chapter together, we pray that Emmaus Parish will continue to be a place where hearts are opened, faith is nurtured and Christ is encountered in one another.

Fr Brendan and Fr Tien

Photo Gallery – Courtesy of Paul Mercieca





The Archbishop's Campaign 2026 - Follow-up Weekend

This weekend, 22–23 August, is the Follow-up Weekend for the Archbishop's Campaign 2026. If you have made a pledge but have not yet completed it, please do so and place your completed pledge envelope in the first collection basket. The Archbishop's Campaign supports the formation of future priests, the care of retired priests, and important ministries and charitable works serving people and communities across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. You can also complete your pledge or make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. Thank you for your generous support.

St Joseph's Church – 5pm Mass

As part of the Sunday 23 August 5.00pm Mass, we honour SS Salvatore (Most Holy Saviour) and SS Maria della Stella (Our Lady of the Star), a cherished devotion from Militello in Val di Catania, Sicily. The statues are held at St Joseph's Church.

Education in Faith Committee August 13 meeting

Our Education in Faith Committee, explored how the story of the two disciples' encounter with Christ on the road to Emmaus can inform our own formation and shape how we accompany our new parish community. Drawing on the writings of Louis-Maire Chauvet, we engaged in rich conversation about the meaning of his theological insights for us in Brunswick Moreland. We reflected on how the

Emmaus story can help us recognise Christ's presence in our own journey and deepen our understanding of formation and accompaniment. These reflections will continue to inform how we walk alongside and support our new parish community as we take the next steps in adding to the Parish strategic plan. If you have any questions or suggestions of how we can engage with you please email (Gerard Broadfoot) gbroadfoot00@gmail.com or (Annette Broadfoot) abisla0805@gmail.com

"Thinking about becoming a Catholic?"

There is an old saying: "Christians are made, not born." Faith is a journey - one that begins with curiosity, questions and a desire to discover more about God. Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming Catholic, completing your Sacraments of Initiation, or simply exploring what faith means for you. Whatever has brought you to this point, we invite you to take the next step with us. Emmaus Parish is beginning its 2026–2027 RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) journey.

Inquiry Evening

Thursday 27 August at 7.00pm

St Ambrose's Luby Centre

Come along, ask questions and discover where this journey might lead you.

Everyone is welcome. To **register** or for further information, contact the Parish Office on 9380 1023 or register online:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/AtXNQXZZ7P>



Ecumenical and Interfaith Friendships

Following our successful parish visits from the **Muslim Women's Council of Victoria**, parishioners are now invited to visit the Deer Park Mosque on Tuesday 25 August. Transport will be provided, departing from St Ambrose's at 10:00am and returning by approximately 1:00pm. To reserve your place, email info@mwcv.org or phone 0483 881 899 by Sunday 23 August.

An Invitation to Celebrate the Feast of St Phoebe

As part of our ecumenical friendship with our Anglican sisters and brothers, parishioners are warmly invited to attend this celebration at St Paul's Cathedral.

Sunday, 30 August at 4.00pm
St Paul's Cathedral, 200 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Guest Preacher: Rev. Assoc. Prof. Robyn Whitaker, Pilgrim Theological College
Organised by Women's Wisdom and St Paul's Cathedral.

Trivia Night at United Church Brunswick

Twelve parishioners from Emmaus Parish recently participated in a fun Trivia Night at United Church Brunswick, coming together to raise funds for Olive Way. Although our team didn't win, we performed admirably and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and ecumenical friendship. It was a great opportunity to strengthen our relationships with fellow Christians and celebrate our shared faith and community.

Reflections on the Sacrament of Confirmation

Last weekend, we shared one of the beautiful reflections from our young people from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 1 August 2026. We are pleased to continue sharing their reflections this weekend, with three more young people sharing their experiences of this very special celebration. We thank them for taking the time to reflect on their Confirmation and for sharing their experiences with our parish community.

"On the first of August, 2026 I received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For me, this day is one of the most important days I have ever celebrated. Receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit was a very special moment for me, being able to have the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete at my side.

After receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, I hope to be able to demonstrate Wisdom, Understanding, Courage, and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout my life, and for me this is a gift that I hope to show every single day.

At the start of the Mass, I was leading the procession of candidates who were going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a very meaningful moment for me and I shall cherish that moment for the rest of my life. Reading the first reading was also an important moment for me. Being able to read a passage from The Acts of the Apostles made me feel honoured and proud. I was very grateful to have been chosen to take part in such an important part of the celebration". - Alexander Mariotti

"For me, receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation was an experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I really liked learning about the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, working with Father Brendan on the day of our spiritual retreat to Don Bosco and gaining a deeper meaning of what it means to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Through Confirmation, I can feel the importance of faith, the importance of the seven gifts and everything in between. I would like to use the gift of right judgment to help people in the community and protect the environment with wonder and awe for God's creation. Thank you to my teachers, parents, sponsor, and priests for helping me prepare for this special occasion". — Isla

"The Sacrament of Confirmation was a thoughtful and meaningful mass. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation meant growing a deeper understanding of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how I can live each gift in my everyday life: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe. A word that stood out to me was Paraclete. The meaning of Paraclete is to call on the Holy Spirit. Father Brendan encouraged us to call on the Holy Spirit at all times, not just at mass. I now know that in any time of need, I can call on the Holy Spirit to give me the strength of each of the Seven Gifts. I particularly want to work on the gift of Piety. Piety will help me to think of God in tough and conflicting situations, and look back on what he would do or want us to do". – Yom

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event taking place on 3–4 September 2026. The Gathering will feature inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops, offering participants an opportunity to deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Parishioners can register individually for \$20.



Learn more and register at: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering or via QR code.

Everest Youth Group – Meeting Agenda

The Everest Youth Group will meet this Sunday at 4.30pm at St Joseph's to discuss World Youth Day Seoul 2027 and a possible trivia night to help raise funds. More details about the group's plans and fundraising activities will follow in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Parish Meetings

- Wednesday 26 August: Asset Utilisation Committee meeting – 7:00pm at St Fidelis' Presbytery

Beyond Our Parish

Archdiocesan events and wider Church news

Pope Leo XIV Says Sacred Music Must Glorify God and Lead the Faithful to Holiness

Pope Leo XIV has reminded Catholics that sacred music is not simply an addition to the Mass, but an integral part of the liturgy and prayer. Reflecting on Sacrosanctum Concilium, he encouraged music that is beautiful, accessible, rooted in Scripture and suited to the sacred action. Sacred music helps unite the faithful, open hearts to God and deepen our participation in worship. It is not about entertainment, but about helping the whole community pray and encounter God. Recalling St Augustine, the Pope said: "Cantare amantis est" – "singing belongs to those who love." Read more visit: Vatican News, <https://catholiconline.news/faith>

Thanksgiving Offertory

St. Joseph's Parish, West Brunswick

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 455 199 263

St. Fidelis' Parish, Moreland

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 665 217 159

St. Ambrose & Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

BSB: 083-347 | Account No: 245 201 273

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347 | Account No: 664 716 706

Our Churches

Our Lady Help of Christians

49 Nicholson St, East Brunswick 183 Hope St, West Brunswick

St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

St Joseph's

49 Clarendon St, Coburg

St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon St, Coburg

Meet the Parish Team

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One Community, Four Churches

Weekday Mass

Tuesday

9:15am - St Ambrose's

Wednesday

9:15am - St Joseph's

10:00am - Our Lady Help of Christians
(Communion Service)

Thursday

9:15am - St Fidelis'

Friday

9:15am - Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday

10:00am - St Ambrose's

Followed by Confessions at 10:30am

Sunday Mass

Saturday

5:00pm - Our Lady Help of Christians

6:00pm - St Fidelis'

Sunday

9:00am - St Joseph's

9:00am - Our Lady Help of Christians
(Bilingual - English and Italian)

10:30am - St Ambrose's

(With Children's Liturgy during School
Term)

11:00am - St Fidelis'

5:00pm - St Joseph's

**Baptism, wedding, funeral, or pastoral
care, please contact the Parish Office.**

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel

Divine Mercy & Holy Hour - 3pm Fridays

Rosary - 12pm Saturdays

Booking enquiries for chapel: Contact
Margaret Trainor via parish office. All are
welcome by arrangement for public
daytime prayer.

*Please note private adoration is no
longer available after 31 July 2026.*

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