

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year C

29 May 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:

2nd & 4th Sunday 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

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION

As part of the local archdiocesan initiative, Catholics in Melbourne were invited to make submissions for consideration, an opportunity to express thoughts, ideas, and even discontents, about the current trajectory of the Church. Nine themes were identified to be of considerable importance for people of the church in Melbourne:

1. Ongoing impact, learning from and response to the sexual abuse crisis
2. Co-responsibility between clergy and laity
3. Welcoming the gifts of women in the Church
4. Liturgy and Prayer
5. Community beyond Liturgy
6. Welcoming people on the margins
7. Catholic education and the formation of teachers
8. Zeal for mission
9. Families at the heart of renewal

The Synod report can be downloaded at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/3-key-takeaways-from-melbournes-synod-report>

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. Especially:
Mario Giampietro, Oscar Ferrante and Beryl Orchard.

Recently Deceased: *Ivana Margaret Kasic, Giovanni Giacchi, Giuseppe Barca.*

Anniversaries: *Caterina Madaffari (1st Month), Lino Leone (1st Year), Angela Mariotti, Agnese Casagrande, Donato & Sarina Vicendese, Mary Tedesco and Paul, Rosario and Michael Marchitto.*

Cancer Council Fundraiser

In support of the Cancer Council's annual 'Biggest Morning Tea' event, Monette from the St Fidelis Saturday choir is kindly hosting a cake stall fundraiser after 6pm Mass on Saturday 28th of May. She will be selling baked goods homemade with love, for a nice supper treat after Mass! Gold coin and online donations are welcome: <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/monetteamanalili>. Please save the date for this special fundraising effort for all people impacted by cancer.

CATHOLIC MISSION

An invitation to meet Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel,
Cardinal Archbishop of Addis Ababa

Thursday 2 June 2022

Pray, Learn, Act

10am Mass, St Ambrose's Church, Sydney Road, Brunswick

Followed by a 'Cuppa with the Cardinal'
Cardinal Souraphiel will outline exciting joint projects with Catholic Mission which promise to reach out to people in need, share faith and save lives in Ethiopia.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia. Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to

catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or Donation envelope's located in the church foyer area. Free call: 1800 257 296

ST. FIDELIS SCHOOL

PIZZA AND PASTA NIGHT

Held at St Fidelis School Hall, Hawthorn St Coburg
7pm to 10pm on Saturday 18th June 2022

\$25 Adults; \$15 children under 12 years old

includes catering by Firenze Receptions,

BYO beverages and nibbles

Bookings a must no later than Thursday 9th June unless sold out prior

Book online on QuickCliq or contact

Rob 0416 124483

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE/ Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. 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. The training day is in July. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au
Tel: 9326 1895

BBE PLANNING OUR PARISH FUTURE

All parishioners are invited to continue our parish planning after Mass and morning tea at St Ambrose's next Sunday, 5 June beginning at 11.30. We will conclude the Dreaming stage where we share what activities and ministries we want to see in the parish over the next four years. If you are coming, would you please email Bryan Cussen who will send you some preparatory information:

bryan.cussen@gmail.com.

After this session, some working groups will be set up to plan action steps that will make the dreams a reality.

RESULT OF SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Warmest thanks to parishes volunteers who assisted Ian with the sausage sizzle outside the polling station at St Ambrose's Hall last weekend. It was a great effort on your part and we are very grateful for your support. We had raised \$1260 on the day.

Sacramental Life:

Baptism:

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Elise Fernandes, Pia Talia Lavan

Scripture Reflection and Communion Service

THE FEAST of the VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Elizabeth welcomes Mary the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God with these words:

*"Of all women you are the most blessed"
and Mary replies:*

"The Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is God's name."

Celebrate with Mary and Elizabeth at St Joseph's at 10am on Tuesday at St Joseph's. All Welcome!



St Ambrose and Our Lady's

Tuesday 10:00am–11:00am at St Ambrose church Communion service and Rosary. Pray for peace in Ukraine.

Wednesday 10:00am–11:00am at Our Lady's Community Room, communion service and gospel reflection in Italian
"Cura di se con la Bibbia". All welcome!

Divine Mercy and Benediction

St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer and Benediction is held each Friday at 3pm. We welcome you to join us for an hour for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Mary's Month – May

St Joseph's Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady is available from St. Joseph's parish, to visit homes for a week at a time, especially through May, to encourage praying the rosary. If you would like to have the statue and invite family, parishioners or friends to pray with you over one week in May contact Dorothy on 0439389430.

Grow in the Spirit of God

You and a friend are invited to Grow in the Spirit of God, join our online group: Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm 16 June Great videos and chat via Zoom. Gathering to celebrate on Pentecost Sunday
RSVP Margaret 0457906513

Face-to-Face Meditation

Starting on June 7, at 3 pm in the Spirituality Room of St Ambrose Parish Centre. Everyone from all four Churches in our Mission is welcome.

Contact Jo Bennett for further information:

Email: jbennett@joeb.com.au OR mobile: 0401 148 133



Feast of St Anthony

Sunday, 12 June, there will be rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm at St Ambrose's in honour of St Anthony's feast day. Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Fr Bruno Carrera. There will also be the blessing of St Anthony's bread.

For more information or donations, contact Tony Parisi 9387 2119.

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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