



Emmaus Companion

From Liturgy to Life

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

6 September 2026

Welcome to Emmaus Parish, Brunswick Moreland! Whether you are new, visiting, or a long-standing parishioner, we're grateful for your presence. Visit our website for details about sacraments, ministries, and ways to get involved.

We honour the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and commit ourselves to caring for creation as a sacred gift from God.

Liturgy

God calls believers to loving responsibility, fraternal correction, reconciliation, and attentive hearts, fulfilling the law through love.

Entrance Hymn

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest; lay down, O
weary one, lay down your head upon My
breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary,
worn, and sad; I found in him a resting
place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I
freely give the living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life
giving stream; my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light; look unto
me, your morn shall rise, and all your day
be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun; and in that light of
life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

*I heard the voice of Jesus say. Text: Horatius Bonar.
Tune: KINGSFOLD by Ralph Vaughan Williams.*

Padre mio amor sei Tu

(No.20 in Compagno di Inni)

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, through you all things were
made: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you call us to be faithful
stewards of creation: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you renew the face of the
earth by your Spirit: 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

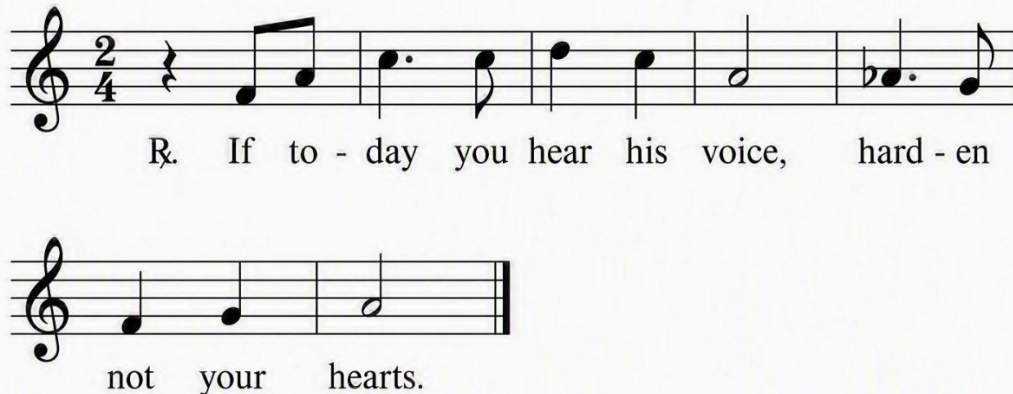
First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

J. Robert Carroll



1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; Let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who

belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday 8 September – Nativity of
Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Sunday 13 September – 24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A

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.**

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.

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

Lord God of Abraham - Mendelssohn

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. Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again.

Love, only love, is his way.

**Richer than gold is the love of my
Lord: better than splendour and
wealth.**

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

*Love is his word. Text: Luke Connaughton. Tune:
Cresswell, Anthony Milner*

Le mani alzate (No.7 in Compagno di
Inni)

Organ Postludes

- Naiades – L. Vierne
- Postlude for Ordinary Time – Rosalie
Bonighton
- 'Zadok the Priest' – G.F. Hande

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Funerals

Alida La Guardia – Tuesday 8 September, 11am at Our Lady
Help of Christians

Alfred Brogan – Tuesday 8 September, 1pm at St Fidelis'

Rosa Famularo – Friday 11 September, 11am at St Joseph's

Anniversaries

**Nicola Noviello, Benjamin Morris, Thomas Fingleton, Paolo
Salustro, Maria Esposto, Antoniano Esposto**

Parish Life

Latest news and upcoming events at Emmaus Parish

From 49 Clarendon

Travelling the Footsteps of St Paul

The Scriptures are the heart and soul of our Christian life. As we deepen our knowledge and love of the Scriptures we are drawn more deeply into the life of Christ. For Christians the Gospels are our preeminent texts. We regularly carry the Book of the Gospels in procession in our Liturgy, we stand and sing the Alleluia to greet the Gospel, and we often honour the book with incense and song. These actions are witness to the love and honour in which we hold the Gospel. The letters of St Paul also make up a large part of the New Testament. Thirteen of the books of the New Testament are attributed to St Paul. Their writings have inspired, encouraged and supported Christian communities for centuries.

In the coming weeks I will have the opportunity to discover more about St Paul, his writings and the communities he founded, which formed the earliest Christian Communities. I will be travelling as Chaplain with the Principals Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools (PAVCSS) as we trace the Footsteps of St Paul across Greece and Turkey. We will visit the cities and towns which have become such well-known names through the New Testament: Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Patmos, Samos, Ephesus and finally Istanbul. I am sure when I return you can expect a more focussed attention to be given to the second reading (predominantly from Paul) at our Sunday Eucharist!

I will be away from 10 – 28 September and am grateful to Fr Tien and the parish team for continuing to care for our parish during this time. During the weekends that I am away we will welcome Fr Gerry Medici, Fr Joel Vegara, Fr Brendan Quirk and Fr Paul Connell. I am sure that our communities will make these priests welcome. I am grateful for their support during this period.

So, let me finish with the often-used greeting inherited from St Paul:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Spirit be with you all!

Fr Brendan

Uniting Asylum Seeker Program

Help us make a difference in our community. Emmaus Parish continues to support the Uniting Asylum Seeker Program, which provides emergency food relief to more than 80 individuals and families each week.

This weekend, parishioners are invited to bring their donated food to Mass and place them in the collection box in the foyer of the church. These donations will be included in the Offertory procession and presented at the altar. Once the collection program has finished, we are seeking a few volunteers from each of our parishes to help deliver the donated food to the Uniting Asylum Seeker Program. If you are able to help with

the delivery, please contact the Parish Office on 9380 1023. Thank you for supporting people seeking asylum in our community.

Father's Day Blessing

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of fathers and father figures, and for the love, guidance, and care they share.

Bless them with wisdom, strength, patience, and joy.

In times of challenge, give them courage; in times of weariness, renew them with your peace.

Bless those who are elderly, sick, or struggling, and comfort those who mourn a father or father figure. We also remember those for whom this day is difficult, and ask that they be held in your loving care.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, may all fathers and father figures grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a blessing to those entrusted to them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

National Child Protection and Safeguarding Sunday 2026

This week, 6–12 September, we mark National Child Protection Week and reflect on our shared responsibility to keep children and young people safe, valued and heard. The 2026 theme, "Every Conversation Matters – Shifting Conversation to Action," reminds us that safeguarding starts with listening, speaking openly and acting when concerns arise.

This leads into Safeguarding Sunday on 13 September, when Catholic communities across Australia reaffirm their commitment to safeguarding

children and young people. This is a shared responsibility for everyone in our Emmaus Parish community.

If you are a volunteer in the parish, this is also a good time to check that your Working with Children Check and safeguarding requirements are up to date. If you require assistance or are unsure about your requirements, please contact the Parish Office, we are happy to help.

Emmaus Parish Safeguarding Statement

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental of our parish. The Emmaus Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available on our website.

RCIA Gathering

Our next RCIA gathering is on Wednesday 9 September at 7pm at St Ambrose's Luby Centre, exploring the question: "What is Christianity?"

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming Catholic is welcome to join. Enquiries: Parish Office 9380 1023

Hospitality

- Sunday 6 September – Following 10:30am Mass and Rite of Welcome at St Ambrose's.
- Sunday 13 September – Following 9am Mass at St Joseph's

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday 10 September 7pm at St Ambrose Luby Centre

- Education in Faith Committee
- Worship Committee

Season of Creation 2026 (1 September – 4 October)

Laudato Si' Reflection Series

Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor

As we continue our Season of Creation journey, we are reminded that caring for our common home is closely connected to caring for others. This week we reflect on two goals: the Response to the Cry of the Poor and Ecological Economics.

Goal 2:

Response to the Cry of the Poor

To care for the poor and vulnerable.

Environmental damage and climate change often affect those who have the least resources to respond. Caring for creation therefore also means caring for people, especially those who are most vulnerable. *"The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot be considered separately."* Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, n. 49.

Reflection Question

How can we listen and respond to the needs of people who are poor, vulnerable or affected by environmental changes?

Prayer

*God of Compassion,
Open our hearts to the cries of those who are poor and vulnerable.
Help us to recognise the needs of our brothers and sisters and respond with compassion and generosity.
May we work together to build a world where everyone is cared for and has the opportunity to flourish.
We ask this in your name. Amen.*

Family Action

Think of someone in your community who may be struggling. Find a simple way to help - share what you have, donate to a local charity, or reach out to someone who may be feeling alone.

Goal 3:

Ecological Economics

To make economic decisions that put the planet and people before profit.

Our everyday choices as consumers can have an impact on people, communities and the environment. We can help build a more sustainable and just world through the choices we make.

"Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, n. 206.

Reflection Question

How can the choices we make when we buy and use things help care for people and protect our common home?

Prayer

*God of Wisdom,
Guide us in the choices we make each day.
Help us to think about the impact of what we buy and use on people, communities and the earth.
May our choices reflect care, responsibility and love for our common home.
We ask this in your name. Amen.*

Family Action

Before buying something this week, stop and ask: Do we really need it? Choose to buy less, support local businesses where possible, or choose products that can be reused rather than thrown away.

Beyond Our Parish

Archdiocesan events and wider Church news

Prayer Service of Lament for Survivors of Abuse

The Archdiocese of Melbourne invites parishioners to the annual Prayer Service of Lament for Survivors of Abuse on Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 4pm in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Held on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, this gathering is an opportunity to stand in prayer and solidarity with survivors, their families and all those affected by abuse. Through Scripture, silence, music and symbolic ritual, we will pray for healing, justice and renewed hope, while acknowledging past failures and supporting the ongoing journey of reconciliation. All welcome.

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

Fr Brendan Reed
Parish Priest

Enza Briganti
Parish Secretary

Jenny Di Valentino
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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

Our Parish Primary Schools

Our Lady Help of Christians' School

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