



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

Christmas Day, Year B

25 December 2020

MASS TIME

St Ambrose's

287 Sydney Road,
Brunswick 3056

Thursday 10:00 am
Sunday 10:30 am
Communion Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Our Lady's

49 Nicholson Street,
East Brunswick 3057

Friday 10:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Wednesday 10:00 am

St Fidelis'

49 Clarendon Street,
Coburg 3058

Tuesday 9:15 am
Friday 9:15 am
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am

St Joseph's

183 Hope Street,
West Brunswick 3055

Wednesday 10:00 am
Saturday 6:30 pm
(First Saturday only)
Sunday 9:00 am
5:00 pm
Communion Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Christmas 2020

When a Baby is Born.

I once saw a cartoon that depicted Mary and Joseph, before Jesus was born, on their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Mary says to Joseph; " Joe, it is hot and dusty, the flies are buzzing, the road is rocky, we have been on the road for three days, I am nine months pregnant and sitting on a donkey and now you tell me, ' just possibly...maybe you forgot to book an inn!'

As the Advent scriptures inform us, Mary and Joseph's lives had already changed dramatically before Jesus was born. Mary did not know the Angel Gabriel would pay her a visit. Mary did not know that she would visit Elizabeth and stay for three months. Joseph did not know that the girl that he was engaged to would become pregnant but not to him. Joseph did not know he would have a God Dream and bring Mary to his home.

When Jesus was born the urgency was to find a place. They did not know it would be a stable. They did not know three strange shepherds or exotic wizards from the East would arrive. They did not know that other children would be murdered by King Herod or that they would, in the middle of the night flee to Egypt.

When a baby is born, the future is unknown but we trust in that future. This is our Faith; that God is our future. But the birth of a baby changes everything.

Using the same imagery, for us, the baby born in 2020 was the Brunswick Moreland Mission being the three parishes of West Brunswick, Brunswick- Brunswick East and Moreland.

This has brought change and challenge as we have consulted with you about mass times and the name of our Mission. Also the three parish Councils have met to discuss the future even though many things, as for Mary and Joseph, are unseen. We have worked with the administrative staff as we move towards a more cohesive sense of Mission. We have negotiated with our three primary schools how we work together in the future in terms of governance and pastoral relationships. We are also developing a charter for a parish council model for the future and many other things that space in a Christmas Reflection does not provide.

We, Frs. Linh Pham and Greg Bourke wish to thank you, our parishioners of the three parishes, as we gaze upon Jesus who has been born among us as mission. People have been supportive, loyal and optimistic for which we are truly grateful.

We wish everyone a truly holy and grace-filled Christmas, as together we face the New Year and begin to parent our new baby we have named *Brunswick Moreland Catholic Mission*.

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the
spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt

and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. (R.)

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and
taught us that what we have to do is to give up
everything that does not lead to God, and all our
worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and
live good and religious lives here in this present
world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing
which will come with the Appearing of the glory of
our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He
sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from
all wickedness and to purify a people so that it
could be his very own and would have no ambition
except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the
whole world to be taken. This census - the first -
took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria,
and everyone went to his own town to be registered.
So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in
Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of
David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's
House and line, in order to be registered together
with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
While they were there the time came for her to have
her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid
him in a manger because there was no room for
them at the inn. In the countryside close by there
were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it
in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The
angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of
the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but
the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you
news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole
people. Today in the town of David a saviour has
been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Natale 2020

Quando nasce un bambino.

Una volta ho visto una vignetta che raffigurava Maria e Giuseppe, prima che Gesù nascesse, in viaggio da Nazaret a Betlemme. Maria dice a Giuseppe: "Peppe, fa caldo e c'è polvere, le mosche ronzano, la strada è rocciosa, siamo in viaggio da tre giorni, sono incinta di nove mesi e sono seduta su un asino e ora mi dici che forse hai dimenticato di prenotare una locanda?!".

Come ci informano le scritture dell'Avvento, la vita di Maria e Giuseppe era già cambiata radicalmente prima della nascita di Gesù. Maria non sapeva che l'angelo Gabriele le avrebbe fatto visita. Maria non sapeva che sarebbe andata a trovare Elisabetta e sarebbe rimasta tre mesi. Giuseppe non sapeva che la ragazza con cui era fidanzato sarebbe rimasta incinta ma non con lui. Giuseppe non sapeva che avrebbe avuto un sogno divino e avrebbe portato Maria a casa sua.

Quando nacque Gesù, l'urgenza era trovare un posto. Non sapevano che sarebbe stata una stalla. Non sapevano che sarebbero arrivati tre strani pastori o maghi esotici dall'est. Non sapevano che altri bambini sarebbero stati assassinati dal re Erode o che nel cuore della notte sarebbero fuggiti in Egitto.

Quando nasce un bambino, il futuro è sconosciuto ma noi crediamo in quel futuro. Questa è la nostra fede; che Dio è il nostro futuro. Ma la nascita di un bambino cambia tutto.

Usando le stesse immagini, per noi, il bambino nato nel 2020 è la Missione di Brunswick e Moreland formata dalle tre parrocchie di West Brunswick, Brunswick-Brunswick East e Moreland.

Ciò ha comportato cambiamenti e sfide poiché ci siamo consultati con voi sugli orari delle messe e sul nome della nostra missione. Anche i tre Consigli Pastorali si sono incontrati per discutere del futuro anche se molte cose, come per Maria e Giuseppe, non si vedono. Abbiamo lavorato con il personale amministrativo per muoverci verso un senso di missione più coeso. Abbiamo negoziato con le nostre tre scuole primarie come collaborare nel futuro in termini di amministrazione e relazioni pastorali. Stiamo anche sviluppando un documento per un modello di consiglio pastorale per il futuro e per molte altre cose su cui non possiamo dilungarci in questa riflessione di Natale.

Noi, Frs Linh Pham e Greg Bourke, desideriamo ringraziare voi, I nostri parrocchiani delle tre parrocchie, mentre guardiamo a Gesù che è nato tra noi come missione. Le persone sono state di supporto, leali e ottimiste, e di questo siamo veramente grati.

Auguriamo a tutti un Natale veramente santo e pieno di grazia, affinché insieme possiamo affrontare il nuovo anno e fare da genitori al nostro nuovo bambino che abbiamo chiamato Brunswick Moreland Mission.

with God's blessings.

Fr Linh & Fr Greg

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick:

Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken & Krishna Kelly

Recently Deceased:

Marjorie Ellen Cessar and Giuseppa Florida

For Anniversaries:

Giuseppe Mazzeo, Assunta & Domenica Testa, Rosa & Emilio Borrelli, Stanley Sieminiski, Salvatore Giardina, Pasquale and Anna De Sensi and Tullio Liberatore.

Columban Calendars on Sale at St Joseph's

Columban Calendars are on sale at \$10 each from the St Vincent de Paul Stall in the Church Porch.

Reconciliation

No reconciliation

Saturday 26 December 2020 – 5 January 2021

New Reconciliation Times 2021

First Saturday of the month @ Our Lady's

10:30am - 11:00am

Second Saturday of the month @ St Ambrose's

10:30am - 11:00am

Third Saturday of the month @ St Joseph's

10:30am - 11:00am

Fourth Saturday of the month @ St Fidelis

10:30am - 11:00am

RCIA

Do you know anyone who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic? Early next year we will be holding information/education sessions for adults who are seeking to be baptised or brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please ring the Parish Offices.

Christmas and New Year Office Opening Hours

The parish offices will be closed from Thursday 24th December 2020 and will reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021. During this time, if you have any enquiries, please email the parish or call (03) 9368 1224 and leave a voice message. The voicemail message bank will provide a mobile phone number for any urgent matters. A priest will be monitoring the emails and will attend to your enquires as soon as practicable.

New Year Eve Mass

Thursday 31 December 2020

St. Ambrose 6:00 pm

St. Fidelis 6:00 pm

New Year Mass

Friday 1 January 2021

St. Joseph 10:00 am

Our Lady Help of Christian 10:00 am

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Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Rosary statue will be at the home of Pat O'Neil on 20 Dec & 27 Dec 2020. If you would like to have the Statue at your house ring Josie on 9386 8860.

A Quiet Time in Parish Life

The month of January is usually a quiet time of the year. The schools are on holidays and there are no parish meetings. There will be no Parish newsletter until the first Sunday of February. Let's enjoy this quiet time of the year before we begin parish action again in February!!

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 bbe.org.au.