

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

4 July 2021

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

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior.

We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation.

However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: *Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuel Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, Brendan Gurry, Debbie Castleton, Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Angela Pavano, Marie Otoole, Joyce Chong and Jacques Duhau.*

Recently Deceased: *Elena Flavo, Flor Navarro, Calogero Gibaldi, Giuseppina Naselli, Rosa Nativo and Domenico Zurzolo.*

Anniversaries: *Maria Rainone^(1st Year), Guerrino Biasotto^(1st Year), Antonino Isaia^(1 Month), Joseph & Rose Gauci^(1st Year), Giuseppi Papaleo, Vincenzo Giacchi ^(1 Year) and Giovanna Sieminski.*

LEADERSHIP

There will be a combined meeting of the three Pastoral Councils/Mission Team on Wednesday, 21st July at 7:30 pm in the Luby Centre at St Ambrose's.

BBE Executive Committee of the Parish Pastoral Council was formed recently. The Chair Annette Temper, Deputy Paul Mercieca, Secretary Lina Ventura. We thank the above for their generosity.

OUTREACH

2021 Catholic Mission Appeal

Respond to the call to help those in need by coming alongside with Good Shepherd Sisters and helping bring hope to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children. Your support of this Catholic Mission Appeal will help continue vital Church-run mission programs around the world. Your help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, or going online at catholicmission.org.au/Thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

FORMATION

Lectio Divina Every Tuesday 10 am St Joseph's Church, Sr Denise leads the Communion Service with a crafted Lectio Divina component that opens up the scriptures for us. This is followed by fellowship and a morning tea.

Religion Class: To assist parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith, catechist classes for children are held on Saturday mornings at Our Lady's East Brunswick. For further information, contact Jenny 9481 8282 or Janice 0408 556 862.

Prayer video to celebrate and honour the life and legacy of Josephite Sr Irene McCormack

May 21 was the 30th anniversary of Josephite, Sr Irene McCormack's death whilst serving as a missionary in Peru after 25 years of service to Catholic education. The link below is to a prayer video compiled by student leaders from 4 Catholic schools who reflect of the gift of Sr Irene's life as a life offered for love of God and love for the poor of our world. As our young leaders powerfully suggest, hers is a life and legacy for all of us to honour and feel affirmed in our own calling to be followers of Christ in our everyday lives. Please click on this link:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/a-life-given-in-love-sr-irene-irene-mc-cormack>

COMMUNITY

Dear Friends, an upcoming concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, '**Light in Winter**' **Friday 9 July, 6.00-7.00pm**, present by two of Melbourne's finest musicians **Judith Dodsworth (soprano) and Anthony Halliday (piano)** who are St Joseph West Brunswick's organist and cantor, music by Mozart, Barber, Schumann & Glanville-Hicks. \$25 - tickets online or at the door. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge. Online tickets: www.trybooking.com/BRYBS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021

As Catholics we realise the importance of being good stewards in caring for the beautiful world that God has created. As good stewards we cannot ignore the damage that has been done to our environment. We hope you will join us in celebrating and using these NATSICC resources and wish you all a very blessed NAIDOC week from July 4th - 11th as we reflect on the theme of *Heal Country* and take time to listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices and take further steps toward justice for First Nations People globally. For more information please contact the NATSICC [website: www.natsic.org.au](http://www.natsic.org.au)

Heart of Life

'**Reframing Retirement**', Saturday 24 July 2021, 10am-3pm. Retirement can be a wake-up call, summoning us to reframe our vision and our purpose. This reflection day is led by Simon Jenkinson, qualified clinical psychologist and spiritual director. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60 (morning tea provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via [website www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Property Report

Our Brunswick Moreland Mission own a number of properties. In keeping with good governance of our resources the report covers the next ten years and estimates the budget for their upkeep and maintenance. The estimated cost is \$9,991,716.25. This report will assist the Pastoral Plan for our Mission.

Community

New Thanksgiving Envelopes, Our Lady's Help of Christians

Thanksgiving envelopes, we have a few to be collected from the gathering space at Our Lady's Help of Christians, Thank You.

New Thanksgiving Envelopes and Receipts St Joseph's

Planned Giving Envelopes are available from the gathering space for pick-up. Receipts for the last twelve months giving are enclosed with the envelopes. The credit card donors' receipts are also there to be picked up.

Gratitude and Direct Debt

We are extremely thankful for the support of parishioners who are committed to their thanksgiving pledges. It would greatly assist the parish if contributors would enrol in direct debt. Cards are available for you in the gathering space.

Emails Appeal

The sudden restrictions and then the lifting of restrictions means we have to get messages about Mass etc. out to you, the parishioners, quickly. For the sake of speedy communication could parishioners email the parish offices their contact details such as email address and mobile phone number? This will greatly assist our sense of community and communication.

First Cuppa at St Ambrose _ Everyone welcome after Mass.

Sacramental Life

Baptism: The Christian communities of Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome our new members through sacrament of baptism this weekend: *Heidi Alice Fisher, Joseph Antonio Conte, Oscar Errol Deri, Alia Roda Iversen and Alexandra Louise Martello*

First Holy Communion

The three school principals and Parish Priests made new dates for First Holy Communion masses, they are:

St Joseph's July 24, @ 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Our Lady's July 31 @ 2:00pm and 3.30pm

St Fidelis August 7 @ 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Weekday Masses and Communion Services are back to normal. No booking will be required for weekday Masses and Communion Services.

Prayer

There are several opportunities for prayer and meditation across our three parishes and four churches.

Meditation: Meditation before the Blessed Sacrament is possible at St Joseph's Chapel, Melville Road. Please contact St Joseph office for registration.

Prayer in Italian: A group of Italian speaking people meet to pray in St Fidelis Church every Monday 10 am - 12 Midday. All are welcome. Gruppo di preghiera italiano a St Fidelis ogni lunedì dalle 10:00 mezzogiorno. Tutti sono benvenuti.

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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: bbe.org.au.