

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

5 September 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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Loving God, we ask your blessing on all fathers. We thank them for their love, care and understanding. Help them to be a father like you. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

ONLINE SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN

Gospel Reflection on Zoom

Each Wednesday during our lockdown there will be an opportunity to join in a Zoom discussion of the Gospel of the forthcoming Sunday. Parishioners from each of our churches are welcome to participate in the reflection/discussion on Wednesdays at 4.00pm using the Zoom link:
<https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>.

Zoom Rosary

We continue to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, at 9:00am each Saturday during the current lockdown. <https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>
Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005. All welcome

Sunday Masses

Via Zoom at 10:30

<https://acu.zoom.us/j/148563929>

Via Facebook and YouTube at 11:00 am

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Fidelis-Parish-Moreland-183834618311776>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm7GEgt-p2odZexFuLSq92Q>

Time for parish young people catch up

Next Sunday 12th September at 11:30AM families with children and teenagers are warmly invited to participate in a friendly and informal Zoom meeting, as an opportunity to virtually meet during this current lockdown and share their friendship in Jesus. After a prayerful moment, the children will be divided into groups based on age and will share their current lockdown experience, with a particular focus on what they are missing from the parish community and the Sunday mass.

In preparation for the meeting, children and teenagers are invited to make a drawing of, or express in other creative ways, what they look forward to when we will be able to meet again at church. We can't wait to see your artworks!

Please join in with the link below:

[https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86078948595?](https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86078948595?pwd=SDZKWHZZWXVMVkJ0QmllcVRVTWxpUT09)

[pwd=SDZKWHZZWXVMVkJ0QmllcVRVTWxpUT09](https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86078948595?pwd=SDZKWHZZWXVMVkJ0QmllcVRVTWxpUT09)

Meeting ID: 86078948595

Password: 710937

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,

'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,

streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake,

the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or

'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Act of Spiritual communion

(written by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

REFLECTION

by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

Prayers of Intention:

For the Sick: *Lucy McDonald, Lilian Miceli, Sammuell Nercieca, Kieran Staunton, , Leanne Paolini, Doug Bracken, John McCann, Brendan Meredith, Clelia Modonesi, Krishna Kelly, Kim Simpson, Sian Middleton, Angela Pavano, Marie Otoole, Joyce Chong and Noli Sagolili.*

Recently Deceased: *Gregory Cicero, Rilla Currin, Sr Helen Malone RSC, Emily Dio, Alfredo Mercuri, Rosa Cutrupi, Elvira Curcio and Elisa Figliola.*

Anniversaries: *Mario Disarno (1 month), Vincenzo Parisi, Francesco Pistritto (2nd year), Margaret and Bill Hoare, Olive and Joe Currin, Margaret Harrington, Jan Wyllie (2nd year).*

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The annual Father's Day Appeal, to support our retired priests, is one of the main income streams for the Priests Retirement Foundation to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the parish so they are not eligible for superannuation. In 1990 Archbishop Little established the Priest Retirement Foundation with the motto 'caring for those who cared.' Last financial year the foundation spent 4.325 million dollars on our retired priests, by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and daily living expenses.

Currently there are 96 retired priests in Melbourne, 6 of those are aged in their 90s, 53 in their 80s and 37 are aged between 75-80.

Your generosity will help to support our retired priests. Donation of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Donations can be made by Direct Credit:

Priest Retirement Foundation

BSB: 083 347

A/C: 578 546 990

Or by cheque to:

Priest Retirement Foundation

P.O. Box 615, East Melbourne, Vic 8002

COMMUNITY

Safeguarding Children & Young People - Survey for Parents and Carers.

The wellbeing of children and young people in our care is our collective priority. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) has a mission-driven moral and legal responsibility to create a safe, nurturing environment where children are respected and heard. The Professional Standards Unit in CAM has prepared a survey for parents and carers to provide feedback on their safeguarding experience within the parish. Survey data will be used to improve safeguarding policies, practices, and procedures and will help shape any reviews and future support. Please complete the survey by Friday, 17 September 2021.

To access the survey, click the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PMZMFTX>

LEADERSHIP

BBE Parish Planning Survey

The ongoing lockdown restrictions continue to delay the ability to hold an open parish meeting for BBE. The open parish meeting will be held as soon as COVID restrictions allow. In the interim, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) seeks your input into initial parish planning through an online survey that is available at: <https://forms.gle/TMA1E9CvfXMrxdoT6>

The survey will be open until the 17th September. We welcome your responses, especially any new ideas and initiatives that you believe will benefit the parish. Unless you decide to provide contact details at the end of the survey, your responses are anonymous. The survey will guide the work of the PPC and will also assist in the planning of the open meeting.

INVITATION to “Ephphatha” Be thou open?

A creative spiritual direction ZOOM workshop for our parish.

Led by Margaret Trainor a spiritual director and art therapist.

On Saturday 11th September 10.00 - 1.00pm . Focusing on “Ephphatha”, you will be supported in a self-paced private journey, opening to the Holy Spirit whilst exploring various forms of expression. No art experience necessary, simply an open heart & zoom. For booking and details please email: margaretrainor@gmail.com or 0457906513

Season of Creation - Sunday Reflection Series

All are invited to celebrate with the Missionary Sisters of Service and friends, the ‘Season of Creation’, from 1 September to 4 October. During this time, on each Sunday, there will be a 40-minute ‘pause’ at 4pm to take time to wonder, to reflect, to pray and to care for our common home. The gathering will be held on Zoom each week and each session will consist of a presentation on some aspect of Creation, time for reflection, group sharing and blessing.

The dates: September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3.

Come for one session or for as many as you can.

To participate, please register by email to Corrie: corrie@missionarysisters.org.au

You will be sent the Zoom link to the gatherings.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, September 8

The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *Feast*

Contact

Parish Priests

Fr Linh Pham

Fr Greg Bourke

After Hours or Emergency please call
Mob: 0452 180 037

Secretaries

St Joseph’s, West Brunswick

Enza Cannizzo

183 Hope Street,

West Brunswick 3055

Ph: 9380 4789

brunswickwest@cam.org.au

(Tue – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm)

St Fidelis, Moreland

Jenny Di Valentino

49 Clarendon Street,

Coburg 3058

Ph: 9386 1224

Email: moreland@cam.org.au

(Tue – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm)

St Ambrose's Brunswick

Sandra Laybourne

287 Sydney Road,

Brunswick 3056

Our Lady’s East Brunswick

49 Nicholson Street,

East Brunswick 3057

Ph: 9380 1023

Email: bbe@cam.org.au

(Tue, Thur & Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm)

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