

BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of
Christians



St Ambrose

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

12 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

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 at 4pm.

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>

Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)

Please join us for evening prayer via zoom on Fridays at 4 pm during lockdown, starting next Friday 17 September. Fr Linh and Fr Greg.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85235376047?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85235376047?pwd=bTd0KzVVempMYWFxT2Q4UWJ0YlExZz09)

[pwd=bTd0KzVVempMYWFxT2Q4UWJ0YlExZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85235376047?pwd=bTd0KzVVempMYWFxT2Q4UWJ0YlExZz09)

Meeting ID: 852 3537 6047 Passcode: 104550

Time For Parish Young People Catch Up

This 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=SDZKWHZZWXMVkJ0QmllcVRVTWxpUT09)

[pwd=SDZKWHZZWXMVkJ0QmllcVRVTWxpUT09](https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86078948595?pwd=SDZKWHZZWXMVkJ0QmllcVRVTWxpUT09)

Meeting ID: 86078948595

Password: 710937

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has
never done a single good act but claims that he has
faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers
or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not
enough food to live on, and one of you says to
them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat
plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities
of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if
good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.
This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You
say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will
prove to you that I have faith by showing you my
good deeds - now you prove to me that you have
faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the
world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And
they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others
Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,'
he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up
and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave
them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.
And he began to teach them that the Son of Man
was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by
the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and
to be put to death, and after three days to rise again;
and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the
way you think is not God's way but man's.'
He called the people and his disciples to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life
will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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 Noli Sagolili, Marilyn Figueroa, Reymond Figueroa and Reyhan Joseph Figueroa.*

Recently Deceased: *Sergio Vettorello, Emily Dio, Brian Lowry, Sr. Anne McMillan RSM, Emma Melendres, Shirley Dawn Cuthbert*

Anniversaries: *Cesare Gurciullo*

Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

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>

Catholic Theological College

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation is offered by Catholic Theological College. The course will equip students to lead and design meditation, work with groups, understand mindfulness, the Christian tradition of prayer and meditation and form others in knowledge and skill in this area.

A free online information session is being offered via:
ctc.edu.au/open-days/

Date & Time: Saturday 12 October at 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Presenters: Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche and Dr Chris Morris

Enquiries: 9412 3333 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Working with Children Check Update

Thank you to all our volunteers who have updated their WWCC. It could be a challenge for some of you who are not familiar with internet or obtaining a photo ID during lockdown. Please wait for the restrictions to be eased and if you need assistance, the parish secretaries will be able to give you a hand when they return to their offices. WWCC is free for volunteers.

However, for the police check, there is a cost. In order for each parish to obtain a reduced fee, the parish is applying for a CVF (Community Volunteer Fee) number. Apparently applications can take a few weeks to process. For those who need to apply for a police check wait to apply until advised.

Thank you for your commitment to our parishes and for your continued support.

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.

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.

2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

On 7 September, the Vatican has issued the preparatory document for dioceses as part of the global church's preparation for the 2023 assembly of the Synod of Bishops, the theme, "*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.*"

The document can be found at:

<http://www.synod.va/en/news/preparatory-document.html>

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 13:

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, *Memorial*

Tuesday, September 14:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, *Feast*

Wednesday, September 15:

Our Lady of Sorrows, *Memorial*

Thursday, September 16:

St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, *Memorial*

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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