

# BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

## Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of  
Christians



St Ambrose

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A

18 December 2022

### 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

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:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

## Christmas Timetable

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 24 DECEMBER 2022

Our Lady Help of Christians

Family Mass 5pm

St Fidelis

Family Mass 6pm

St Joseph

Family Mass 7pm

St Ambrose

Christmas Mass 8pm

St Joseph

Christmas Mass 9pm

St Fidelis

Christmas Mass 10pm

*There will be Carols 30 minutes prior to all Christmas Eve Masses*

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: 25 DECEMBER 2022

St Joseph

Christmas Mass 9am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Christmas Mass 9am

St Ambrose

Christmas Mass 10.30am

St Fidelis

Christmas Mass 11am

*Note: There will be no 5pm Mass at St Joseph's on Christmas day*

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass at:

**St Joseph's:** Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am

*Followed by Morning Tea in the Gathering space. All welcome.*

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

*(There will be only one second rite of Reconciliation service*

*for Brunswick and Moreland Community)*

**St Joseph's:** Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm

(English & Italian)

## First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R.**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

## Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'

Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:  
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

## Prayers of Intention:

### For the Sick:

*Maureen O'Brien, Baby Alba, Phil Russell, Lewis Calleja, Cynthia D'Souza, Patricia Belli, Gina Denk.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Fr Joseph Patrick Hynan PE, Antonietta Celentani, Rizzieri Spacagna, Santiago Avilez, Doug Bracken, Giuseppe Mazza, Giovanni Torre, Joseph Stanko, Palmina Taglieri.*

### Anniversaries:

*Rosetta Bellofiore (1yr), 60th Wedding Anniversary for Mario & Angela Grosso, Kevin Brick, Natalina De Pietro, Rocco & Antonina Cutri, Carmela & Antonio Barca, Natali Cutri, Vincenza Cutri and Angelina Cutri.*

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding.

Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith.

As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things.

We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions.

We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living.

### St Patrick's Cathedral Presents:

#### A Christmas Celebration

Join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas with carols across space and time, including an Acknowledgement of Country through music.

A family concert of traditional and modern Christmas favourites, featuring Brass, organ and choir in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick's Cathedral.

Performance will include audience participation, a children's segment and 'special guest' appearance.

When: Sunday, December 18, 2022, 3:00pm - 4:30pm. Where: 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
Tickets: \$25 at door or via trybooking.

Children 15 years and under, admitted free.

For any queries, email [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au).

## ST FIDELIS PARISH THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Your Thanksgiving envelopes 2022-2023 are ready for collection in the foyer area of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The parish offices will be closed from Friday 23rd December 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

During this time, if you have any enquiries or any urgent matters, please email or call the parish mobile 0452 180 037.

A priest will be monitoring the emails and the phone and will attend to your enquiries as soon as practicable.

### MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY

All Mass times, weekday and weekend, will be as normal.

No Communion Services at Our Lady's and St Ambrose between 27 December 2022 to 6 January 2023.

### FAMILY MASS AT OUR LADY

Families who are planning to attend the Christmas Family Mass at Our Lady's on 24 December at 5pm, are invited to stay briefly after the 10.30am Mass at St Ambrose this Sunday, to be involved in the planning. Thank you!

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2023

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

A variety of Christmas cards are also available.

Be ready for 2023! All proceeds go towards the work of the St. V. de P. Society in our parish which cares for people in need.

## Sacramental Life:

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Mission welcome with joy through the sacrament of **Baptisms**, this weekend.

*Drea La Serra-Arcoleo,*

*Baptised at St Joseph's last weekend: Alba Manley and Aurelia Skotidas*



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICE

The Angel Gabriel brings  
Good News for  
MARY and ELIZABETH

**Tuesday at 10.00am at ST JOSEPH'S**

ALL WELCOME!

## ST AMBROSE AND OUR LADY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tuesday 10:00am – 11:00am at St Ambrose Church,**  
Communion Service and Rosary.  
Prayer for peace in Ukraine.

**Wednesday 10:00am – 11:00am at Our Lady's Community Room,**  
Communion Service and Gospel Reflection in Italian.  
"Cura di se con la Bibbia". All welcome!

## Helpers Needed – St Ambrose

It takes many hands to make Christmas Masses work!  
Can you read for the Liturgy of The Word, be a Commentator,  
bring up the gifts at the Offertory, be a Minister of Communion or  
a greeter for the Christmas Eve Mass @ 8pm at St Ambrose's  
church on Christmas Eve? The signup sheets are on the tables at St  
Ambrose's Church.

## Piety Stall

A variety of Christmas cards are available - 5 for \$3.50 at the Piety  
Stall St Fidelis. All proceeds go towards the work of the St Vincent  
de Paul Society in our parish which cares for people in need.

## Rosary via Zoom

You are warmly invited to join us praying the Rosary over Zoom  
at 9:00am each Saturday during Advent, commencing Saturday  
3rd December 2022.

<https://zoom.us/j/92496488650>

Meeting ID: 924 9648 8650 By telephone: 7018 2005.

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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](http://bmcatholicmission.org.au)