

# BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

## Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of  
Christians



St Ambrose

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

29 August 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

### ONLINE ROSARY AND MASSES DURING LOCKDOWN

#### 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

#### Online Masses, Sunday 29 August

##### 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>

### REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

## Second Reading

St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

## 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 Gregory Cilero

### Thanksgiving for recovery sickness

Brendan Gurry, Noli Sagolil, Socorro Antolin & Family, Jon Red, Carol Red, and Ria Red

### Recently Deceased:

Emily Dio, Alfredo Mercuri, Rosa Cutrupi, Caterina Lanciana, Elvira Curcio, Josephine Galea and Elisa Figliola.

**Anniversaries:** Pierina Marini (1 Year), Florencio Madio (1 year), Eleanor (Ellie) Agnew, Vincenzo Favata, Rosario Cilero, Antonina Cilero, Giuseppe Noto and Angela Maria.

## LEADERSHIP

### Archdiocesan Take the Way of the Gospel.

Last Thursday evening, 26 August, Fr Greg, Fr Linh and preventatives from our parishes attended a Zoom meeting with other clergy and people from parishes in the Northern region to continue the journey of "re-imagining our local church as mission communities."

Pope Francis in his prayer intention for August said: "Let us begin reforming the church with a reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices, without rigidity but rather by moving forward based on spiritual experience – an experience of prayer, an experience of charity, an experience of service. I dream of an even more missionary option: one that goes out to meet others without proselytism and that transforms all its structures for the evangelization of today world. Let us remember that the church always has difficulties, always is in crises because she's alive. Living things go through crisis. Only the dead don't have crises. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the gospel."

### BBE Open Parish Meeting

As previously announced, an open parish meeting will be held for BBE as a start to our parish planning process. The timing of this meeting is dependent on the current COVID restrictions. In the meantime, we will try to gather some initial feedback through an online survey/form. The link to this form will be provided next week. We hope that this is a way for you to provide some initial feedback on parish needs. Further details will follow shortly.

## Working with Children Check Update

We all have as our top priority that our parishes be always safe and hospitable for our children and vulnerable people. The Catholic Church in Australia has the following consistent policies in place so that safety is always provided.

We do live in a world that asks us to be compliant with these rules because it has to be the same for everybody for it to work. Thank you for your generosity, patience and compliance in this important matter.

Currently our parishes are updating records of parish volunteers. For our parishes to be compliant with the Safeguarding requirements, all volunteers over the age of 18 years are required to have a current Working with Children Check which can be accessed by visiting:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and follow the prompts. Under the field "Child-Related Work, choose "64-Religious Organisation".

It is imperative that all volunteers have this check in place. In the instance that you are a registered teacher with the VIT and although you are not required to have a WWCC, it is necessary to notify Working with Children Check Victoria that you volunteer at either one of our parishes.

In addition, some volunteer roles also require you to obtain a police record check. Volunteer roles that require a Police Record Check include:

- Clergy
- Employees
- Parish finance committee
- Parish pastoral council
- home visiting (e.g. Communion ministers visit and administer communion at home)
- visiting special care facilities (e.g. refuges, hospitals, nursing homes)
- visits to community support agencies (e.g. disability support centres)
- overnight stays (e.g. camps, interstate or overseas trips)
- assess to parish records and/or assess to personal information about families, children and young people (e.g. name, address, date of birth, family circumstances).

Application form can be collected from our parish offices or download at:

<https://www.fit2work+volunteer+police+check>

Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if you need any clarification regarding this matter, during office hours.

Thank you to all our volunteers and safe guarding committees for your commitment to our parishes and for your continued support.



## Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help to

support families caught up in the crises.

**In Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. **In Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.** Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

## Social Justice Sunday 29 August

Pope Francis continues to call us to an ecological conversion and an economic conversion, and we want to respond. '*Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*', the Social Justice Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops 2021-2022, has just been released. The statement provides theological foundations to inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

Find out more:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

## Information session for the permanent Diaconate – Cancelled

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions and the uncertainty when restrictions will be eased, it is impossible to proceed with the planned 4th September Information session. It is regrettably cancelled. The possibility of holding an information session will be considered after any easing of restriction.

For more information please contact:

Office of the Permanent Diaconate Ph. 03 9412 335

or Email: [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

## Accommodation

A semi- retired woman in her late fifties requires a one bedroom unit to rent or is open to sharing with another woman. Excellent references. Contact the parish office for further details.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 3: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor – *Memorial*

September 5: Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – *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](http://bmcatholicmission.org.au)