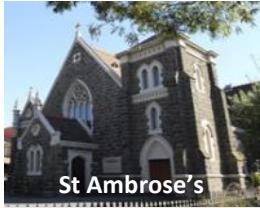


BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose's



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

14th April 2024

MASS TIMES

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (OLHC)

Friday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST AMBROSE'S

Thursday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST JOSEPH'S

Wednesday 10:00am

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

ST FIDELIS

Tuesday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Italian Mass:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

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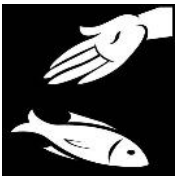
New website: bmcatholiccommunity.org.au

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy. To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

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Third Sunday of Easter Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles

3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children,

to stop you sinning;

but if anyone should sin,

we have our advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ, who is just;

he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,

and not only ours,

but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God

only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',

and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week."

QUEST SMART TERMINAL

Dear BMCC Parishioners,

We have introduced a way to make cashless donations by using smart terminals which you will find in the Church foyer, instructions on how to donate below;

HOW TO DONATE:



- 1. If screen is in a resting mode, please press any key or press enter to reactivate the terminal.**
- 2. Then select the desired donation amount from the preset amounts shown on the screen.**
- 3. Tap you card on the screen and wait for the transaction to process. No paper or email receipt will be issued.**
- 4. To change the initial chosen amount or to cancel, just press the red button (with an x) on the keypad, press end donation and wait for the preset amounts to re-appear on the screen. Then choose the new amount and tap your card, wait**

Thanks very much for your thanksgiving donation to support BMCC, it is very much appreciated!

May God continue to bless you and your family.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



An hour prayer before blessed Sacrament and Benediction at St. Fidelis every Thursday 7:30—8:30PM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST AMBROSE'S: LEARN ABOUT THE SUNDAY GOSPEL.

Children and teens are invited every Sunday to the 10.30am mass at St Ambrose church for a short session during mass. To talk about the meaning of the gospel reading and share how we can make it real in our daily lives.

Held during school terms. All welcome from all schools! St Ambrose's is a child-safe place with trained Children's Liturgy leaders.

For more information please contact the office 9380 1023 or contact: Nicolette : nicolette.cumbo@hotmail.com or Elisa: ronzonielisa@gmail.com



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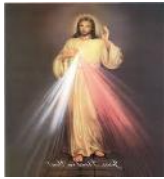


SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Moreland and Brunswick Catholic Community welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Joseph's Church ;

Victoria Agosta, Billie Ellese, Micah Kadissi , Margaux Ramalinga

May this sacred day bring many blessings and happiness to you all.



ST. JOSEPH'S DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Every Friday at 3pm.

You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour.



SCHOOL TERM 2 BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

Our Parish schools return from holidays next week. May God continue to bless everyone in our school as Term 2 for 2024 commences.

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PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE'S	OLHC	ST FIDELIS	ST JOSEPH'S
SICK				Angelo De Luca, Betty Murtagh
RECENTLY DEC'D	Pasqualina Bonanni	Joseph Fernandes		
ANNIVERSARIES	Anita Mangion, Charlie Bennett, Clem Harrington, Jim Bennett	Valda D'Aprano	Sr. Margaret Thompson, Alfredo Giampietro, Domenic Salzone, Jack Tadic (1 yr), Carmela Pricolo (1yr), Antonietta Luppino, Charles Periera, Susan McKeown, Salvatore Pennisi	Giovanna Selvaggi, Giuseppe Masini, Rosa De Luca, Maria & Giovanni De Luca, Vingenza & Orazio Santalucia, Catarina Barbagallo

Please Note: We invite all Parishioners to access the newsletter via our website <https://bmccatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-newsletter>

Anniversary requests or Newsletter items is required by 12pm Wednesday's.

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: bmccatholiccommunity.org.au