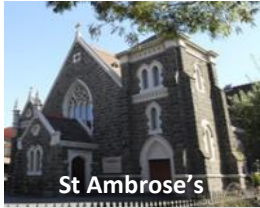


BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose's



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 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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Dear Lord,

On this special day, we show our
gratitude for all Mothers.

We thank them for their all-encompassing love, for their commitment, care and kindness. We thank them for their wisdom, for helping us grow and flourish. We thank them for their strength, for their sacrifices, and for being there in times of need. And we thank them for their encouragement, for being our cheer leaders and celebrating our achievements. Lord, help Mothers know how much they are loved and appreciated.

We ask that you bless all Mothers, including those who are no longer with us today.

Amen.

Source: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/165/a-prayer-for-mothers>

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our three parishes stand.

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Acts of the Apostles 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

TUESDAY MEDITATION

The face-to-face meditation group has meet for the last time as Jo Bennett will no longer be able to continue with the group. However, the Zoom meditation group will continue as usual - 7.30 Tuesday evenings.



CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

FESTA DI MARIA SS DI SERVIGLIANO MONTEMURRO



La Santa Messa avra` luogo Domenica 19 Maggio 2024 alle ore 2:30pm, nella Chiesa di Sant' Ambrogio. La Santa Messa sara celebrata da Padre Bruno Carrera. Per ulteriori informazione e donazioni telefonate:- Antonio Parisi 9387 2119

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 to finalise.

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

May God continue to bless you and your family.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2024

Christian denominations throughout Australia collect data regarding the number of individuals who attend Sunday/ weekend worship. Thanks in advance to our collectors who will be conducting our Parish Mass 'count' at all Masses for four weekends in May. The count will be recorded on May 4th-5th, 11th-12th, 18th-19th and 25th-26th.

60 FACES: PORTRAITS OF COMPASSION IN ACTION - LIMITED-EDITION COMMEMORATION BOOK



To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, have a limited-edition commemoration book. Each page of this book features carefully selected photographs showcasing the incredible individuals whose lives have been transformed by the international and Australian programs that you help support.

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Call 1800 134 135
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to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Joseph's;
Eleanor Remziya Julia & Winston Elliot Francis O'Grady

CONGRATULATIONS !



The Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community congratulates on their occasion of celebrating the sacrament of Marriage this weekend at;
St. Fidelis;
Channel & Rainier
St. Joseph's
Kayla & Joseph

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

13 May

Our Lady of Fatima—Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, Three Portuguese children received apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

14 May

Saint Matthias—Apostle

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PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE'S	OLHC	ST FIDELIS	ST JOSEPH'S
SICK			Lou Catania	
RECENTLY DEC'D		Imelda Vendramini		
ANNIVERSARIES	Joseph Fernandez	Theodore & Carmel D'Aprano	Umberto & Vilma Sansico, Francesco Tata, Anna Alemis	Antonio Carrafa, Rosa Carrafa, Giovanni Carrafa, Michele/ Michael Carrafa, Vita Carrafa, Adriano Carrafa.

Please Note: We invite all Parishioners to access the newsletter via our website <https://bmcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-newsletter> : Anniversary requests /Newsletter items is required by 12pm Wednesdays.

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: bmcatholiccommunity.org.au