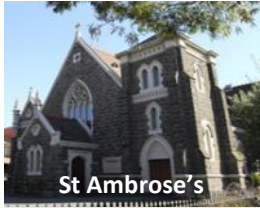


BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose's



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

21st 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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Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

**(R.) *The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.***

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him because we shall see him
as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one
who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own
and my own know me, just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

SAINT FIDELIS' FEAST DAY MASS



All welcome to celebrate Mass
with the St. Fidelis' school community,
for the special celebration of
Saint Fidelis' feast day,
Wednesday 24th of April,
9.15am.

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: Elisa: ronzonielisa@gmail.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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/q2RhNDbtTSO>

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

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

21 April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.



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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community, congratulates all the Children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady Help of Christians, administered by Bishop Terry Curtin on Sunday 21st April at 3.30pm.

Please remember the Children and their families in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS !



The Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community congratulates **Jacinta Rose Russo & Carmelo Pantano** on their occasion of celebrating the sacrament of Marriage this weekend at St. Joseph's Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



The Brunswick and Moreland Catholic Community welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Ambrose's:
Ayden Xuereb & Gabriella Rose Nardella

PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE'S	OLHC	ST FIDELIS	ST JOSEPH'S
RECENTLY DEC'D	Ninette Cuccia, Vincenza Caso Grande		Angela Filippis	
ANNIVERSARIES	Giuseppe Del Moro, Pacifica Del Moro	Dino Casagrande, Michele Tucci	Laila Harb, Betty Gerber, Pat Gerdtz, Vincenzo Martino Anunziata, Maria Grazia, Vincenzo Cardillo, Carmela, Domenico & Antonio Veneziano Family Bittisnich & Strangolino	

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