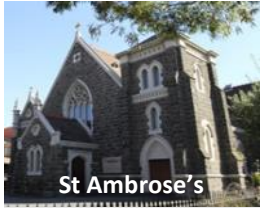


# BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



St Ambrose's



OLHC



St Joseph's



St Fidelis

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

SUNDAY 5TH 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:

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

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

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The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto

Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about. And if parents could take such risks and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other. It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise. It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything. If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly. We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble. That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history. We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection. A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it. But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus the Lord showed the quality and care of his love for us so that we might be empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them. No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.

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



## Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

### A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows  
God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 15:9-17

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you,  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

## Communion Antiphon John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

### 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 call: 9380 1023

or contact: Elisa: ronzonielisa@gmail.com

### 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  
celebrate 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 your 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.



### CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 2024 - THIS WEEKEND 4 & 5 MAY, 2024.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 92875513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



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It's a way to save while doing good.

Call 1800 134 135  
or visit [catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer](http://catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer)  
to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.



### ST. JOSEPH'S DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Every Friday at 3pm.

You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



### TUESDAY MEDITATION

A face-to-face session is held 3pm every Tuesday in the Spirituality room, St Ambrose Parish Centre. A zoom session is held at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening. No experience required.  
For more information contact ; Jo Bennett (0401148133;  
[jbennett@joeb.com.au](mailto:jbennett@joeb.com.au))



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

**Saoirse Bernadette Leonie Flint**

#### PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Linh Pham  
Fr Tho Tran

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### PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE'S	OLHC	ST FIDELIS	ST JOSEPH'S
SICK			Lou Catania	Helen Bourke
RECENTLY DEC'D	Leonardo Giaramida	Imelda Vendramini	Fr. Tom Brophy , Clemencia Papakostopoulos, Kath O'Sullivan, Carmela Trantino	
ANNIVERSARIES	Giovanna Ferro , Assunta Ferro		Michelina D'Arino, Raffaele Monea John O'Halloran, Carmelo Frazzetto Vincenza Licciardi, Giovanni Dilorio, Erimino & Filippa Cestinucci, Panfilo & Concettina Centofanti, Antonietta Salmone, Salvatore & Teresa Mancarella	Franco Parissi

**Please Note:** We invite all Parishioners to access the newsletter via our website <https://bmccatholiccommunity.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: [bmccatholiccommunity.org.au](http://bmccatholiccommunity.org.au)*