

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people. (Ps 67:6-7,36)

A reading from the Book of the Kings (3:5,7-12)
 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "Now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you." *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, how I love your law!
 My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R./**
 Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live, for your law is my delight. **R./**
 That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R./**
 Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:28-30)
 We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. **Alleluia!** (Jn 14:6)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (13:44-52)
 Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." *Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. (Ps 102:2)

Entrance: CANTICLE OF THE SUN
The heavens are telling the glory of God, And all creation is shouting for joy! Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!
 Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne!
 Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; they blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord!

Offertory: TAKE OUR BREAD
Take our bread, we ask you Take our hearts, we love you, Take our lives, oh Father, We are yours, we are yours.
 Yours as we stand at the table you set, Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget. We are the signs of your life with us yet; We are yours, we are yours. *Ref.*
 Your holy people stand washed in your blood, Spirit filled, yet hungry, we await your food. We are poor but we've brought Ourselves the best we could We are yours, we are yours. *Ref.*

Communion AS THE DEER
 As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after thee You alone are my hearts desire And I long to worship thee
You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my hearts desire And I long to worship thee
 You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though you are a king. I love you more than any other, So much more than anything.
 I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy Giver, And the apple of my eye.

Final: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM
 You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the city of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!
Refrain Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace. Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the kingdom of God!
 You are a light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
 You are a seed of the word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

Loreto Mandeville Hall 125th Anniversary Book Launch Sunday 14 September, 2pm – 4pm
 Join us for the launch of *A Row of Goodly Pearls: 125 Years of Loreto in Melbourne.*
RSVP: Monday 1 September Where: Forecourt of Mandeville Hall, 10 Mandeville Crescent, Toorak. Contact: Sarah Perrett on 9823 8106

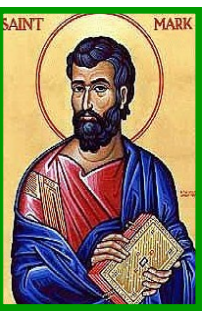


Weekly Parish Newsletter

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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

JESUS, THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PRECIOUS PEARL:
 The parables in today's Gospel highlight the unique value of the Kingdom of God. The treasure and the pearl refer to Jesus Christ himself who came to offer us His kingdom. Therefore, for the disciples of Jesus, the kingdom is an absolute demanding a radical decision. When the treasure is found everything else becomes relative. The hidden treasure or the pearl is found, it is gratuitous. However, when we find it everything else must be left behind. Of course, the decision is ours. It is up to us to embrace the treasure or to let it go. We do live in a society obsessed with insurances for everything. The kingdom of heaven is the best life insurance. Once found, we cannot miss the opportunity to have it. It is to be embraced with joy. Leaving behind everything allowing the kingdom to possess us becomes a spontaneous gesture, something we do gladly because we have discovered something which gives meaning to our lives. Everything falls into place and acquires its own value when we start from the perspective of the kingdom. Let us keep in mind that the parable is not about someone who sells everything and goes in search of a treasure. Many do this way ending up having nothing. In the parable, the treasure is first found and as a consequence all possessions are sold to have it. Jesus and His kingdom are found by the grace of God and, if we are not blind to such a treasure, we joyfully leave behind everything else, mindful that we have found the best precious pearl that gives true happiness and meaning to our lives.



GESÙ, IL TESORO NASCOSTO E LA PERLA PREZIOSA: Cosa voleva dire Gesù con le due parabole del tesoro nascosto e della perla preziosa? Che era apparso in terra il regno di Dio. Concretamente, si tratta di lui, della sua venuta sulla terra. Il tesoro nascosto, la perla preziosa non è altri che Gesù stesso. È come se Gesù con quelle parabole volesse dire: la salvezza è venuta a voi gratuitamente, per iniziativa di Dio, prendete la decisione, afferratela, non lasciatevela sfuggire. Questo è tempo di decisione. Viviamo in un società che vive di assicurazioni. Ci si assicura contro tutto. Tra tutte, la più importante e frequente è l'assicurazione sulla vita. Il regno dei cieli è anch'esso una assicurazione sulla vita e contro la morte, ma una assicurazione reale, che giova non solo a chi resta, ma anche a chi va, a chi muore. "Chi crede in me, anche se muore, vivrà", dice Gesù. Si capisce allora anche l'esigenza radicale che ci presenta il Vangelo: vendere tutto, dare via tutto. In altre parole, essere disposti, se necessario, a qualsiasi sacrificio. Non per pagare il prezzo del tesoro e della perla, che per definizione sono "senza prezzo", ma per essere degni di essi. La parabola non ci dice che "un uomo vendette tutto quello che aveva e si mise alla ricerca di un tesoro nascosto". Sappiamo come vanno a finire le storie che cominciano così: uno perde quello che aveva e non trova nessun tesoro. Storie di illusi, di visionari. Quello che dice la parabola è: un uomo trovò un tesoro e perciò vendette tutto quello che aveva per acquistarlo. Bisogna, in altre parole, aver trovato il tesoro per avere la forza e la gioia e di vendere tutto. Bisogna aver prima incontrato Gesù, averlo incontrato in maniera nuova personale, convinta. Averlo scoperto come proprio amico e salvatore. Dopo senza paura si può vendere tutto. Lo si farà "pieni di gioia" come quel contadino di cui parla il vangelo.

PLEASE NOTE! CONFIRMATIONS
Next Sunday 3rd August.
There will be only ONE combined mass in St. Brigid's Church at 10.30am. Main celebrant will be the Vicar General Mgr. Greg Bennet.
Le us pray for the candidates during this week as they prepare in receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Living the Joy of the Gospel: Lectio Divina & Mass with Cardinal Luis Tagle Tuesday 5 August, 6pm – 8:30pm
 Be uplifted! Gather for an evening of prayer, music and reflection at St Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Luis Tagle (Archbishop of Manila, Philippines) will lead a Lectio Divina (the ancient practice of slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures) and Mass, with music by the Filipino community. All welcome. No RSVP required.
Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral PI, East Melbourne
Contact: 9926 5761, evangelisation@cam.org.au or www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 26th July 2014 XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" (Vigil)	<i>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field".</i> 		6.00pm Carmela FIORE Antonietta FABRIS Rufina & Antonio MOSCATELLE 7.00pm Spanish Mass 7.30pm Mass with the Neo-Catechumenal Way <i>(In the Chapel of the Convent)</i>	Wedding Celebrations for Mari NAKAGAWA & Shaun O'KEEFE <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 27th July 2014 XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>"Il regno dei cieli è simile anche a un mercante che va in cerca di perle preziose".</i>	8.30am Mario BOFFA Caterina, Vincenzo e Rosa MARSICOVETERE	9.45am Zefa NREKIC 11.00am Antonio RUSSO Domenica e Domenico BELLISSIMO	
Monday / Lunedì 28th July 2014 Jer 13: 1-11; Mt 13:31 - 35	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>You have forgotten God who gave you birth</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Ignatius of Loyola.	9.15am Francis CHAN	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents & God-parents invited to attend.
Tuesday / Martedì 29th July 2014 St. Martha (1Jn 4:7-16 Jn 11: 19-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm.</i> <i>I will bless the Lord at all times.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Martha	9.15am In honour to St. Martha	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 30th July 2014 Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13: 44-46	<i>Responsorial Psalm.</i> <i>Sei tu, Signore, la mia difesa.</i> <i>God is my refuge on the day of my distress.</i>	8.00am Carmelo CALANDRA	9.15am (Dopo la S. Messa segue il Gruppo di Preghiera) 12.00pm Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Anna BIANCUCCI	<i>Le nostre sincere condoglianze alla famiglia di Anna Biancucci. Preghiamo il Signore di dare lei il riposo eterno, e pace e conforto ai suoi cari.</i>
Thursday/ Giovedì 31st July 2014 St. Ignatius of Loyola Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.</i>	8.00am In honour to Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.	9.15am In honour to St. Ignatius of Loyola.	
Friday/ Venerdì 1st August 2014 S. Alfonso Maria de' Liguori, St. Alphonsus Liguori Jer 26: 1-9; Mt 13: 54-58	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Canterò senza fine la bontà del Signore</i> <i>God in your great love, answer me.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Alphonsus Liguori	9.15am In onore a Sant' Alfonso Maria De' Liguori 7.30pm First Friday Mass in Spanish	

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral	Comunidade Pastoral	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm	De Habla Hispana	Expressão Portuguesa	
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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 2nd & 3rd August 2014	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	J. Perrett	Children	M. Lauria	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Childen	E. Mascia	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	L. Colosimo	Toscano Family		

This weekend we warmly welcome Fr. Maurizio and congratulate him on his 25th Silver Jubilee of Priesthood celebrated on the 8th July 2014. As a parish community we assure him of our prayers to our loving Father to always be close to him as he continues the wonderful ministry of serving Him. We also thank him for all his time he has lovingly devoted to our parish. May God fill him with love and blessings.

Congratulazioni a P. Maurizio nella ricorrenza del suo 25mo anniversario di sacerdozio, avvenuto 8 luglio. Preghiamo il Signore di stargli sempre vicino, con il suo amore e benedizioni, mentre continua il suo ministero servendo Lui, e il suo gregge. AUGURI!!

Homestay Australia Pty Ltd
www.homestay-australia.com Accommodation is **URGENTLY NEEDED** for a large number of Exchange students arriving in Melbourne in August for Melbourne Universities. Period : 4 weeks to 9 months. Average Payment is \$1000 per 4 weeks per student. Male or Female applicants. All Homestay Income is Tax Free.

FEAST IN HONOUR TO THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD
Organized by the Spanish Speaking Chaplaincy Saturday 2nd August in St Brigid's Church
3.00pm Procession with the Statue
3.45pm Celebration of the Holy Mass
6.00pm Dinner Dance in the Parish Hall.
FESTA IN ONORE DEL SALVATORE DEL MONDO Organizzata dalla Cappellania di lingua Spagnola
Sabato 2 agosto nella chiesa di S. Brigida

3.00pm Processione con la Statua
3.45pm Celebrazione della Santa Messa
6.00 pm Cena Danzante nella sala parrocchiale.



Sunday 17 August, 2:30pm – 4:30pm
Come and enjoy a lovely High Tea with guest presenter and international designer Liz Davenport who will showcase her Spring fashion collection. All proceeds will go towards funding the Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service provided by **Catholic-Care**. Cost:\$50 Where: Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Contact: Angela on 9926 5722 or fundraising@ccam.org.au

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 10 August, 2pm
Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with Rosary, Mass, procession and Benediction. The Principal Celebrant will be Most Rev Bishop Hilton Deakin.
Where: Our Lady Ta'Pinu Shrine, All Nations Marian Centre, 15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh
Contact: Josette on 0412 360 231 or stooty@optusnet.com.au

OPEN the DOORS to a night of Fun!
1930s Cocktail Party and Trivia Night. For **OPEN DOORS COUNSELLING** Celebrating 30 years of supporting Mothers and Babies and promoting best health choices for young people. **SAT AUG 9, 7pm for 7.30 start.** St Therese's School, Performing Arts Centre, 25 -31 Edward St Essendon. **Live Jazz band 'Soul Chic', Trivia, Silent and Live Auctions, Dancing. Complimentary cocktail/mocktail on arrival.** Tickets: Adult \$25, Youth (13 - 17) \$10; Under 13 free Bookings essential. **TICKETS - GO TO** <http://www.trybooking.com/FEYV> or contact Bernadette at Open Doors (03 9870 7044; info@opendoors.com.au)

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 699 - 00
2 Collection \$ 334 - 00
Envelopes \$ 229 - 00

Canto D'ingresso:

AMATEVI FRATELLI

Amatevi, fratelli, come io ho amato voi!
Avrete la mia gioia, che nessuno vi toglierà!
Avrete la sua gioia, che nessuno ci toglierà!
Vivete insieme uniti, come il Padre è unito a me!
Avrete la mia vita, se l'Amore sarà con voi!
Avremo la sua vita, se l'Amore sarà con noi!
Vi dico queste parole perchè abbiate in voi la gioia!
Sarete miei amici, se l'Amore sarà con voi!
Saremo suoi amici, se l'Amore sarà con noi!

Canto D'Offertorio

MISTERO DELLA CENA

Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù.
Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù.
È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi.
Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.
Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù .
Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù.
Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà.
Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà .



Canto di Comunione

QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE

Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà.
Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà.
L'acqua viva che egli dà Sempre fresca sgorgherà.
Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.
Se la strada si fa oscura Spero in lui: mi guiderà.
Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui : mi salverà.
Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. **Rit.**
Nel mattino io ti invoco: tu, mio Dio, risponderai.
Nella sera rendo grazie: tu, mio Dio, ascolterai.
Al tuo monte salirò E vicino ti vedrò. **Rit.**



Canto Finale

SALVE REGINA

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eja ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis. Virgo Maria.