

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom, he saved me because he delighted in me. (Ps 17:19-20)

**A reading from the Book of Isaiah (49:14-15)**

Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." **This is the word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: In God alone is my soul at rest.**

In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from Him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R./**

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R./**

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust Him at all times. Pour out your hearts before Him. **R./**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (4:1-5)**

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your Word is truth, O Lord, Consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!** (Jn 17:17)

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (6:24-34)**

Jesus said to his disciples, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." "Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. "Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High. (Ps 12:6)

#### Entrance

##### Come with Praise

##### Refrain

Come with praise, people of God!  
Come with your heart's thanksgiving.  
Sing for joy, house of the lord! Sing  
of your bounteous blessing!

Come, you poor of the land,  
all who live with hearts of hunger,  
Come and taste the love of the lord  
and you will be filled. **(refrain)**

Come, you captives of fear,  
all who bear the yoke of hatred,  
God has heard the cry of your soul  
and broken your chains. **(refrain)**

Come you wounded and worn, all  
who know the face of sorrow,  
God will heal the pain of your heart  
and gladden your soul. **(refrain)**

#### SANCTUARY: AN EXHIBITION OF SACRED ART

On now until Thursday 2 March,  
10am-5pm (except Sundays)  
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre,  
362 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
Details: 9926 9300

#### Offertory

##### Bread for the World

**Bread for the world:  
a world of hunger.  
Wine for all peoples:  
people who thirst.  
May we who eat  
be bread for others.  
May we who drink  
pour out our love**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the bread of life,  
broken to reach  
and heal the wounds  
of human pain.  
Where we divide your people,  
you are waiting there  
on bended knee  
to wash our feet  
with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the wine of peace,  
poured into hearts once broken  
and where dryness sleeps.  
Where we are tired and weary,  
you are waiting there  
to be the way which  
beckons us beyond despair.

#### Communion:

##### Where your treasure is

##### Chorus:

**Where your treasure is,  
there your heart shall be.  
All that you possess  
will never set you free.  
Seek the things that last;  
come and learn from me.  
Where your treasure is,  
your heart shall be.**

What do you gain from all your worry,  
What you should eat or what to wear?  
There is no peace in stress or hurry  
Do you not know that you are held within  
God's care?

Look at the ravens high above you!  
They do not work their whole life through---  
And yet God feeds them and protects them.  
So how much more will God protect and  
care for you!

Behold the lilies in their splendor  
In grace and beauty are they dressed  
And yet so soon their bloom is faded  
So how much more will those who look to  
God be blessed?

#### Final

##### Take the Word of God

Take the word of God  
with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of  
God's word  
and make them grow.

##### Refrain

**Go in peace to  
serve the world,  
in peace to  
serve the world.  
Take the love of God,  
the love of God  
with you as you go.**

Take the peace of God  
with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's  
peace and make them grow

Take the joy of God  
with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's  
joy and make them grow

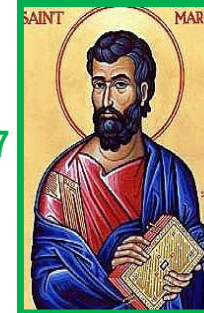
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*

**ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR: We let God lead us with his word and grace in our daily life.**



#### ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2017

This Lent 2017 I pray and hope that your Lenten season is filled with many spiritual gifts. I recommend we all make some simple commitments. May all of us here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne: **pray, fast and give alms.**

**Prayer:** strengthens our relationship with Christ. One simple suggestion is to spend an extra fifteen minutes at night slowly reading, praying and reflecting on the daily Gospel. It isn't a great sacrifice but it really helps.

Another simple practice is for each of us to seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. I encourage you all to make a good confession before Easter, even if it has been a long time. In the early Church, they called confession the 'second conversion in tears.' Saint Peter wept in sorrow after denying Jesus, and in his mercy Christ spoke to him the tender words of his pardon and peace. In the sacrament, we too can hear these words of compassion for our sins.

**Fasting:** we 'give up' food, drink or whatever. Let us never forget it isn't all about what we do as individual. Self-denial frees our mind and our resources. It should readily redirect our attention from ourselves toward others. What money or time we do not spend on ourselves, we need to spend for the benefit of others.

**Almsgiving:** it is the heart of the issue. Pope Francis constantly emphasises this connection between self-denial and charitable outreach. Lent rescues us from ourselves and frees us to think about others – particularly those who suffer from poverty. Supporting the wonderful work of Caritas by contributing to Project Compassion is one great way. Another small act of 'almsgiving' could be giving people some of our valuable 'time'. Pope Francis says: "The other person is a gift; urging us to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable": the sick or elderly in your parish, welcome the 'stranger, the refugees in your area. May we never forget to ask ourselves: "How can I share with my neighbours in need?"

+ Denis J. Hart,  
Archbishop of Melbourne.

#### MESSAGGIO DELL'ARCIVESCOVO PER LA QUARESIMA 2017.

Io prego e spero che la Quaresima 2017 sia piena di frutti spirituali. Suggesto che tutti noi in questa Arcidiocesi ci dedichiamo alla **preghiera, al digiuno e all'assistenza.**

**Preghiera:** questa rafforza la nostra relazione con Cristo. Un semplice suggerimento e' di mettersi in preghiera per 15 minuti la sera, leggendo, riflettendo e pregando il vangelo del giorno. Non sara' un grande sacrificio, ma veramente fruttuoso.

Un'altra pratica e' di accostarci al sacramento della Confessione. Vi incoraggio a fare una buona Confessione prima di Pasqua, anche se siamo stati lontani da tanto tempo. Nei primi tempi della Chiesa si chiamava la confessione "la seconda conversione in lacrime". Pietro pianse dopo aver rinnegato Gesu', ma nella sua misericordia Gesu' gli disse parole di perdono e di pace. Nella confessione anche noi possiamo ascoltare queste parole di perdono.

**Digiuno:** ci asteniamo da qualche cibo o bevanda. Non dimentichiamo che non si tratta soltanto di cio' che sacrificiamo individualmente. Liberandoci dall'ingordigia, liberiamo risorse per aiutare e per dare la nostra attenzione agli altri. Cio' che non spendiamo per noi stessi lo diamo in carita' ai bisognosi.

**Assistenza:** sta' al cuore della Quaresima. Il Papa Francesco spesso ci richiama al nesso tra rinuncia e assistenza. La pratica quaresimale ci libera dall'egoismo e soddisfazione personale e ci porta ad attendere ai bisogni degli altri – specialmente di chi soffre la poverta'. Un modo pratico e' di contribuire attraverso il "Project Compassion". Un altro bel gesto di carita' e' dare del nostro tempo agli altri. Papa Francesco dice: "L'altro e' un dono che ci invita ad apprezzare e amare la vita, specialmente quando questa e' povera e fragile": gli ammalati e gli anziani nella nostra comunita'; accogliere gli "stranieri" e i rifugiati che vivono tra noi. Non dovremmo mai cessare di interrogarci: "Come posso io aiutare il mio prossimo che e' nel bisogno?"

+ Denis J. Hart,  
Archbishop of Melbourne



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## Liturgical Calendar and activities

| Day of the Week   | Liturgical Celebration   | Intention St. Mark   | Intention St. Brigid  | Parish Activity  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>SATURDAY SABATO</b><br>25th February 2017<br>Vigil<br>Year "A"<br>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  | <b>"No one can serve two masters"</b><br><br><b>Baptism Celebration for Karl Antonio REGINOS NAJARRO.</b><br>Congratulations!  | Ogni Sabato<br>10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne Street Carlton.<br><i>Si cercano Volontari!</i>    | 6.00pm<br><br>7.00pm Spanish Mass<br>Isabel TRIANA<br>Ernesto Salazar<br>CORDOBA  | <b>Wedding Celebration for: Christina MASINO &amp; Vince MADAFFARI</b><br><br><b>Natasha NEGRIN &amp; Luke MERCURI</b><br>Congratulations!                                       |
| <b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b><br>26th February 2017<br>Year "A"<br>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time   | <b>"Nessuno può servire due padroni"</b>   | 8.30am<br>PRO-POPULO<br><br>10.00am<br>Portuguese Mass   | 9.45am Camela FIORE<br><br>11.00am Flora PETRINI<br><br>5.00pm Brazilian Mass   | <b>Baptism Celebration for Milania DEBRINCAT &amp; Alise KHALLOUF</b><br>Congratulations!<br> |
| Monday/Lunedì<br>27th February 2017<br>Sirach 17:24-29;<br>Mk 10:17-27  | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br>Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.   | 8.00am   | 9.15am  | 7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents & God-parents invited to attend.   |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>28th February 2017<br>Sirach 35:1-12;<br>Mk10:28-31  | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br>To the upright I will show the saving power of God.   | 8.00am   | 9.15am<br><br>12.00pm Rosario<br>12.30pm Messa Funebre Per Maria BUCCHERI   | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maria Buccheri. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and give peace to her loved ones.</i>                                   |
| Ash Wednesday<br>Mercoledì Delle Ceneri<br>1st March 2017<br>Joel 2: 12-18;<br>2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2;<br>Mt 6:1-6, 16-18<br><br><b>Today is a day of fast and abstinence.</b><br><b>Oggi è giorno di digiuno e astinenza</b> | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br>Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.<br>Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.<br><br> | 8.00am<br><br>7.30pm<br>Portuguese Mass<br><br> | 9.15am<br>Carmelo CALANDRA<br><br>6.00pm Spanish Mass<br><br>7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy) | <b>We are all invited to attend Mass today and receive the ashes.</b><br><br>               |
| Thursday/Giovedì<br>2nd March 2017<br>Deut 30: 15-20;<br>Lk 9:22-25   | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br>Happy are they who hope in the Lord.  | 8.00am   | 9.15am<br>Carmelina CAFARELLA<br><br>6.30pm<br>Peter DISSEGNA (1mth)  |  |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>3rd March 2017<br>Is 58:1-9;<br>Mt 9: 14-15   | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br>A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.   | 8.00am<br><br>7.30pm<br>Stations of the Cross (Portuguese)   | 9.15am<br><br>7.30pm<br>1st Friday Mass Spanish   | 7.00pm St. Brigid's Church Stations of the Cross (Italian/English)<br>                      |

| Parish Community   | Parish Office   | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana                    | Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa | Filipino Pastoral Community                                     |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Parish Priest:<br>Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS  | Monday to Friday<br>9.30am - 4.30pm   | Tel: (03) 9482-5362<br>Fax: (03) 9489-9926             | Chaplain<br>P. José Gutierrez, CS           | Chaplain<br>Mons. Joselito Asis                                 |
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

| Liturgy of the Word 4th & 5th March 2017 | 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               | G. Piantella    | Children          | L. Colosimo        | A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso |                   |                 |
| Responsorial Psalm                       | Volunteer               | G. Piantella    | Children          | E. Mascia          | Children                 |                   |                 |
| II Reading                               | Volunteer               | G. Piantella    | Children          | M. Lauria          | C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco  |                   |                 |

**MASSES - ASH WEDNESDAY 1st March**

8.00am St. Mark's - Bi-lingual  
9.15am St. Brigid's - Italian  
6.00pm St. Brigid's—Spanish  
7.30pm St. Brigid's - Filipino  
7.30pm St. Mark's - Portuguese

**MESSE - 1 Marzo MERCOLEDÌ Delle CENERI**


8.00am San Marco - Bi-lingual  
9.15am Santa Brigida - Italiano  
6.00 Santa Brigida - Spagnolo  
7.30pm St. Brigid's - Filipino  
7.30pm San Marco - Portuguese

**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm (Italian/English)


**ST. MARK'S CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm (Portuguese Community)

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| 1st Collection | \$840 - 00 |
| 2nd Collection | \$500 - 00 |
| Envelopes      | \$210 - 00 |

**Ingresso:**   
**LODATE DIO**  
Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo, lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò, somma sapienza e splendore.  
Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene. lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio.  
Lodate Dio, uno e trino Signore, lodate Dio, mèta e premio dei buoni: cantate a lui, sorgente di ogni bontà, per tutti i secoli. Amen!

**Offertorio:** **HE POSSIAMO OFFRIRTI**  
Che possiamo offrirti, nostro Creatore? Ecco il nostro niente, prendilo, Signore.  
**Nella tua Messa, la nostra Messa; nella tua vita, la nostra vita.**  
Guarda quest'offerta, guarda noi Signore; tutti noi t'offriamo per unirci a Te.  
**Nella tua Messa, la nostra Messa; nella tua vita, la nostra vita.**



The Filipino Chaplaincy & St. Brigid's Parish invite you to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima. Organized by the Alliance of the Holy Family International Wednesday 8th March in St. Brigid's Church.

**VISIT of the International Centennial PILGRIM IMAGE**  
Theme: "The Urgent Call for Prayer and Reparation: The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima"  


6.00pm Welcoming Ceremony  
6.30pm Talk and Adoration  
7.30pm Rosary - 8.00pm Holy Mass  
Distribution of Scapulars, Rosaries, Two Hearts Pictures and Signing up.

Let us respond to Our Lady's call for Prayer and Reparation to restore peace in the world and holiness in family life by participating in this special celebration. Please come along and invite family and friends also.

**CONFIRMATIONS IN OUR PARISH SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2017**  
If you know of anyone who wishes to be confirmed this year, please give his or her name to Fr. Savino as soon as possible. Religious instructions will begin his week.


**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**  
For parents and godparents wishing to have their children baptised here at St. Brigid's, will take place this Monday 27th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2017**  
The theme for Project Compassion this year is "Love Your Neighbour"  
Your support is bringing renewed hope to the world's poorest people, empowering them to learn more and create change.  
**"You shall love your neighbour as yourself"**  
Matthew 22:39  
Project Compassion begins on Ash Wednesday 1st March 2017. Please donate by using the box or envelopes.



There are still few used stackable plastic chairs available, if interested, please speak to Fr. Savino.

**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 sgorgnerà.  
**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.  
**Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.**  
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  
**Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.**



**Fine:** **MIRA IL TUO POPOLO**  
Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora, che pieni di giubilo oggi t'onora. Anch'io festevole corro ai tuoi piedi.  
**O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.**  
Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore Porta e rifugio del peccatore. Tesori e grazie racchiude in sé.  
**O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.**  
In questa misera valle infelice, tutti t'invocano: Soccorritrice. Questo bel titolo conviene a te.  
**O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.**

