

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** 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 (Acts 1:11).

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

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/**

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/**

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/**

**Entrance: O God Beyond All Praising**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing, that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder, at every gift you send, at blessings without number, and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.



O God of all creation, who glory fills the sky, We gather in your presence, our spirits lifted high; To bring for humble service, those who answer to your call, That they may follow Christ, the example for us all Protect them and guide them, their faith in you be strong, As now they journey onward, we sing the ancient song.

"You are a priest forever" within God's church on earth "in the order of Melchizedek", a priest before your birth. Called out to be our pastor, the flock of Christ to serve; From the humble to the haughty, the Word of God make heard, To celebrate the sacraments, in fitting praise proclaim In love of Holy Trinity, give honour to God's name.



**Offertory:**

**BLESSED BE GOD**

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Thanks to your goodness this bread we offer. Fruit of the earth, work of our hands It will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen.**

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Thanks to your goodness this wine we offer. Fruit of the vine, work of our hands. It will become the cup of joy. **(Ref.)**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (1:17-23)**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time **Alleluia!** (Mt 28:19-20).

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (16:15-20)**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Be Not Afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.



**Be not afraid.**

**I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

**Final: Our Lady of the Way**

No man can live as island; Journey through life alone; Since we're most loved by a mother Jesus gave us his own



**Be with us Mary along the Way Guide every step we take Lead us to Jesus your loving son; Come with us Mary, come.**

Quando qualcuno ti dice: "nulla mai cambierà". Lotta per un mondo nuovo lotta per la verità.

**Vieni o Madre, in mezzo a noi vieni, Maria quaggiu': cammineremo insieme a te, verso la libertà.**

Si por el mundo los hombres Sin conocerse van No niegues nunca tu mano Al que contigo esta.

**Ven con nosotros al caminar Santa Maria, ven. Ven con nosotros al caminar, Santa Maria, ven.**



# Weekly Parish Newsletter

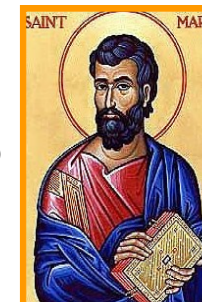
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY**

At some point an appendix was added to Mark's original Gospel. In it we find stated this final command of Jesus: «Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation». The Gospel mustn't remain in the interior of the small group of disciples. It must go out and travel in order to reach «the whole world» and bring Good News to all peoples, to «all creation». Without a doubt, these words were heard enthusiastically when Christians were in full expansion and their communities were multiplying all across the Empire; but how to hear them today when we see ourselves powerless to retain those who are abandoning our churches because they no longer feel the need for our religion? The first thing to do is to live out an absolute trust in God's action. This is what Jesus taught us. God keeps working with infinite love on the heart and conscience of all God's sons and daughters, though we may consider them «lost sheep». God isn't stymied by any crisis. God isn't waiting for the Church to put in place our plans of restoration or our projects of innovation. God keeps acting in the Church and outside of the Church. No one is abandoned by God, though they may have never heard anyone speak of Jesus' Gospel. But all this doesn't take away our responsibility. We need to begin to ask ourselves new questions: In what paths do men and women of modern culture seek God? How does the Good News of Jesus want to make itself present to men and women of our day?

We need to ask ourselves even more: What invitations is God making to us to transform our traditional form of thinking, expressing, celebrating, and incarnating the Christian faith in such a way that we can pave the way for God's action within modern culture? With our inertia and stodginess, don't we run the risk of becoming a cultural obstacle to and putting the brakes on letting the Gospel be incarnated in contemporary society?



**FIDUCIA E RESPONSABILITÀ**

All'Evangelo originario di Marco si aggiunse ad un certo momento un'appendice dove si trova questo mandato finale di Gesù: «Andate in tutto il mondo e proclamate l'Evangelo ad ogni creatura». L'Evangelo non deve restare all'interno del piccolo gruppo dei suoi discepoli. Devono uscire e disperdersi per arrivare al «mondo intero» e portare la Buona Notizia a tutte le genti, a «tutta la creazione». Queste parole indubbiamente erano ascoltate con entusiasmo quando i cristiani erano in piena espansione e le loro comunità si moltiplicavano in tutto l'Impero, ma come ascoltarle oggi che ci vediamo impotenti a trattenerne quelli che abbandonano le nostre chiese perché non sentono più la necessità della nostra religione? La prima cosa è vivere a partire dalla fiducia assoluta nell'opera di Dio. Ce lo ha insegnato Gesù. Dio continua a lavorare con amore infinito

il cuore e la coscienza di tutte le sue figlie e i suoi figli, sebbene noi li consideriamo «pecore perdute». Dio non è bloccato da nessuna crisi. Non sta aspettando che nella Chiesa mettiamo in marcia i nostri piani di restaurazione o i nostri progetti di rinnovamento. Egli continua ad operare nella Chiesa e fuori della Chiesa. Nessuno vive abbandonato da Dio, anche se non ha mai sentito parlare dell'Evangelo di Gesù. Tutto questo però non ci dispensa dalla nostra responsabilità. Dobbiamo incominciare a porci nuove domande: per quali vie Dio va cercando le donne e gli uomini della cultura moderna? Come vuole far presente alla donna e all'uomo dei nostri giorni la Buona Notizia di Gesù? Dobbiamo domandarci ancora qualcosa di più: quali chiamate ci sta rivolgendo Dio per trasformare il nostro modo tradizionale di pensare, esprimere, celebrare e incarnare la fede cristiana in maniera da propiziare l'opera di Dio all'interno della cultura moderna? Non corriamo il rischio di diventare, con la nostra inerzia e il nostro immobilismo, un freno e un ostacolo culturale a che l'Evangelo si incarni nella società contemporanea?



**FAREWELL Fr. DELMAR.** *You leave us with lots of wonderful memories. You will be missed immensely, St. Brigid's Community won't be the same without you. Our prayers thoughts and love will follow you wherever you are and wherever you go. May God bless you always. Your loving family.*



**ADDIO Pd. DELMAR.** *Ci lasci con tanti bellissimi ricordi. Sentiremo molto la tua mancanza, la comunità di Santa Brigida non sarà la stessa senza di te. Le nostre preghiere, pensieri e affetto ti seguiranno ovunque tu sei e ovunque tu vai. Il Signore ti benedica sempre. La tua affettuosa famiglia.*

**COMMUNION ANTHIPHON:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia. (Mt 28:20).



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians [www.Scalabrini.org](http://www.Scalabrini.org)  
Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 16th May 2015 Year "B" "VIGIL" THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation".	Oggi 10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for Isabella KNOTT &amp; Mia Estelle LEMUS RAMIREZ</b> <i>Congratulations!</i>
<b>SUNDAY/ DOMENICA</b> 17th May 2015 Year "B" THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 	"Andate in tutto il mondo e predicate il vangelo a ogni creatura". 	8.30am <b>PRO-POPULO</b>	10.30am Maria DI LUCA (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Vincenzo ROCCA (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Francesca DI GIANNANTONIO Angelo VARVERI Giovanna NICOLAZZO Domenica FAVARO	7.30 - 8.30pm <b>Welcome In Room</b> <i>Come and Listen to a Good News</i> Neo-Catechumenal Way
Monday of the 7th week of Easter 18th May 2015 Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16: 29-33	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.	8.00am <b>PILMORE Family</b> <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am	
Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter 19th May 2015 Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17:1-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.	8.00am <b>PILMORE Family</b> <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am  6.30pm <b>Concetta CULTRERA</b> (1st Anniversary)  7.30pm <b>Concetta MALIZIA</b> (3rd month)	10.30am - 12.30pm <b>In the Chapel of the Convent.</b> Seed of Life Charismatic Prayer Group. All welcome
Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter 20th May 2015 Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Ti lodino i popoli, o Dio, ti lodino i popoli tutti.  Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.	8.00am <b>Brenda BREEN</b> <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am  7.30pm Novena Mass Filipino Chaplaincy	Dopo la S. Messa delle 9.15am segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico Italiano
Thursday of the 7th week of Easter 21st May 2015 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17: 20-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Keep me safe, O God: You are my hope.	8.00am <b>Paul O'LOUGHLAN</b> <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am	7.30 - 8.30pm <b>Welcome In Room</b> <i>Come and Listen to a Good News</i> Neo-Catechumenal Way
Friday of the 7th week of Easter 22nd May 2015 Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> The Lord has set his throne in heaven.	8.00am <b>Michael FAY</b> <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am	

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Liturgy of the Word 23th & 24th May 2015	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid's	11.00am St. Brigid's	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	R. Omenihu	L. Colosimo	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	J. Smith	M. Lauria	P. Elkins / S. Atherton		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	N. Omenihu	E. Mascia	Mazzitelli Family		

### PENTECOST VIGIL

Next Saturday 23rd May, the Spanish Community will celebrate Pentecost Vigil and the Beatification of Mons. Oscar Arnulfo Romero with the 7.00pm Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers and songs till 10.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration.

### MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS Sunday 31 May, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

RSVP: Fri 22 May Reg. [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au)  
Details: 9287 5587

### CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL Saturday 30 May, 5-5.45pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne

The four-manual Cathedral organ built by George Fincham and Sons in Richmond celebrated its 50th birthday in November 2014. The organ was dedicated to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country and Archbishop Mannix's 50th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination on 6 October 1962.

To mark this anniversary and the Solemnities of Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi, organ recitals will be offered in the Cathedral. The first of these will be on Saturday 30 May by Mr Dion Henman, Organist. Further recitals on 6 & 13 June.  
**Cost: \$10 (\$5 for Pensioners)**  
**Details: [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au)**

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 720 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 534 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 215 - 00

### CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY TODAY Sunday 17 May

The Melbourne Archbishop's Charitable Fund will conduct the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth detention centres and seafarers. The Appeal will be held in parishes today Sunday 17 May. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to assist chaplains to provide hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical illness and HIV/AIDS.  
**Watch Video: [www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy](http://www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy)**  
**Details: Linda Stephens 9926 5731 or [linda.stephens@cam.org.au](mailto:linda.stephens@cam.org.au)**  
Special envelopes are available for your donation.

### CELEBRAZIONI IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DELLE GRAZIE A SANTA BRIGIDA

Domenica prossima 24 Maggio alle ore 3.00pm Santa Messa in onore della Madonna Delle Grazie. Celebrante: P. Luciano Toldo. Eseguirà i canti il coro di Sant'Antonio. Dopo le celebrazioni religiosi seguirà un dinner dance con 5 portate incluse bevande al Ferraro Reception 14 Onslow Avenue, Campbellfield con inizio alle 5.30pm. Prezzo \$45.00  
**Se siete interessati ad organizzare un tavolo, telefonate a Giovanna in ufficio oppure al 0412 939 030.**  
Tutti benvenuti.

### MARIAN MISSION

Madonna Delle Lacrime/Our Lady of Tears  
**Saturday 30th May, 2015 at the Carmelite Manastery, 94 Stevenson Street, Kew**  
This year the Marian Mission will be led by Fr. Aurelio Fragapane  
1.30pm DVD History of Our lady of Tears  
2.00pm Adoration, Confessions, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3.00pm Holy Mass  
4.00pm Procession followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a coach leaving from St. Brendan's Parish, Flemington.  
Call Maria Sulfaro 0425 855 594 to reserve your seat.

### MAGGIO - MESE DI MARIA:

Siamo tutti invitati a recitare il S. Rosario in onore alla nostra Madre Celeste in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa, oppure in casa con la nostra famiglia.

### MAY - MONTH OF MARY:

We are all invited to pray the Holy Rosary in honour to our mother Mary before or after Mass, or in our own homes with members of our family.

### NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal and neighbouring countries devastated by two large earthquakes in the last couple of weeks. Caritas Australia staff are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs. We urgently need your help to provide food, shelter and clean water and to support the long-term recovery. Please donate today  
[www.caritas.org.au/nepalearthquake](http://www.caritas.org.au/nepalearthquake) or call 9926 5786.

### AN EVENING FORUM FOR PARISHES

Thursday 18 June 2015  
5-30pm - 8.30pm  
Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Please enter from Lansdowne Street)  
**Cost \$15 -00**  
(includes refreshments & resources)  
Please advise of any special dietary requirements  
Bookings: by Friday 12 June 2015  
<http://www.trybooking.com/HLDI>  
**Enquiries: Lucia Brick 9287 5566**  
or email: [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au)  
Car parking available on site - entrance via Lansdowne Street. **Program:**  
Asylum Seeker Issues update  
Identifying Asylum Seeker needs  
Sharing stories of parish support  
Strategies for parish action and support  
Workshops will be held on: Accommodation, English Conversation and Material Aid & Financial Support

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