

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. (Ps 24:1-3)

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (33:14-16)
"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness'." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. He guides the humble in the right path: he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (3:12-4:2)
Brethren, may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you; so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia! alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Alleluia! (Ps 84:8)**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (21:25-28, 34-36)
Jesus said to his disciples: "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." "But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. (Ps 84:13)

Entrance:

O Come Divine Messiah

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.

Ref:

**Dear Saviour haste;
Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.**

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come break the captive's fetters;
Redeem the long-lost fold. (ref)

You come in peace and meekness,
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see. (ref)

Offertory:

**O send forth Your light
and Your truth**

O send forth Your light
and Your truth
Let these be my guide
Let them bring me
to Your holy mount
To the place
where You abide

Chorus

**Then I shall go
to the altar of God
My joy and my delight
And offer Your praise
as sacrifice
My God, my life,
my light.**

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

1 Collection \$ 615 - 00
2 Collection \$ 370 - 00
Envelopes \$ 180 - 00

Communion:

**Beyond the Moon and Stars
Beyond the moon and stars,
as deep as night,**

**So great our hunger,
Lord, to see your light.**

**The sparrow finds her home
beneath your wing,
So may we come to rest
where angels sing.**

Our eyes have longed to see
your loving face,
To live within your courts
for all our days.

Your roads have led us, Lord,
'cross desert sand.
We place our hopes and dreams
within your hand.

Upon our darkness, Lord,
a light has shone.

You chose to dwell with us
in flesh and bone.

With shining stars at night,
and cloud by day,
you brought us here to see
your love's display.

Final

**Come Thou Long
Expected Jesus**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule
in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**PILGRIMAGE: 23 Days Holy
Pilgrimage** starting on August 11,
2016 with Fr. Emmanuel-tv(Spiritual
Director). Contact us ASAP:
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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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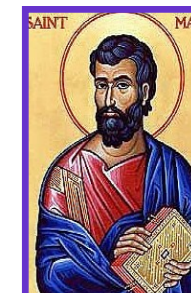
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Parish Community of St. Brigid and St. Mark

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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.*

Waiting in Hope

"There will be signs in the sky and agony on earth... Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand" (Gospel). We

live in between the time when Jesus has come (Christmas) and his second coming (Parusia), between what was done and what is yet to be completed. The first coming is what refers to Jesus from his birth to his resurrection: this is the foundation that, in faith, we believers use to nourish our hope towards the final fulfilment. Rightly, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa explains that our present life needs to be sustained by the hope of what will be fulfilled. He says: the anchor is often the symbol of Hope, but it would be better to be represented by the symbol of a sail because it is the sail that pushes the boat toward the haven. Hope is what pushes us on in life; without hope everything will stop, even faith and love. Without hope Christian life is empty. One is sowing or tilling the land because he hopes on reaping. It was hope which gave an extraordinary impulse and expansion of the Christian faith in the early time of the Church. People, particularly the oppressed, the poor, the emarginated saw for the first time an offer of hope fitting their conditions and in which no one was excluded. If today the Christian announcement lacks strength it is also because it gives not enough space to hope. The world thirsts for hope more than for food or wealth. As Christians it is our responsibility to pass on Christian Hope to the people, the children, the youth, the elderly, the sick. Christian Hope is active, with many things to do during our waiting: be vigilant, grow in love, encourage, self-control, service. "May the God of hope fill us with every joy and peace in our faith" (Rom. 15,13).



Attendere con Speranza

"Vi saranno segni nei cieli e angoscia sulla terra... Allora vedranno il Figlio dell'uomo venire su una nube con potenza e gloria grande. Quando accadranno queste cose, alzatevi e levate il capo, perché la vostra liberazione è vicina" (Vangelo).

Noi viviamo nel mezzo della prima venuta di Cristo (Natale) e la seconda (Parusia), tra il già compiuto e il non ancora completato. Il primo evento e ciò che fu compiuto da Gesù dalla sua nascita fino alla sua risurrezione e questo diventa il fondamento che, con la fede, il Cristiano usa per nutrire la sua speranza verso il compimento finale. A ragione, P. Raniero Cantalamessa spiega che la vita presente deve essere sostenuta dalla speranza di ciò che si compirà. Dice: la speranza Cristiana è spesso raffigurata con l'ancora, ma sarebbe più indovinato il simbolo della vela. La vela serve a sospingere la barca verso la meta. La speranza è quella che ci sospinge nel viaggio della vita; se non ci fosse la speranza, tutto si fermerebbe, anche la fede e la carità. Senza speranza la vita umana e cristiana è vuota. Nessuno semina e coltiva se non perché aspetta un raccolto. Fu la speranza che, all'inizio della Chiesa, diede al messaggio Cristiano quella straordinaria forza di espansione che lo portò in breve fino ai confini della terra. Gli uomini, specie i poveri, gli afflitti, gli emarginati, videro per la prima volta una proposta di speranza che era veramente per essi e che non escludeva nessuno. Se la predicazione Cristiana di oggi è talvolta così priva di forza è anche perché non fa abbastanza posto alla predicazione della speranza. Il mondo è assetato di speranza più che di pane e di benessere. Noi cristiani dobbiamo farci responsabili di passare "speranza Cristiana" alla gente, ai figli, ai giovani, agli anziani, ai malati. La speranza Cristiana è una speranza attiva, piena di cose da fare durante l'attesa: vigilare, crescere nell'amore, incoraggiare, sacrificarsi, donarsi. "Il Dio della speranza ci riempia di ogni gioia e pace nella fede" (Rom. 15,13).

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY 8th December 2015 to 20th November 2016

To mark the opening of the Jubilee in Melbourne, Archbishop Denis Hart will open a special Holy Door of Mercy at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 13 December at 2.30pm. As a Parish Community you are all invited to gather here at St. Brigid's at 12.45pm for a Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral. Please see program on church notice board.

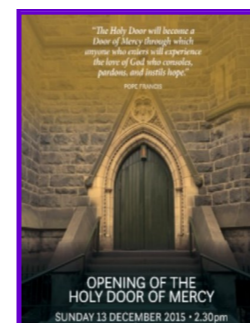
Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. Archbishop Denis Hart will preside the special ceremony with Mass for the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Brigid's. For the whole Year of Mercy, St. Brigid's will become a Shrine for all Ethnic Groups. Please come along to this special celebration.

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org
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NEW SET OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES Please pick up your new set of weekly thanksgiving envelopes.

New contributors most welcome! See Fr. Savino or ring the parish office.

NUOVE SERIE DI BUSTINE - OFFERTE SETTIMANALE Per favore prendete le nuove serie di bustine per la vostra offerta settimanale. Se qualcuno vorrebbe contribuire, per favore date il vostro nome a Padre Savino oppure telefonate in ufficio.



Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 28th November 2015 Year "C" "Vigil" FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>"Watch at all times, praying"</i> 	Sabato prossimo 10.30am S. Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton.	6.00pm In honour to Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini 7.00pm Spanish Mass with Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodriguez Maradiaga	Wedding Celebration for: Lianna DI BENEDETTO & Matthew PULVIRENTI Sandro ALLERI & Stephanie DE FRANCESCO Melissa HOLLOWAY & Matthew OAKEY Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 29th November 2015 Year "C" FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>"Vegliate in ogni momento pregando"</i>	8.30am	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Giovanni DI FRANCO Antonio e Rocchina TOCE Def.memb. famiglia LAURIA	Baptism Celebration for Mattea Scarlett FLANAGAN Congratulations! 
Monday / Lunedì 30th November 2015 St. Andrew, apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4: 18: 22	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The message goes out through all the earth.</i> 	8.00am Greg FAY <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am In honour to St. Andrew Carmelo CALANDRA	Last Baptism Preparation for 2015. 7.30pm tonight in the Church The preparation will resume Monday 25th January 2016
Tuesday / Martedì 1st December 2015 1st week of Advent Is 11: 1-10; Lk 10:21-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever</i>	8.00am Marie BREEN <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am	6.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Welcome In Room
Wednesday / Mercoledì 2nd December 2015 1st week of Advent Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Siederemo con gioia alla mensa del Signore.</i>	8.00am Barry FAY <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am Gaetano e Carmelina CAFARELLA Def. memb. fam. QUARESIMA	Dopo la S. Messa del mattino segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico nel Welcome In Room
Thursday/Giovedì 3rd December 2015 St. Francis Xavier, priest Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>	8.00am Jacob PILMORE <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am In honour to St. Francis Xavier 	
Friday/ Venerdì 4th December 2015 1st week of Advent Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>	8.00am Hamish PILMORE <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass Including Novena in honour to Our Lady of Guadalupe. 	

Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" *Pope Francis.*

Prayer for Vocations

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.

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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 5th & 6th December 2015	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	L. Murphy	Children	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	L. Colosimo	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	Children	E. Mascia	D. Polla / T. Bozzetto		

CONFESSIONS AT ST BRIGID'S DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY
Every Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Time for individual confession in church.

PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI IN CHIESA
Mercoledì 2 dicembre alle 7.00pm
Giovedì 10 dicembre alle 7.00pm
Mercoledì 16 dicembre alle 7.00pm
con Padre Raffaele Rossi
Tutti benvenuti!

CHRISTMAS ITALIAN CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday 2nd December 7.00pm
Thursday 10th December 7.00pm
Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm
in church with Fr. Raffaele Rossi.
Everyone welcome!

Annual Lourdes Day Mass
Saturday 5 December, 10am
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
The annual Lourdes Day Mass is held to pray for the sick, the infirm, the elderly and their carers. The Mass will be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Denis Hart and he will be assisted by a number of concelebrants. The Order of Malta, which organises the Mass in conjunction with the Melbourne Archdiocese, will make available a gift pack containing water from the Lourdes grotto, rosary beads and some prayer material to all who attend the Mass. All are warmly invited to attend. Disability access is available at the Cathedral.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"
will take place from this weekend 22 November to the 6 December.
Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance to the church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation by Sunday 6 December. Thank you!
APPELLO NATALIZIO
Buste della Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli per l'Appello Natalizio si trovano sul tavolo all'entrata della chiesa. Vi preghiamo di prenderne una e portarla indietro con la vostra offerta domenica 6 dicembre oppure prima. Grazie!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNDAY 20th December 2015 7.00pm
in the church. Multicultural Christmas Carols presented by various Ethnic Communities. Please come along and enjoy this wonderful time in preparation to welcome the birth of Our Lord.

St. Patrick's Cathedral ANNUAL FESTIVAL of Readings, Prayers & Carols
Friday 11th December 2015 at 7.30pm
Celebrant: Archbishop Denis Hart with St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
This Monday 30th November 2015, 7.30pm in the church, will be the last preparation night for this year for parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Brigid's. The Baptism Preparation Program will resume on **Monday 25th January 2016, 7.30pm** in the church.

2015 Rerum Novarum Oration by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez
From Romero to Francis. The joys and Tensions of Becoming a 'Poor Church for the Poor' St Francis Parish Hall 86 Mayona Road, Montmorency Sunday 29th Nov. 2015 3pm - 4.30pm
Light refreshments served from 2.30pm Inquiries / RSVP justice@cam.org.au or (03) 99265727 (for catering purposes)

FESTA IN ONORE DI S. LUCIA
Domenica 13 dicembre presso la Chiesa di San Paolo, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg.
2.00pm Celebrazione della S. Messa
3.00pm Processione con la statua seguita dalla Benedizione Eucarista.
Dopo le funzioni religiose seguirà un BBQ, rinfresco e concerto con La Banda Melita presso la sala parrocchiale. Tutti Benvenuti!
Per ulteriori informazioni telefonate a Fiorentina Romeo 0402 446 034

Entrata: CANTO PER CRISTO
Canto per Cristo che mi libererà
Quando verrà nella gloria;
quando la vita con lui rinascerà,
allelu, alleluia.
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!
Canto per Cristo: in Lui rifiorirà
Ogni speranza perduta. Ogni creatura con Lui risorgerà, allelu, alleluia.
Rit.
Canto per Cristo: un giorno tornerà!
Festa per tutti sarà. Festa sul mondo che più non morirà. Allelu, alleluia.
Rit.

Offertorio: VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI
Vieni, Gesù, vieni, vieni in mezzo a noi
E spezza ancora il pane come facesti un dì.
Vieni tu che preghi, vieni tu che soffri:
il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
Vieni tu che piangi, vieni tu che servi:
il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
Vieni tu che canti, vieni tu che spera:
il pane è sulla mensa manchi solo tu.
Vieni tu che ami, vieni tu che cerchi:
il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

Comunione: INNALZATE NEI CIELI
Innalzate nei cieli lo sguardo:
la salvezza di Dio è vicina.
Risvegliate nel cuore l'attesa,
per accogliere il Re della gloria.
Vieni, Gesù, vieni, Gesù! Discendi dal cielo, discendi dal cielo.
Sorgerà dalla Casa di David,
il Messia da tutti invocato,
prenderà da una vergine il corpo,
per potenza di Spirito Santo. **Rit.:**
Benedetta sei tu, o Maria,
che rispondi all'attesa del mondo:
come aurora splendente di grazia
porti al mondo il sole divino. **Rit.:**

Fine: È L'ORA CHE PIA
È l'ora che pia
la squilla fedel.
Le note c'invia
dell'Ave del ciel.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Nel piano di Dio
l'eletta sei tu,
Che porti nel mondo
il Figlio Gesù. **Rit.**
A te, Immacolata,
la lode, l'amor:
Tu doni alla Chiesa
il suo Salvator. **Rit**