

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 Isaiah (2:1-5)

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there were set the thrones of Judgement of the house of David. **R/**

For the people of Jerusalem pray, peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace! **R/**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Romans (13:11-14)

Brethren: You know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.

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 Matthew (24:37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples: "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect." *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

Take and Receive

Take and receive,
O Lord, my liberty
Take all my will,
my mind, my memory
All things I hold
and all I own are Thine
Thine was the gift,
to Thee I all resign

Do Thou direct
and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt,
command, and I obey
Only Thy grace,
Thy love on me bestow
These make me rich,
all else will I forego.

**PROGETTO CORELLI
CONCERT, CLIFTON HILL:
A SHADOW OF TIME
Saturday 10 December,
4pm St John the Baptist
Church, 61 Queens Parade,
Clifton Hill
Details: 0449 870 528**

Communion:

Beyond the Moon and Stars

Refrain:
*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,
born to reign in us forever,
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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION:
FESTA DELLA MADONNA
Sunday 11 December, from 1.45pm
St Monica's Church, 820 Mt. Alexander
Road, Moonee Ponds.
All are invited.**



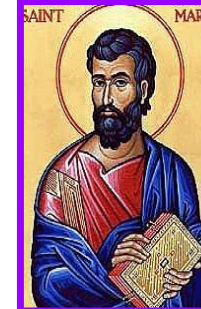
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

ADVENT: A time of preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the coming of Jesus (*Emmanuel - God with us*), who has come to prepare and lead us to his second and final coming.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH (Serialised presentation from: Compendium of the Catechism)

PART ONE

1. What is the plan of God for man? (1-25) God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness.

CHAPTER ONE: Man's Capacity for God (30)

"You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised [...] You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in you." (Saint Augustine)

2. Why does man have a desire for God? (27-30; 44-45) God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity.

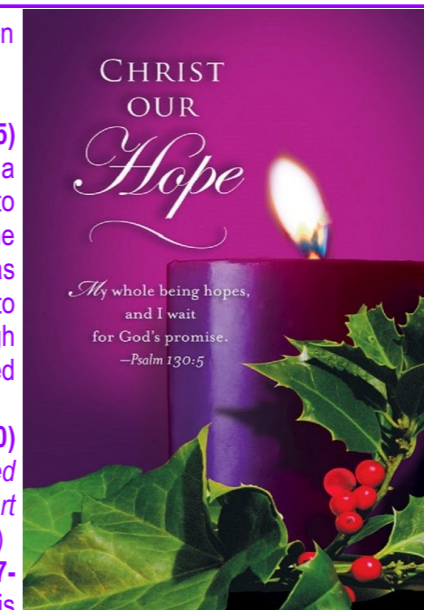
3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason? (31-36; 46-47) Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

4. Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God? (37-38) In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.

5. How can we speak about God? (39-43; 48-49) By taking as our starting point the perfections of man and of the other creatures which are a reflection, albeit a limited one, of the infinite perfection of God, we are able to speak about God with all people. We must, however, continually purify our language insofar as it is image-bound and imperfect, realizing that we can never fully express the infinite mystery of God.



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LA FEDE CATTOLICA (Dal: Compendio del Catechismo) **SEZIONE PRIMA**

1. Qual è il disegno di Dio per l'uomo? (1-25) Dio, infinitamente perfetto e beato in se stesso, per un disegno di pura bontà ha liberamente creato l'uomo per renderlo partecipe della sua vita beata. Nella pienezza dei tempi, Dio Padre ha mandato suo Figlio come redentore e salvatore degli uomini caduti nel peccato, convocandoli nella sua Chiesa e rendendoli figli adottivi per opera dello Spirito Santo ed eredi della sua eterna beatitudine.

CAPITOLO PRIMO: L'uomo e "capace" di Dio (30) «Tu sei grande, Signore, e ben degno di lode [...]. Ci hai fatto per te e il nostro cuore non ha sosta finché non riposa in te.» (S. Agostino)

2. Perché nell'uomo c'è il desiderio di Dio? (27-30; 44-45) Dio stesso, creando l'uomo a propria immagine, ha iscritto nel suo cuore il desiderio di vederlo. Anche se tale desiderio è spesso ignorato,

Dio non cessa di attirare l'uomo a sé, perché viva e trovi in lui quella pienezza di verità e di felicità, che cerca senza posa. Per natura e per vocazione, l'uomo è pertanto un essere religioso, capace di entrare in comunione con Dio. Questo intimo e vitale legame con Dio conferisce all'uomo la sua fondamentale dignità.

3. Come si può conoscere Dio con la sola luce della ragione? (31-36); 46-47) Partendo dalla creazione, cioè dal mondo e dalla persona umana, l'uomo, con la sola ragione, può con certezza conoscere Dio come origine e fine dell'universo e come sommo bene, verità e bellezza infinita.

4. Basta la sola luce della ragione per conoscere il mistero di Dio? (37-38) L'uomo, nel conoscere Dio con la sola luce della ragione, incontra molte difficoltà. Inoltre non può entrare da solo nell'intimità del mistero divino. Per questo, Dio l'ha voluto illuminare con la sua Rivelazione non solo su verità che superano la comprensione umana, ma anche su verità religiose e morali, che, pur accessibili di per sé alla ragione, possono essere così conosciute da tutti senza difficoltà, con ferma certezza e senza mescolanza di errore.

5. Come si può parlare di Dio? (39-43; 48-49) Si può parlare di Dio, a tutti e con tutti, partendo dalle perfezioni dell'uomo e delle altre creature, le quali sono un riflesso, sia pure limitato, dell'infinita perfezione di Dio. Occorre, tuttavia, purificare continuamente il nostro linguaggio da quanto contiene di immaginoso e imperfetto, ben sapendo che non si potrà mai esprimere pienamente l'infinito mistero di Dio

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 26th November 2016 (Vigil) Year "A" 1st Sunday of Advent	<i>"Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming".</i>	Ogni Sabato 10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne Street Carlton. <i>Si cercano volontari.</i>	6.00pm Carmela FIORE Antonio & Rufina MOSCATELLI 7.00pm Miguel VALLADARES (Died 14/11/2016)	Baptism Celebration for Matthew CONTRERAS SILVA Wedding celebration for Karelis SANCHEZ & Jamie FANNELL Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 27th November 2016 1st Sunday of Advent Year "A" 	<i>"Vegliate dunque, perchè non sapete in quale giorno il Signore vostro verrà".</i>	8.30am	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Veneranda COLOSIMO Defunti membri delle famiglie BECCARI e MICOLETTO Defunti membri delle famiglie TOSCANO, AIELLO e DI PIERRI Defunti membri delle famiglie MASCIA e BASILONE	Baptism Celebration for Sebastian MARCHITTO Congratulations!  5.00pm Brazilian Mass
Monday 28th November 2016 1st week of Advent Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents and Godparents invited to attend.
Tuesday 29th November 2016 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	9.15am 7.30pm  Domenico GALTIERI (1mth)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 30th November 2016 St. Andrew, apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-2 	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>In tutta la terra risuona il lieto annunzio.</i> <i>Their message goes out through all the earth.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Andrew	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Thursday 1st December 2016 1st week of Advent 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	9.15am	
Friday 2nd December 2016 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	9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	

VIATOUR 2017 - PELLEGRINAGGIO di 20 giorni con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$5949.
Si visita il Santuario della Madonna di Fatima, per il centenario dell'apparizione, Lourdes, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Roma, Pompei, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 11 Maggio fino al 30 Maggio 2017. (Ritorno a volontà)
Se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Savino.

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

Liturgy of the Word 3rd & 4th Dec. 2016	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	P. La Marca	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	T. Toscano	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	Children	P. La Marca	Toscano family		

Clergy changes in St. Brigid's

St. Brigid's and St. Mark's Community sadly farewells Fr. Luciano Toldo, who from the 1st February 2017 has been appointed parish priest in St. Luke's Parish, Lalor. Fr. Luciano has been with us for the past four years, not only as Chaplain to the Spanish and Portuguese Communities but also working very hard for the good of the parish. We will sadly miss having him around, especially his friendly smile and manner towards people.

We wish him all the very best in the future and pray that the coming of Jesus will bless and inspire him in his ministry always. Fr. Luciano will be on holidays visiting his family in Brazil from the 27th December.

Padre Luciano ci mancherà molto, ti auguriamo una buona vacanza e tante benedizioni nel tuo nuovo ruolo come parroco di San Luca, Lalor.

At the same time we warmly welcome Fr. José Gutierrez, a young Colombian priest, who from the 1st January has been appointed to our parish as Chaplain to the Spanish and Portuguese Communities.

We offer him our congratulations and prayerful wishes for a very happy and fruitful ministry.

LAST BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR 2016

This Monday 28th November 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 30th January 2017 at 7.30pm**

48TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF READINGS, PRAYERS AND CAROLS, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Friday 9 December, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
The annual evening of Christmas carols, readings and prayers this year will include music of Palestrina, Handel, Holst, Archer and Rutter, and will feature the St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Dr Daryl Barclay, with organist Dion Henman. Archbishop Denis Hart will be the principal celebrant of the evening.

Cost: Free

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection	\$1035 - 00
2nd Collection	\$600 - 00
Envelopes	\$264 - 00

Annual Lourdes Day Mass
Next Saturday 3 December, 10.30am
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Principal Celebrant: **Most Rev. Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne.** A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. All are warmly invited to attend. Disability access is available at the Cathedral.

Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach
A Catholic summer holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information call 03 5987 2692. or visit www.donboscocamp.org.au

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 P. Savino oppure telefonate in ufficio.

LENTEN REFLECTION FROM CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

Week 1 27 November "HOPE" Advent gives a sense of hope- looking forward to Christmas and also to our final meeting with the Lord. During this week, consider the people who bring hope to my life and to the world. Am I a person of hope to others? Our Church and our world need hope. **Please pray that more young people may respond to the call of the Lord to priesthood and consecrated life in order to bring hope to those in need.**

Ingresso:
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.

Comunione:
TI PREGHIAM CON VIVA FEDE

Ti preghiam con viva fede
assetati siam di te
Nella gioia di chi crede
Vieni, amato Re dei re.

O Signore, Redentore, Vieni vieni, non tardar. O Bambino, Re divino, dona pace ad ogni cuor.

O Maria, dolce aurora,
tu che annunzi il Salvatore,
rendi il cuore sua dimora,
cresca l'uomo nell'amor.

T'invochiamo, Sol d'Oriente,
Trepidanti d'ansietà.
Vieni, o luce della mente.
Tutto il mondo attende già.

Fine:
SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO

Mentre trascorre la vita,
solo tu non sei mai
Santa Maria del cammino,
sempre sarà con te.

Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.

Quando qualcuno ti dice:
"Nulla mai cambierà"
lotta per un mondo nuovo,
lotta per la verità. **Rit.**

Lungo la strada la gente,
chiusa in se stessa va:
offri per primo la mano
a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**