

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./

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. 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 house-holder 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.

Refrain:

**Dear Savior haste;
Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night
and show your face,
And bid us hail
the dawn of grace.**

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

(Ref)



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

Refrain:

**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.)

COMMUNION

DO YOU HAVE A ROOM?

They journeyed far, a weary pair;
They sought for shelter from the cold night air.
Some place where she could lay her head,
Where she could give her Babe a quiet bed.
Was there no room? No corner there?
In all the town a spot someone could spare?
Was there no soul come to their aid?
A stable bare was where the family stayed.

Do you have room for the Savior?

And do you seek Him anew?

**Have you a place for the One
who lived and died for you?**

**Are you as humble as a shepherd boy,
or as wise as men of old?**

Would you have come that night?

Would you have sought the light?

Do you have room?

A star arose, a wondrous light,
A sign from God – this was the holy night,
And yet so few would go to see
The Babe who came to rescue you and me.
This Child divine is now a King.
The gift of life to all the world He brings,
And all mankind He saves from doom,
But on that night, for Him, there was no room.
(ref)

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BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

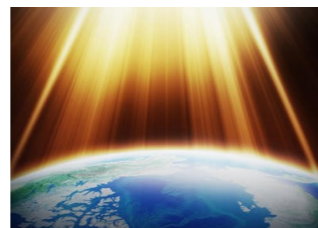
You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Ref.:

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City 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! **Ref.:**

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Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**



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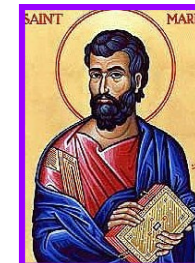
Weekly Parish Newsletter

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.*

KEEPING AWAKE: We begin today the new liturgical year with the first week of advent. Christmas decorations are already announcing that happy time in which we recall the incarnation of our loving God. As Christians we are called to go beyond the lights and decorations fostered by our consumerist world and to recover the real meaning of Christmas: for God so loved the world that He sent us his only son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, the only light we need. Advent is a time of vigilance as we wait for God's coming in our history. Through conversion we prepare ourselves to welcome God who is born among us. Advent is a time for strengthening hope, a period of preparation for Christmas but also a time to underscore an attitude towards life, history and God, the God of hope and of the promise. The history of humanity is a great advent, a journey toward the future: God and his reign become incarnate in our history.



Paul tells us in the second reading of today: "Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light", not the armour which creates violence, lies, and despair but rather the armour which secures peace, establishes justice, and creates solidarity among peoples. The face and model of this armour is the one who came to us as the light of the world. Hence, Paul's invitation is to put on "the Lord Jesus Christ".

Let us start preparing ourselves for the Lord's coming. Let us be alert and vigilant. The best way to prepare for his coming is through conversion. During this period we are called to accompany Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem. The prophet Isaiah will announce the birth of the Emmanuel (God with us) and John the Baptist will insist on conversion. Let us, therefore, transform this journey of advent into a journey of conversion.

VIGILANZA E ATTESA: Eccoci al nuovo anno liturgico con l'inizio del cammino d'Avvento. Le decorazioni natalizie incominciano a vedersi e noi, presi dalla realtà consumistica in cui noi oggi viviamo, non dobbiamo perdere il senso cristiano delle cose e dei segni che altri si sono appropriati svuotandoli del sacro che li circonda. Dobbiamo ricordarci che l'Avvento è venuta, arrivo, di un Dio che si fa uomo per ridare all'uomo la dignità di figlio di Dio.

L'avvento è anche attesa di compimento della storia della salvezza quando ritornerà il Signore Gesù per consegnare il mondo a Dio Padre. Anche la liturgia ci fa vivere tra l'attesa e il compimento. La prima parte fino al 16 dicembre con le due prime domeniche, ha un carattere escatologico, guarda cioè all'ultima venuta del Signore Gesù alla fine dei tempi con i temi della vigilanza e della conversione; la seconda parte dal 17 dicembre, la "settimana santa di Natale", fissa l'attenzione sulla preparazione ultima della festa dell'Incarnazione con i temi della gioia e della disponibilità.

Pertanto, l'atteggiamento del fedele dev'essere di gioiosa attesa nella fede e interiore povertà e speranza, e preparazione anche attraverso una ri-conversione della propria vita (conversione e penitenza) alla venuta del Signore Gesù nella gloria alla fine dei tempi (seconda venuta) e nella sua natura umana (prima venuta).

Viviamo, allora, questo primo periodo del nuovo anno liturgico nell'attesa di celebrare la nascita di un bambino, rivelatosi "speciale" per l'intera umanità. Seguiamo durante le quattro domeniche Maria e Giuseppe sulla strada che li porta a Betlemme. Durante il percorso ci accompagneranno altri personaggi, tipici di questo periodo, come il Profeta Isaia che preannuncia la nascita dell'Emmanuele, del Dio-connoi; come Giovanni il Battista, il precursore, che richiama incessantemente alla conversione. Trasformiamo allora il cammino d'Avvento in cammino di conversione verso quella semplicità della vita che ci aiuta a gustare le piccole cose. Buon cammino d'Avvento a tutti.

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE: A 20 Day Pilgrimage Journey to the Holy Land and Rome organized by Fr. Delmar departing Sunday 11th May 2014. Brochures available at the entrance to the church. If interested please see Fr. Delmar or ring the parish office. (Limited places available)

PELLEGRINAGGIO PARROCCHIALE: Partenza domenica 11 maggio 2014 per un Pellegrinaggio di 20 giorni visitando i luoghi di Gesù nella Terra Santa e Roma organizzato da Padre Delmar Silva. Brochure con tutti i dettagli ottenibili all'entrata della chiesa, se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Delmar o telefonate in ufficio. (Posti limitati)

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival 5 – 7 December

The festival is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and will be the largest national gathering of Catholic young people since WYD08. Up to 4000 young Catholics from year 9 to 25 years of age will gather for the celebration of faith which will include music, workshops, testimonies, liturgies and more. Individual and Group registrations are open.

More Info & registration: www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au

Contact: Annaliese Ros at the Archdiocesan Office for Youth annaliese.ros@cam.org.au or 9412 3326.



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY SABATO 30th November 2013 Year "A"	<i>"Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming".</i>	Baptism Celebrations for Charlotte DAVEY & Elena Sofia GALDAMEZ <i>Congratulations!</i>	6.00pm Antonietta FABRIS Carmelo CALANDRA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for Marcella COLAIANNI & Daniel FISHER <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY-DOMENICA 1st December 2013 Year "A" First Sunday of Advent	<i>"Vegliate dunque, perchè non sapete in quale giorno il Signore vostro verrà".</i>	8.30am Rocco D'ALESSANDRI	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Lucia JOPPOLO (morta Italia 23/11/13) Lida DALL'OGGIO (1mo anniversario) Paolo CAPPELLO (1mo anniversario) Orlando RODOLFO Vilde e Elido DI BLASIO Giovanni DI FRANCO Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	Baptism Celebrations for Sylvie DE LORENZO <i>Congratulations!</i> SAN CARLO HOMES FOR THE AGED ANNUAL FUNDRAISER Family Day BBQ 12.30pm 970 Plenty Road South Morang
Monday/Lunedì 2nd December 2013 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.am	9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA	
Tuesday/Martedì 3rd December 2013 St. Francis Xavier 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 7.00pm Lida DALL'OGGIO (1mo anniversario)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st week of Advent 4th December 2013 Is 25:6-10 Mt 15:29-37	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Siederemo con gioia alla mensa del Signore.</i>	8.00am Giovanna ZAIA	9.15am 6.30pm Annual Mass for the National Civic Council	<i>Dopo la Santa Messa delle 9.15am segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico in chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 1st week of Advent 5th December 2013 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 Michele PITISANO	
Friday/Venerdì 6th December 2013 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Il Signore è la mia speranza.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Cristoforo FIORE 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	

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

Liturgy of the Word 7th & 8th Dec. 2013	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	Sisters of Charity	L. Colosimo	A.Marchesan/M.Del Raso	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	J. Perrett	Sisters of Charity	M. Lauria	Capodanno Family		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Sisters of Charity	E. Mascia	Lauria Family		

Offriamo le nostre sentite condoglianze alla famiglia di Elda Dalla Zuanna il cui funerale è stato celebrato venerdì nella nostra chiesa. Preghiamo il Signore di accogliere la sua anima nella gloria del paradiso e dare conforto e speranza ai suoi cari.

The Order of Malta invites you to **LOURDES DAY MASS 2013** NEXT Saturday 7th December 10.30amSt. Patrick's Cathedral. The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Denis Hart DD, There will be a blessing of the sick by the Archbishop with water from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. All welcome. (Wheelchair access is by the side door of Albert St, E. Melbourne. Vehicles are free to approach this entrance).

Prova di Canti Natalizi (Messa di mezzanotte)
Lunedì prossimo 9 Dicembre alle 7.30pm in chiesa con P. Raffaele. Tutti benvenuti.
Christmas Choir Practice (Midnight Mass)
Next Monday 9th December at 7.30pm in church with Fr. Raffaele. Everyone welcome.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 522 - 00
2 Collection \$ 356 - 00
Envelopes \$ 280 - 00 *Thank you*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2013"
WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS. Envelopes are available in the church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation by Next Sunday. Thank you!

APPELLO NATALIZIO
Buste della Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli per l'Appello Natalizio si trovano in chiesa. Vi preghiamo di prenderne una e portarla indietro con la vostra offerta domenica prossima Grazie!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER LOTTERIA NATALIZIA
Tickets are available after mass for the parish Christmas Raffle. There are two beautiful hampers. Cost \$1-00 per ticket. Biglietti per la lotteria natalizia sono in vendita oggi dopo le Sante Messe. In palio due bellissimi e ricchi cestini. Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno.

Carols in the Cathedral
Friday 13 December 2013 8.30pm
The Tudor Choristers present their annual Christmas concert, featuring a selection of traditional and less well-known carols from across the centuries.
Cost: \$30 full, \$20 concession, \$60 family
Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.
More info: <http://tudorchoristers.org.au/>

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal will take place NEXT Weekend 7th & 8th December 2013. (A message from Archbishop Denis)
Since 1968 the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne have generously supported the work of Melbourne Overseas Mission. I commend this Annual Appeal to you once again to support these important works of charity. The programs supported by MOM support local communities in more than a dozen countries across Africa and the Asian Pacific. I ask also that you pray for the Priests, religious and lay missionaries who work generously for the Missions throughout the world.

Denis J. Hart

Envelopes will be available at all Masses next weekend.

NEW SET OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES
Please pick up your new set of weekly thanksgiving envelopes. New contributors most welcome! See Fr. Delmar 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. Delmar oppure telefonate in ufficio.

Canto D'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.

Canto D'Offertorio TU SOLE VIVO
Tu Sole vivo per me sei, Signore, vita e calore diffondi nel cuor.
Tu sul cammino risplendi, mio Sole: luce ai miei passi Ti voglio, Signor.
Tu Sole vivo per me sei, Signore, vita e calore diffondi nel cuor.
La tua parola mi svegli al mattino, e mi richiami alla sera con Te.
Tu Sole vivo per me sei, Signore, vita e calore diffondi nel cuor.
Sulla mia casa T'innalza, mio Sole: splenda d'amore, di luce, per Te.
Tu Sole vivo per me sei, Signore, vita e calore diffondi nel cuor.

Canto di Comunione VIENI, O SIGNORE
Vieni, o Signore, la terra ti attende. Alleluia, alleluia!
O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia. **Rit.**
O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. **Rit.**
All'uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell'ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l'amore. **Rit.**

Canto Finale 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 Salvador. **Rit.**