

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (63:16-17,64:1,3-8) You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R/.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R/.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R/.**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9) Brethren: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Mark (13:33-37)** Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake; because you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the door keeper to stay awake. Watch therefore – because you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or in the morning – lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: stay awake!" **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:**  
**The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.**

#### 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.

**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 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)**

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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 forgo.



#### 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,  
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.

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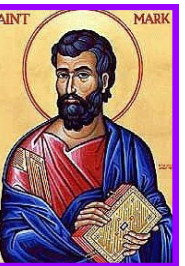
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

## Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

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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.*

**ADVENT IS A TIME OF HOPE:** Advent is a precious time of hope. Looking at what is happening in the world, we have our own sets of expectations, longing for a better world. Advent is a time to see the world for what it is, to acknowledge the mess things are in, to recognize our own failings caused by our own indifference and apathy. Advent can be a gift that allows to take time out to clearly see that we need a Saviour and in our hearts to listen to His voice within us. We need God to come among us and set us back on the right path to live on this planet as He intended we should. Advent helps us to think of Christmas as the celebration of God's love reaching out to us. In Christmas God has given us His presence, His power, and His love.

Indeed, advent is a precious time of grace. The invitation in today Gospel is to be vigilant and know how to discern the occasion the Lord has chosen to come to our encounter; "for you do not know when the time will come". Being practical, advent is quality time to live right now the joy of the Emmanuel (God with us) in the way we relate to one another. Our world is marked by so many injustices, innocent suffering, and the struggle for human power, leading some to protest against the justice of God or even question the very existence of God. For this very reason advent is a time of hope as we look at the coming of Jesus mindful that injustices are not the final word and that we have our own responsibilities in establishing God's kingdom in our midst. In advent we recognize that many of the sufferings in the world do happen precisely because we haven't welcome God into our lives. Therefore our advent prayer is *maranatha*: "O Lord, come". As today we enter the season of Advent and countdown to Christmas, the Church reminds us that the celebration of Christmas is essentially a spiritual affair. Let us not forget this as we run about in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and preparations. Advent and Christmas is quality time when we are called to go beyond giving gifts and to understand that it is more important to receive and give life celebrating in the present time the loving presence of God.

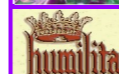
**Prayer for Advent** *Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of your Father and ours.*

*Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord, who enlists me in God's own work for justice.*

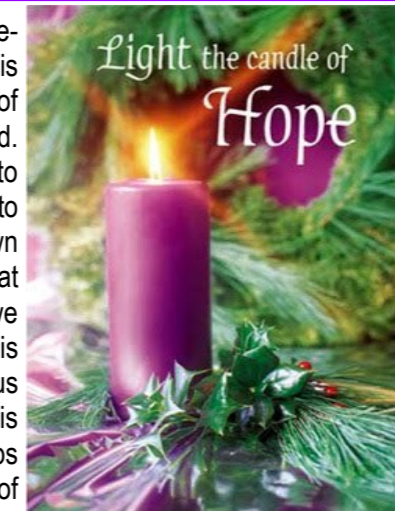
*Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.*

*Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek his will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.*

*Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spiritual resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.*



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**AVVENTO È TEMPO DI SPERANZA.** Oggi, con la prima domenica di avvento, inizia il nuovo Anno Liturgico. Gesù ci invita a costruire la nostra vita in Lui, mentre siamo nella storia: "State attenti, vegliate...perché non sapete quando sarà il momento preciso". La vigilanza che Cristo ci chiede è quella di rimanere sempre nella sua Parola, nel suo Vangelo, nella sua Verità, nella sua Grazia, nel suo Amore, nella sua Giustizia, nella sua Santità. Il cristiano deve vigilare a che sia e rimanga sempre in Cristo Gesù.

L'avvento è un periodo di attesa, di speranza, di conversione. Parlando in una maniera pratica la vigilanza, che ci chiede il Vangelo in questo

tempo prezioso di avvento, significa vivere nell'amore vedendo come di fatto riusciamo a gestire il nostro tempo di qualità nella nostra vita. L'avvento ci aiuta a riflettere su come noi impieghiamo il nostro tempo e lo spazio che dedichiamo a Dio e alle persone. La cosa più intelligente che siamo chiamati a fare è quella di mantenere la nostra gioia di vivere, la speranza verso il futuro, in un mondo che ha poca speranza, mantenendoci uomini e donne sani. Davanti al tempo che scorre velocemente, noi siamo chiamati non tanto a bloccare il tempo e neppure a vivere proiettati nel passato, ma vivere il presente con lo sguardo rivolto verso il futuro, anche in mezzo alle incertezze del mondo. È una sfida alla quale siamo chiamati come cristiani, perché non può esistere alcun futuro laddove un consumismo sfrenato rischia di distruggere quei valori che sono alla base del nostro vivere sociale. Dunque, l'avvento è il tempo dell'impegno e della responsabilità, il tempo delle scelte radicali, il tempo dell'attesa di Gesù che viene in mezzo a noi. Avvento è vivere vigilanti nel presente consapevoli che preparaci per il natale vuol dire celebrare nel presente la presenza di Dio in mezzo a noi.

## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 29th November 2014 Year "B" First Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	"Be on your guard, stay awake; because you do not know when the time will come".	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Chelsea SALAZAR Congratulations!</i>  7.30pm Mass with the Neo Catechumenal Way (In the Convent Chapel)	6.00pm Carmen GALEA Carmen FARRUGIA  7.00pm Spanish Mass Hernan CASTAÑEDA (Special Healing Intentions)	<i>Wedding Celebrations for Sharlotte CUA &amp; Oscar ROA Rhiannon REID &amp; Laird MacDONALD Congratulations!</i> 
<b>SUNDAYDOMENICA</b> 30th November 2014 Year "B" First Sunday of Advent	"Fate attenzione, vegliate, perché non sapete quando è il momento".	8.30am Carmelo CALANDRA	9.45am Manuel & Laurie CALLUS  11.00am Alfredo BERNAR  5.00pm Portuguese Mass	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Chiara CRISCI Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 1st week of Advent 1st December 2014 Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.	8.am	9.15am Francis CHAN  6.00pm Mass for Filipino Priests and Religious.	
Tuesday/Martedì 1st week of Advent 2nd December 2013 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.	8.00am	9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA  7.00pm Egidio COSMA (1 mese)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 3rd December 2014 St. Francis Xavier Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Siederemo con gioia alla mensa del Signore.	8.00am I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.	9.15am In Onore di S. Francesco 	<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 4th December 2013 Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.	8.00am	9.15am  7pm Antonio TIGANI(1st annv) Maria CATENA TIGANI (2nd annv)	
Friday/Venerdì 5th December 2013 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza.	8.00am The Lord is my light and my salvation.	9.15am  7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass Including Novena in honour to Our Lady of Guadalupe.	 

### PARISH WORKING BEE

Next Friday 5th December starting at 9.00am there will be a working bee in the parish hall and the outside of the church. We are appealing to anyone who has a little time to spare to please come along and lend a hand. Thank you.



Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

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Liturgy of the Word 6th & 7th Dec. 2014	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	L. Colosimo	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	M. Alessi	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	M. Lauria	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**  
Next Sunday 7 December, 11am  
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, E. Melbourne. The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart.

**The Order of Malta invites you to LOURDES DAY MASS 2014**  
NEXT Saturday 6th December 10.30am  
St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Denis Hart. 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).

**The Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-elect Terence Curtin and Mark Edwards OMI will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, on Wednesday 17 December at 7.30pm.**  
All are invited to this significant diocesan occasion and are asked to keep the bishops in their prayers.

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 378 - 00  
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Envelopes \$ 292 - 00 Thank you

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT OUR LADY TA'PINU SHRINE**  
Next Saturday 6 December, 2pm Our Lady Ta'Pinu Shrine, All Nations Marian Centre, 15 Flanagan Dr, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh)  
You are invited to join in celebrations for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception including Rosary procession, Mass and Benediction. Celebrations will be led by Shalom Music Ministry with the participation of 12 international ethnic community groups. The Principal Celebrant will be Rev Mgr Greg Bennett, Vicar General of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Contact: 5367 7006.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER - LOTTERIA NATALIZIA**  
Tickets are available after mass for the parish Christmas Raffle. There are three beautiful hampers. Cost \$1-00 per ticket. The draw will take place on Sunday 21st December after the 11.00am Mass. We thank you for your continuous support.

Biglietti per la lotteria natalizia sono in vendita oggi dopo le Sante Messe. In palio tre bellissimi cestini. Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà Domenica 21 Dicembre dopo la S. Messa delle 11.00am. Grazie per il vostro continuo supporto.

*We remember in our prayers Monsignor Aldo Rebeschini, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday 24th November 2014. His funeral was celebrated at 10.30am on Saturday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. May the Lord of mercy welcome him into his heavenly home and grant him eternal rest.*

**National Day of Prayer**  
Next Sunday 7th December 2014  
**PRAYER**  
*Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. We beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put aside mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honour and praise. Amen. (St. Ephraim the Syrian)*

**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**  
**O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO**  
O Signore, noi t'offriamo  
Tutti insieme questo pane;  
è il frutto della terra  
e dell'uomo che lavora.  
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;  
questo pane che mangiamo  
è un dono del tuo amore  
è un segno di bontà.  
O Signore, noi t'offriamo  
Tutti insieme questo vino:  
è il frutto della vite  
e dell'uomo che lavora  
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;  
questo vino che beviamo  
è un dono del tuo amore  
è un segno di bontà.

**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 Salvatore. **Rit.**