

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop-down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour. (Is 45:8)

A reading from the Book of Micah (5:2-5a)

The Lord says this: "You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace."

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 Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

Brethren, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." **Alleluia!** (Lk 1:38)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (1:39-45)

Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel. (Is 7:14)

Entrance:

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy.
He brings joy to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love.
He brings love to every heart.
He comes. He comes.



St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$ 511 - 00
2 Collection \$ 320 - 00
Envelopes \$ 233 - 00

Offertory:

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow
His eyes as flame
"All hail" said he
"thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady,"
Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel,
By seers foretold
Most highly favoured lady,"
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favoured lady
Gloria!



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.

[Chorus]

**Do you have room for the Saviour?,
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 man kind He saves from doom
But on that night for Him there was no room.



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My soul proclaims the Lord my God.
My spirit sings His praise.
He looks on me,
He lifts me up,
And gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy.
His gifts He has outpoured.
His little one He has made great
I magnify the Lord.

His mercy is forever more.
His name I praise again.
His strong right arm puts down the proud,
And raises the lowly ones.

He fills the hungry with good things,
The rich He sends away.
The promise made to Abraham,
Is filled by Him each day.



Weekly Parish Newsletter

Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

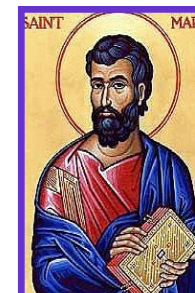
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

Mercy: the purpose of Jesus' coming

Friday night the Door of Mercy was opened in our church – let us walk through it and discover the Merciful Lord who "has come to save and give life to the full". Pope Francis in announcing the Jubilee Year of Mercy wrote:

The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1Jn 4: 8.16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of the Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion." (n.8)

"In the parables devoted to mercy. Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk. 15: 1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon... He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living... As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." (n.9)



Misericordia: lo scopo della venuta di Gesù

Venerdì scorso in questa chiesa fu aperta la Porta della Misericordia – entriamo e scopriamo il Dio Misericordioso che "é venuto a salvare e dare la pienezza di vita". Papa Francesco, nell'annunciare l'anno giubilare della Misericordia, scrive:

La missione che Gesù ha ricevuto dal Padre é stata quella di rivelare il mistero dell'amore divino nella sua pienezza. "Dio é amore" (1 Gv. 4: 8.16), afferma per la prima e unica volta in tutta la Sacra Scrittura l'evangelista Giovanni. Questo amore é ormai reso visibile e tangibile in tutta la vita di Gesù. La sua persona non é altro che amore, un amore che si dona gratuitamente.

Le sue relazioni con le persone che lo accostano manifestano qualcosa di unico e di irripetibile. I segni che compie, soprattutto nei confronti dei peccatori, delle persone povere, escluse, malate e sofferenti, sono all'insegna della misericordia. Tutto in Lui parla di misericordia. Nulla in Lui é privo di compassione." (n.8)

"Nelle parabole dedicate alla misericordia, Gesù rivela la natura di Dio come quella di un Padre che non si dá mai per vinto fino a quando non ha dissolto il peccato e vinto il rifiuto, con la compassione e la misericordia. Conosciamo queste parabole, tre in particolare: quelle della pecora smarrita e della moneta perduta, e quella del padre e i due figli (cfr. Lc. 15: 1-32). In queste parabole, Dio viene sempre presentato come colmo di gioia, soprattutto quando perdona. In esse troviamo il nucleo del Vangelo e della nostra fede, perché la misericordia é presentata come la forza che tutto vince, che riempie il cuore di amore e che consola con il perdono... Egli non si limita ad affermare il suo amore, ma lo rende visibile e tangibile. L'amore, d'altronde, non potrebbe mai essere una parola astratta. Per sua stessa natura é vita concreta: intenzioni, atteggiamenti, comportamenti che si verificano nell'agire quotidiano... Come ama il Padre cosí amano i figli. Come é misericordioso Lui, cosí siamo chiamati ad essere misericordiosi noi, gli uni verso gli altri." (n.9)



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE - ORARIO DELLE MESSE DI NATALE

Thursday / Giovedì - Dicembre 24 December

7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)

8.30pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)

Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am) - Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual

Friday / Venerdì - Dicembre 25 December

8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)

10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)

9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)

11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

CONFESSIONS:



Tuesday 22nd December 5.00 to 7.00pm



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org

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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 19th December 2015 Year "C" "Vigil" FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"	Questo Sabato 10.30am S. Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton.	6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebration for: Nadia BALZAN & Adrian KHALLOUF Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 20th December 2015 Year "C" FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	"Benedetta tu fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del tuo grembo!"	8.30am PRO - POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Angelo PETRUCCI 5.00pm Brazilian Mass 7.00pm Christmas Carols	Baptism Celebration for Lachlan SIONELOTO Wedding Celebration for: Silvia TRAVANCA & Joseph CATOGGIO Congratulations!
Monday / Lunedì 21st December 2015 4th week of Advent Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18 Lk 1:39-45	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones, sing a new song to him.	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday / Martedì 22nd December 2015 4th week of Advent 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Santa e Felice CONIGLIO	8.15pm Prove di canti per la Messa di Mezzanotte 
Wednesday / Mercoledì 23rd December 2015 4th week of Advent Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Lift up your heads and see: your redemption is near at hand.	8.00am	9.15am	
Thursday/Giovedì 24th December 2015 4th week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Il Signore è fedele per sempre.	8.00am	9.15am	

CHRISTMAS VIGIL
VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE

Friday/Venerdì
CHRISTMAS DAY
SANTO NATALE

<p>7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass</p> <p>8.30pm Christmas Solemn Mass (Spanish)</p> <p>12.00am Christmas Solemn Mass (Italian/English)</p>	<p>8.30am Deceased members of the REBESCHINI family</p> <p>9.45 am PRO POPULO</p> <p>11.00am (Vedere l'elenco)</p> <p>10.00am Portuguese Mass</p>
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Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm	Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Fax: (03) 9489-9926	Chplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS	Chaplain Fr. Joselito Asis
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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 26th & 27th 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	G. Piantella	R. Omenihu	P. La Marca	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	J. Smith	T. Toscano	P. Elkins / S. Atherton		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	P. La Marca	Toscano Family		

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
THIS SUNDAY 20th December 7pm 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.



PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI
Questo martedì 22 dicembre alle 8.15pm con P. Raffaele Rossi *Tutti benvenuti!*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE (Italian)
This Tuesday 16th December 8.15pm in church with Fr. Raffaele Rossi. *Everyone welcome!*

DON BOSCO ANNUAL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP, SAFETY BEACH
Junior camp 1: 4 to 7 January
Senior camp: 11 to 15 January
Junior camp 2: 18 to 21 January

Don Bosco Camps are running their annual Summer Holiday Camp for young people, 9 to 13-year-olds (Junior) and 13 to 16-year-olds (Senior), in the upcoming January school holidays. We would like to invite all young people aged 9 to 16 in the Melbourne Archdiocese to come along. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. **Details:**
www.donboscocamp.org.au or 5987 2692


INTENZIONI PER IL GIORNO DEL SANTO NATALE 11.00am

Antonio BUTERA
Antonio TALARICO
Amalia e Lina TACCONELLI
Defunti membri della famiglia CAPITÓ
Defunti membri delle famiglie BELLISSIMO e PETRUCCI
Giuseppe, Paola e Concetto MAZZARELLA
Giuseppe e Joseph GARRO
Maria MAZZARELLA
Gino e Clelia DE MAIO - Ennio PAGNIELLO
Emilia e Nancy RUSSO
Defunti membri della famiglia GARRO
Giovanni GENOVESE (guarigione)

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL MIDNIGHT MASS LIVE STREAMING

The midnight Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral this week will be live streamed. Parishioners anywhere in the world with internet access will be able to watch the Mass streaming live from the cathedral from 11pm. The webcast will be viewable through the Archdiocesan website. www.cam.org.au

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



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES available on the seats and on the table at the entrance to the church. The Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your kindness and generosity.

BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.

Pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year of Mercy organised by VIATOUR
Departure 6th May 2016 Visiting Portugal - Spain - France - Italy
Price from \$6,390pp. twin/dbl/tripl.
Further info. Antonio Inserra (03) 9495 0653 - 0407 056 021

Pilgrimage In The Jubilee Year of Mercy organised by VIATOUR
Departing 31st May 2016
Tour Leader: Fr. Domenico Ceresoli
For more information ring: (02) 9799 3222 - 1300 732 825
Price from \$6,440pp. twin/double/triple share.


Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal took place last Weekend. The response has been very poor. We understand that at this time of the year it is very difficult, but if you can make a donation towards this appeal, there are envelopes available in the church. Thank you.

Entrata:
OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID
Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!

Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno é il suo poter. **Rit.:**

O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**

O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! **Rit.:**




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 ami, vieni tu che cerchi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.



Comunione:
DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI
Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.

Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!

Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. **Rit.**

Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. **Rit.**

Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. **Rit.**

Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. **Rit.**

Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. **Rit.**



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.**

