

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 a Saviour. (Isa 45:8)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (7:10-14)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R./**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R./**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)

From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures. The gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel," (a name which means, God with us). **Alleluia!** (Mt 1:23)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (1:18-24)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife.

The Gospel of the Lord.



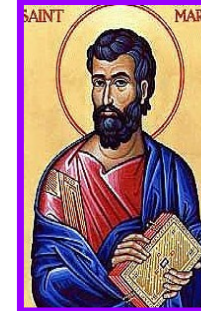
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

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 (4) Serialised presentation from: Compendium of the Catechism

**PART ONE
CHAPTER TWO:**

The Transmission of Divine Revelation

17. What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium? (95) Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

Sacred Scripture

18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth? (105-108; 135-136) Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a "religion of the Book", but of the Word of God – "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living" (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read? (109-119; 137) Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

20. What is the Canon of Scripture? (120, 138) The *Canon of Scripture* is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians? (121-123) Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.

22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians? (124-127; 139) The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.



LA FEDE CATTOLICA (4)

**Dal: Compendio del Catechismo
LA TRASMISSIONE DELLA
RIVELAZIONE DIVINA**

17. Quale relazione esiste tra Scrittura, Tradizione e Magistero? (95) Essi sono tra loro così strettamente uniti, che nessuno di loro esiste senza gli altri. Insieme contribuiscono efficacemente, ciascuno secondo il proprio modo, sotto l'azione dello Spirito Santo, alla salvezza degli uomini.

La Sacra Scrittura

18. Perché la Sacra Scrittura

insegna la verità? (105-108; 135-136) Perché Dio stesso è l'autore della Sacra Scrittura: essa è perciò detta ispirata e insegna senza errore quelle verità, che sono necessarie alla nostra salvezza. Lo Spirito Santo ha infatti ispirato gli autori umani, i quali hanno scritto ciò che egli ha voluto insegnarci. La fede cristiana, tuttavia, non è «una religione del Libro», ma della Parola di Dio, che non è «una parola scritta e muta, ma il Verbo incarnato e vivente» (san Bernardo di Chiaravalle).

19. Come leggere la Sacra Scrittura? (109-119; 137) La Sacra Scrittura deve essere letta e interpretata con l'aiuto dello Spirito Santo e sotto la guida del Magistero della Chiesa, secondo tre criteri: 1) attenzione al contenuto e all'unità di tutta la Scrittura; 2) lettura della Scrittura nella Tradizione viva della Chiesa; 3) rispetto dell'analogia della fede, cioè della coesione delle verità della fede tra di loro.

20. Che cos'è il canone delle Scritture? (120,138) Il *canone* delle Scritture è l'elenco completo degli scritti sacri, che la Tradizione Apostolica ha fatto discernere alla Chiesa. Tale *canone* comprende 46 scritti dell' Antico Testamento e 27 del Nuovo.

21. Quale importanza ha l'Antico Testamento per i cristiani? (121-123) I cristiani venerano l'Antico Testamento come vera Parola di Dio: tutti i suoi scritti sono divinamente ispirati e conservano un valore perenne. Essi rendono testimonianza della divina pedagogia dell'amore salvifico di Dio. Sono stati scritti soprattutto per preparare l'avvento di Cristo Salvatore dell'universo.

22. Quale importanza ha il Nuovo Testamento per i cristiani? (124-127; 139) Il Nuovo Testamento, il cui oggetto centrale è Gesù Cristo, ci consegna la verità definitiva della Rivelazione divina. In esso i quattro Vangeli di Matteo, Marco, Luca e Giovanni, essendo la principale testimonianza sulla vita e sulla dottrina di Gesù, costituiscono il cuore di tutte le Scritture e occupano un posto unico nella Chiesa.

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.



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: Come, O Come Emmanuel

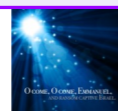
Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **Ref.**

Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times gave holy law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. **Ref.**

Oh, come O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save;
Bring them in vic'try through the grave.
Ref.



Final He is the Life

He is the life that I want to live
He is the light that I want to radiate
He is the way to the Father
He is the love with which I want to love
He is the joy that I want to share
He is the peace that I want to sow
Jesus is everything to me
Without Him I can do nothing

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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 17th December 2016 (Vigil) Year "A" 4th Sunday of Advent	"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel".	Ogni Sabato 10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne Street Carlton. <i>Si cercano volontari.</i>	6.00pm Pro Popolo 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Luciano Antonio CURCIO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 18th December 2016 4th Sunday of Advent Year "A"	"Ecco, la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele".		8.30am 9.45am Angelo POLLA Emilio BERTOLI Maria CASE Defunti membri della famiglia SCHENA 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	Wedding Celebration for Jasmine BENNETT & Sergio BIANCOFIORE Congratulations! 
Monday 19th December 2016 4th week of Advent Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!	8.00am	9.15am	7.00pm In Church Italian Choir practice for Midnight Mass
Tuesday 20th December 2016 4th week of Advent Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1:26-38	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.	8.00am	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 21st December 2016 4th week of Advent Song 2: 8-14; Lk 1:39-45	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Cantiamo al Signore un canto nuovo. Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	Baptism Celebration for Cristian TILLOCA Jaxon Chi GIANG Congratulations! 
Thursday 22nd December 2016 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	
Friday 23rd December 2016 4th week of Advent Mal 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 7.30pm Christmas Novena (Spanish Chaplaincy)	

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.

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.

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

Liturgy of the Word 24th & 25th 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	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	T. Toscano	
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	R. Ominehu	L. Colosimo	P. Elkins / S. Atherton		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	J. Smith	E. Mascia	D. Polla / T. Bozzetto		

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016"
Took place last weekend, a big thank you to those who have generously donated, there are still envelopes available for those who wish to make a donation towards this worthy appeal. **L'Appello Natalizio per San Vincenzo De Paoli si è svolto lo scorso weekend. Grazie a tutti coloro che hanno donato. Ci sono ancora buste per coloro che vogliono donare. Grazie!**

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal took place last weekend. A big thank you to those who have donated. There are still envelopes available in the church if you wish to make a donation. Thank you. **Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
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LENTEN REFLECTION FROM CATHOLIC VOCATIONS Week 4 - 18 December EMMANUEL God is with us. Next Sunday is our annual reminder that God did not leave us alone; He sent His Son Jesus to be with us to give us joy, and hope and peace. This week, how can I tell people about my excitement for the real meaning of Christmas? **Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood; that more young men will bring us Jesus through their ministry.**


CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 24 December
6.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
8.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
10.30-11.30pm Carols / Canti di Natale
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual
Sunday / Domenica Dicembre 25 December
8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)
Confessions / Confessioni
Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 24 December
5.00pm to 8.00pm


CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND TWILIGHT MARKET, SOUTH MELBOURNE—Sunday 18 December, 6pm
Sts Peter & Paul, Cnr. Dorcas & Montague Sts, Sth.Melb.
Details: www.facebook.com/CapuchinCommunity

Prova di Canti Natalizi (Messa di mezzanotte)
questo **lunedì alle 7.00pm**
In chiesa con Padre Raffaele. Tutti benvenuti.
Italian Christmas Choir Practice (Midnight Mass)
this **Monday at 7.00pm in church.**
Everyone welcome.


PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 12th February 2017 FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare "Our Patron Saint" The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.30am** with Procession. **A light lunch will follow in the hall.**

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2017 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con **Processione e Santa Messa. Dopo la Messa segue un rinfresco in sala.**
Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

Ingresso: 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 è 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.:**

Offertorio: 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. **R.**
Benedetta sei tu, o Maria, che rispondi all'attesa del mondo: come aurora splendente di grazia, porti al mondo il sole divino. **R.**

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.**
Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. **Rit.**
Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: Resta con noi per sempre. **Rit.**

Fine: TI SALUTIAM, O VERGINE

Ti salutiam, o Vergine, O Maria tutta pura, Nessuna creatura È bella come te.
Prega per noi Maria, Prega per i figli tuoi Madre che tutto puoi, Abbi di noi pietà.
Di stelle risplendenti In ciel sei incoranata, Tu sei l'Immacolata Sei Madre di Gesù.
Prega per noi Maria....
Vorrei salire in cielo, Vedere il tuo bel viso, Madre del Paradiso, Goder con te Gesù.
Prega per noi Maria....