

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 (Isa 45:8).

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel (7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16) Now when the king dwelt in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies round about, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for, the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R/**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages." **R/**

He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **R/**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (16:25-27) Glory to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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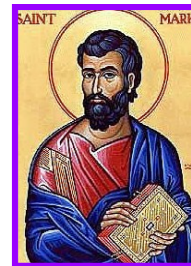
Alleluia, alleluia! "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me" **Alleluia!** (Lk 1:38).

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (1:26-38) In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Parish Community of St. Brigid and St. Mark

*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.*

BECOMING A DWELLING PLACE OF GOD:

On this Sunday before Christmas we are invited to become a dwelling place of God. Today we hear the stories of the choice of David to be a king and Mary to be the mother of God. God chooses an unknown poet from a remote shepherd family to be a king. God chooses an unknown woman from an obscure village to be the mother of the messiah. God seeks out humble origins for his exalted purposes. Likewise, he is calling us to open the doors of our hearts to him. It is God's initiative to choose us. On our part we are called to listen to his voice and to humbly welcome his invitation. In the case of David and the Blessed Virgin Mary we can find three similar details helping us in our discernment to become dwelling places of God: (1) They come from humble origins. How frequently the famous and powerful in Church history are said to be "of rich and noble families." David and Mary come from good stock, but not families in the power centres. God identifies with the humble and the poor. (2) They must personally agree to the mission. God is not about to force his will on anyone. He negotiates with David and Mary. Questions are asked. Invitations extended. Their freedom to accept or refuse is left intact. The success of their mission depends both on God's grace and their heartfelt commitment. Hence David's "Yes" and Mary's "Fiat." (3) God's Spirit envelops them. Once there is an agreement, an ecstasy of Spirit floods their souls. Far deeper than a diplomat's handshake, this is a divine embrace of love. David thus becomes a charismatic king. Mary becomes the exalted mother of God. All of us have also been elected by God. Most of us in the humble state of infancy when we received the sacrament of baptism. We made our personal agreement through our godparents, and later on at our confirmation by our own lips. As Christmas is fast approaching, let us live again today in the story of David and Mary our own personal pact with God. Let us hear the voice of the Lord inviting us to welcome Him. Let us be mindful that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and make room for Jesus in the manger of our hearts.



DIVENTARE DIMORA DI DIO: Il Natale è alle porte. La liturgia, ancora una volta, ci offre a modello per la nostra meditazione la figura di Maria. Oggi, in linea, con la prima lettura, la dobbiamo vedere come "Arca dell'Alleanza" o, più semplicemente, "Dimora di Dio". Per afferrare tale concetto, dobbiamo fare una analisi di alcuni elementi che troviamo nel testo, e chiederci: come possiamo diventare "dimora di Dio"?

Un primo elemento da guardare è la figura dell'Arcangelo Gabriele. Questo messaggero di Dio non è collocato a caso; ma è, secondo il profeta Daniele, il portatore della salvezza definitiva, ciò significa che siamo nei tempi di Dio, il tempo del mondo è trasformato in tempo di grazia (kairos). Il cristiano deve prendere coscienza di questa verità, deve cercare di trovare nella storia in cui vive i segni di questa presenza di Dio. Dobbiamo avere gli occhi della fede, altrimenti anche il Natale passerà senza lasciare traccia alcuna. Il bambino è segno della presenza di Dio, che va incontro all'uomo. Un secondo elemento è il luogo. Ci troviamo a Nazareth, non più a Gerusalemme. Siamo in periferia, nel luogo dei poveri, degli emarginati. L'arcangelo si è spostato dal tempio, in una casa molto semplice. Questa annotazione geografica è il segno che Dio non abita più solo ed esclusivamente nel tempio, ma che vive laddove ci sono persone che hanno fatto della semplicità il modello della propria esistenza. Dio continuerà a fare la stessa cosa con chiunque, sull'esempio di Maria, saprà essere mite ed umile di cuore. Maria è il prototipo dell'umiltà. La "dimora" di Dio deve essere un cuore umile e generoso. Un terzo elemento è l'accoglienza offerta dalla Vergine Maria. Maria diventa la Primizia di questa "nuova" umanità; cioè esempio di accoglienza, di ascolto e di disponibilità. Siamo chiamati a fare spazio a Colui che è il Signore della nostra vita. In conclusione, possiamo dire che il vangelo ci chiama ed invita ad essere "la dimora di Dio tra gli uomini" o "Tempio dello Spirito Santo", e ci offre, sull'esempio di Maria, i mezzi ed i metodi necessari per la realizzazione di questa opera spirituale. A noi non spetta altro che leggere attentamente il vangelo e farlo penetrare dentro noi stessi, come Maria ha permesso all'arcangelo di portarle il lieto annuncio della sua maternità messianica. Ascolto, umiltà ed accoglienza ci aiuteranno a vivere un buon e santo Natale.

ENTRANCE

A VOICE CRIES OUT

Console my people,
the ones dear to me
Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
The time of your mourning
is ended now
the Lord of life will come

Refrain:

**A voice cries out
in the wilderness
prepare a way for the Lord
A voice cries out
in the wilderness
make straight
a highway for God**

Every valley is made a plain
every mountain is leveled
The glory of God
shall then be revealed
and the nations will sing praise. (Ref)

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 honour 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!



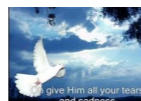
COMMUNION SPIRIT SONG

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart
And satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have the things
that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole.

Refrain:

**Jesus Oh Jesus
Come and fill
Your lambs
(Repeat)**

Oh let us sing this song
with gladness
As our hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet
Surrender To His name
Oh give Him all your tears
and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life
In Jesus name (ref)



FINAL

MAGNIFICAT

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.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE - ORARIO DELLE MESSE DI NATALE

Wednesday / Mercoledì Dicembre 24 December

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

9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)

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

Thursday / Giovedì - 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)



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



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 20th December 2014 Year "B" Fourth Sunday of Advent "Vigil"	"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God".	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Sofia PEDRAZA & Diego GUZMAN Congratulations!</i>	6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass Baptism during mass for Santiago MACIAS RAMOS <i>Congratulations!</i>	<i>Wedding Celebrations for Mariluz & Sergio ROJAS Jhon & Claudia GARCIA Congratulations!</i>
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 21st December 2014 Year "B" Fourth Sunday of ADVENT	"Perciò colui che nascerà sarà santo e sarà chiamato Figlio di Dio".	8.30am	9.45am 11.00am PRO POPULO 5.00pm Portuguese Mass	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Lucas FORD & Madeleine Isabelle TANTIONGCO Congratulations!</i>
Monday/Lunedì 4th week of Advent 22nd December 2014 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56	<i>Responsorial Psalm My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour</i>	8.am	9.15am Francis CHAN	8.00pm Prove di canti per il Santo Natale In Chiesa
Tuesday/Martedì 4th week of Advent 23rd December 2014 Mal3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66	<i>Responsorial Psalm Lift your heads high and see: your redemption is near at hand.</i>	8.00am		
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th week of Advent 24th December 2014 2Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Lk 1:67-79	<i>Responsorial Psalm For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 9.00pm Christmas Solemn Mass (in Spanish) 12.00am Christmas Solemn Mass (Italian/English)	
Thursday/Giovedì CHRISTMAS DAY SANTO NATALE		8.00am Giuseppina CALANDRA Carmela e Cristoforo FIORE	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA 11.00am Antonio BUTERA Defunti Membri Famiglia CAPITO Christina (Special Intentions) Giuseppe, Concetto e Paola MAZZARELLA Giuseppe e Joseph GARRO Maria MAZZARELLA Gino e Clelia De MAIO Emilia e Nancy RUSSO Franca SCARLATA e Defunti Membri della Famiglia GARRO	<i>Wishing everyone A BLESSED CHRISTMAS</i>  <i>Augurando a tutti voi UN BUON SANTO NATALE</i>
Friday/Venerdì 26th December 2014 S. Stefano / St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	<i>Responsorial Psalm Signore Gesù, accogli il mio spirito.</i>	8.00am <i>Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.</i>	9.15am Carmela FIORE	

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

Liturgy of the Word 27th & 28th 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	G. Piantella	G. Troup	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	M. Alessi	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	P. La Marca	M. O'Reilly / R. Kircher		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	B. Capodanno	A. Bernar	Lauria Family		

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2015 FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT Saint BRIGID of Kildare
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.
The traditional parish BBQ will follow.

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 8 FEBBRAIO 2015 FESTA DELLA NOSTRA PATRONA SANTA BRIGIDA di Kildare
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e Santa Messa.
Dopo la Messa ci sarà il tradizionale BBQ parrocchiale.
Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa messa in parrocchia.

Thursday 1st January 2015
Masses: St. Mark's 8.00am
St. Brigid's 9.15am.
Giovedì primo Gennaio 2015
Sante Messe: San Marco 8.00am
Santa Brigida 9.15am

APPRECIATION
Thank you to all who have generously supported in many ways the needs of our Church and the life of the Parish. May You and Your families be rewarded a hundredfold by the Love of God. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. Frs: Delmar, Vito, Luciano, Joselito and Powel.

Grazie a tutti coloro che durante quest'anno hanno contribuito all'aiuto alla nostra Chiesa e alla vita della nostra Parrocchia. Che l'Amore di Dio ricompensi Voi e le Vostre Famiglie cento volte tanto. Auguri per un Buon Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. Il vostro parroco P. Delmar con i Padri: Vito, Luciano, Joselito e Powel.

This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 1st February 2015. Wishing everyone a Holy Christmas filled with many blessings and may the New Year bring peace, health & happiness. Questo è l'ultimo bollettino per quest'anno. La pubblicazione riprenderà il 1° febbraio 2015. Auguri a tutti voi per un Buon Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL
There are still envelopes available in church for this appeal if you wish to donate.
Thank you to those who have already donated.

PLEASE NOTE!
From Monday 5th to Friday 30th January 2015 there will be NO 8.00am morning Mass in St. Mark's. Sunday Masses will be celebrated at the usual time
Apology for the inconvenience.
PER FAVORE NOTATE!
Da lunedì 5 gennaio a venerdì 30 gennaio 2015 non ci sarà la messa delle 8.00am a San Marco. Le messe della domenica saranno al solito orario.
Scusate per l'inconvenienza.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER
Cost \$1per ticket. The draw will take place this Sunday after 11am mass.
Thanks for your support **LOTTERIA NATALIZIA**
Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno.
Il sorteggio avverrà oggi dopo la messa delle 11am. Grazie di cuore per il vostro supporto.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Friday 2nd January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Welcome In Room & Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7.30pm in the church.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections	
1 Collection	\$ 581 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 344 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 392 - 00

Canto D'Entrata
APRITE LE PORTE A CRISTO
Aprite le porte a Cristo è Lui il Redentore. Speranza ai vostri giorni porterà.

Voi dite: questo mondo chi lo potrà salvare? Ma viene il Salvatore e strade di giustizia aprirà. **R.**

Voi dite: i nostri mali chi li potrà guarire? Ma viene il Redentore, salvezza e vita all'uomo donerà. **R.**

Voi dite: siamo tristi, chi ci farà cantare? Ma viene la speranza e gioia e canto nuovo ci darà. **R.**

Canto D'Offertorio
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.**
Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. **Rit.**
Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. **Rit.**

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

Canto Finale
O BELLA REGINA
O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all'Angiol t'inchini, ancella fedel.
Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.
Di grazia sei piena e t'ama il Signor; Tuo Figlio è Dio, uman Redentor.
O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò al mondo in peccato che egli salvò.

