

A reading from the Book of Numbers (6:22-27)

The Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron and his sons. Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: O God, be gracious and bless us.

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father! So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

This is the word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. **Alleluia!** (Heb 1:1-2)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (2:16-21)

The shepherds went with haste to Bethlehem and they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Entrance

HARK THE HERALD

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
**Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased, as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
**Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"**



Offertory

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first nowell
the angel did say
Was to certain
poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep.

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King
of Israel.**

Now let us all
with one accord
Sing praises to
our Heavenly Lord
Who made both Heaven
and Earth of nought
And with His blood
all people bought. (Ref.)



Communion:

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
**Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace**

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
**Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born!**
Silent night! holy night!
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
**Jesus, Lord at thy birth
Jesus, Lord at thy birth**

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Final

O GATE OF HEAVEN

O gate of heaven,
O house of gold
O Mary Mother of Jesus
O Blessed Virgin
whom prophets foretold
O Mary Mother of Jesus

Ref:

**Hail holy Mother who
brought forth the king
He rules all being forever
O Alleluia Alleluia
O Mary Mother of Jesus**

O seat of wisdom
O cause of our joy
O Mary Mother of Jesus
O you the help
whom all Christians employ
O Mary Mother of Jesus



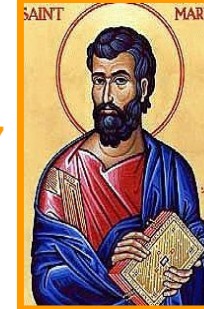
Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.

New Year: With Mary we treasure God's Way.

The Church begins the New Year with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. She is the one who made Christmas happen by accepting God's call to bear the Son of God. When that great event of the Child's birth took place, Mary witnessed the excitement of what was happening: angel choirs singing, shepherds coming from the fields, magi coming from the East. Mary was totally in awe of what was happening. The gospel tells us that "Mary treasured all these things in her heart". Mary was truly a contemplative woman. She reflected on the real meaning of the unusual birth of her Son often in her life. She cherished the mystery of the Incarnation: at the birth in Bethlehem and the silent life at Nazareth, in Cana and Capernaum, in Jerusalem and Bethania, in the glorious entry into Jerusalem and the death on a cross on Calvary, on the resurrection and on the ascension of her Son Jesus. Mary treasured and pondered on the mystery of her Son Jesus and the meaning of God's way and motives, her mind constantly seeking intimacy in her relationship with her Son Jesus. Mary would not allow pressures and worries, nor the fast-pace of Jesus' public life to distract her. Mary did not live in the fast lane, hurrying from one event to another like a butterfly. She "pondered all in her heart". Someone described our present way of living as a "compulsion" to move fast, to arrive quick, to catch it all! With no depth, constant fatigue and depressing disappointments. From this comes irritability, annoyance, confrontation, competition, with no peace of mind as a consequence. Erich Fromm, a psychologist, asked what is a remedy for psychological and emotional health, he replied: "A half hour of solitude each day or twice a day if you can afford it". In our Christian spirituality and in the words of Jesus it is put differently with even better results: Pray daily, seek unity in Christ as a branch to the vine, say often to God the Father: 'Thy will be done'. May I suggest this as a recipe of peace and joy in the New Year, like Mary did. Happy and Blessed New Year.



Anno Nuovo: Con Maria facciamo tesoro della volontà di Dio.

La Chiesa inizia il nuovo anno con la Solennità della Beata Vergine Maria, Madre di Dio. Lei è colei che permise l'evento del Natale accettando la chiamata di Dio a diventare Madre del Suo Figlio. Alla nascita di Gesù, Maria partecipò alla gioia di tutto quanto accadde: il canto degli angeli, la visita dei pastori, l'arrivo dei Re Magi. Certamente Maria fu felicemente sorpresa di tutto ciò che avveniva. Il vangelo ci dice che: "Maria conservava tutte queste cose nel suo cuore". Maria fu certamente una contemplativa. Considerava il significato di questa nascita insolita di Gesù, gioia del mistero dell'Incarnazione che si svolgeva sotto i suoi occhi: la nascita di Gesù a Betlemme e la vita silenziosa di Nazareth; le nozze di Cana e i miracoli a Cafarnaio; gli eventi di Gerusalemme e a Betania; l'entrata gloriosa a Gerusalemme e la condanna a morte in croce sul Calvario; la resurrezione e la sua ascensione al cielo. Maria custodiva questi eventi nel suo cuore e rifletteva sul mistero del suo figlio Gesù e sul significato del modo e la ragione di questo agire di Dio. Nel suo cuore Maria era sempre unita intimamente con il suo figlio Gesù. Maria non lasciava che le ansietà e le preoccupazioni o gli eventi che toccavano la vita di Gesù distraessero questa contemplazione. Maria non viveva nella corsa degli eventi, accompagnandola da uno all'altro come una farfalla senza riflessione; invece lei "li conservava nel suo cuore e rifletteva sul loro significato". Qualcuno ha descritto l'agitazione del nostro vivere d'oggi come un bisogno di muoverci veloci, arrivare presto, non perdere nulla! Tutto fatto con superficialità, sempre stanchi, irritati, delusi. Da questo stato deriva irritabilità, noia, confronti, competizione e nessuna pace nel cuore. Lo psicologo Erich Fromm suggeriva che per trovare la pace e la salute psicologica ed emotiva è necessario trovare una mezz'ora al giorno e anche più di solitudine e distanza dagli avvenimenti. La nostra spiritualità Cristiana e il vangelo ci suggeriscono qualcosa ancora più efficace: Preghiera giornaliera, unità di vita e sentimenti con Cristo come il tralcio alla vite, dire spesso a Dio: 'Sia fatta la tua volontà'. Desidero augurare questa ricetta spirituale per un anno nuovo di pace e gioia, come fece Maria. "Buon Anno!"



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 31st December 2016 Vigil Year "A" Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	<i>He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.</i>	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	 <i>Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful new year.</i>
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 1 Gennaio 2017 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	<i>Gli fù messo il nome Gesù, come era stato chiamato dall'angelo prima che fosse stato concepito nel grembo.</i>	8.30am Rocco D'ALESSANDRI 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am P. Luigi SERENA (15th Anniversary) Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	
Monday 2nd January 2017 Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctor 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	<i>Responsorial Psalm All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday 3rd January 2017 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34	<i>Responsorial Psalm All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Maria D'ALIFE (10th annv) 8.00pm Spanish Memorial Mass	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th January 2017 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35 - 42	<i>Responsorial Psalm Gloria nei cieli e gioia sulla terra. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday 5th January 2017 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43 - 51	<i>Responsorial Psalm Let all the earth cry out with joy.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 10.30am Funeral Service for the late Florentino SIMON	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Florentino SIMON. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and give peace to his loved ones.</i>
Friday 6th January 2017 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:6-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, Jerusalem</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	

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 generosity.

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

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...

Liturgy of the Word 7th & 8th Jan 2017	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	E. Elkins	E. Mascia	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	A. Atherton	M. Lauria	N. Omenihu / J. Smith		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	C. Penitito	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 28th/29th January 2017. Wishing everyone many blessings and may the New Year bring peace, health and happiness.

Questo è l'ultimo bollettino per quest'anno. La pubblicazione riprenderà il 29 gennaio 2017. Auguri a tutti voi per un Felice Anno Nuovo colmo di pace, salute e felicità.

A big thank you to those who have generously donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal and the Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal. Your donation will make a difference to so many needy families.

Total Donated:
St. Vincent Christmas Appeal - \$1180
Melbourne Overseas Missions - \$1270
Thank you - Grazie - Merci - Gracias
Obrigado - Salamat.
May the birth of Jesus reward each and everyone with many blessings.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection	\$1180 - 00
2nd Collection	\$ 760 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 153 - 00

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.

Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION

For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Monday 30th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church

APPELLO PRO TERREMOTATI CENTRO ITALIA

Ci è stato comunicato da Padre Sante Zanetti, Scalabriniano da Roma, che la somma raccolta qui in parrocchia di \$5135.00 è stata inviata alla Caritas diocesana di Rieti sotto il suggerimento del vescovo di Rieti. Grazie di cuore per la vostra generosità.

Just for the records
SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED AT ST. BRIGID'S DURING 2016
Baptisms 117 - Weddings 43
Funerals 47 - 1st Communions 4
Confirmations 20

2017 PROJECTS FOR ST. BRIGID'S

We are hoping to start rebuilding the Nicholson and York Sts. fence in the next couple of months, including a driveway from York Street. The timber hall floor needs to be totally replaced, awaiting on instructions from CCI and hoping to start as soon as possible. Another needy project, is an installation of a bathroom in the sacristy, and also repairs to the Chapel in the ex convent and to the Welcome In room. Lots of work ahead!

Ingresso:

VENITE FEDELI

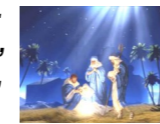
Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita, venite, venite a Betlemme.

Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo il Signore Gesù.

La luce del mondo brilla in una grotta; la fede di guida a Betlemme. *Rit.*

Il Figlio di Dio, Re dell'universo, si è fatto Bambino a Betlemme. *Rit.*

"Sia gloria nei cieli, pace sulla terra", un angelo annunzia a Betlemme. *Rit.*



Offertorio:

IL NATALE DEL SIGNORE

Il Natale del Signore torna ancora tra noi per ridarci la vita la gioia, l'amor. Gesù nasce ancor per rinascere in noi, per condurre più in alto chi crede in Lui.

Veniamo a Te, noi crediamo in Te: Tu sei salvezza, sei porta del ciel.

O fratelli, adoriamo Dio disceso tra noi, per redimere il mondo si è fatto bambino. Gesù dall'altar tutti invita a seguir la sua pace che è pegno di un nuovo avvenir. *R.*



Comunione:

ASTRO DEL CIEL

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu che i vati da lungi sognar, Tu che angeliche voci nunziar

luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu di stirpe regale decor, Tu virgineo mistico fior,

luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu disceso a scontare l'error, tu sol nato a parlare d'amor,

luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)

Fine:

TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE

Tu scendi dalle stelle, o re del cielo; e vieni in una grotta al freddo e al gelo; e vieni in una grotta al freddo e al gelo.

O bambino mio divino, io ti vedo qui a tremar, o Dio beato! Ah! Quanto ti costò l'avermi amato (2v).

A Te che sei del mondo il creatore, mancano panni e fuoco, o mio Signore; mancano panni e fuoco, o mio Signore.

Caro eletto pargoletto, quanto questa povertà più m'innamora! giacché ti fece amor povero ancora (2 v)

