

A reading from the Book of Genesis (2:7-9;3:1-7)

The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R./

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. R./

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy Spirit. R./

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. R./

Entrance Hymn ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock
of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace
and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that free us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Offertory Hymn

TAKE AND RECEIVE

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.



A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:12.17-19)

Sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Mt 4:4b) **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (4:1-11)

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you', and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

FATHER I HAVE SINNED

Father I have sinned,
help me find my way,
Remember not my sins,
just let me hear You say

Chorus

**I forgive you, I love you.
You are mine, take my hand
Go in peace, sin no more,
beloved one.**

Father I have turned,
my back and walked away
Depended on my strength,
and lived life my own way
(chorus)

Father I have closed,
my heart to those in need
Thought only of myself,
a victim of my greed (chorus)

Father I've returned,
I'm home with You to stay
Standing by your door,
knowing that You'll say (chorus)

Final Hymn BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His son,
they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives!

Chorus

**Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain
days because He Lives!

Chorus

**Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**



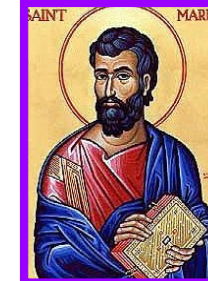
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

EXTRACT FROM THE LENTEN MESSAGE OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to offer some helpful thoughts on our path of conversion as individuals and as a community. These insights are inspired by the words of Saint Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9). The Apostle was writing to the Christians of Corinth to encourage them to be generous in helping the faithful in Jerusalem who were in need. What do these words of Saint Paul mean for us Christians today? What does this invitation to poverty, a life of evangelical poverty, mean for us today?

1. Christ's grace

First of all, it shows us how God works. He does not reveal himself cloaked in worldly power and wealth but rather in weakness and poverty: He came amongst us and drew near to each of us; he set aside his glory and emptied himself so that he could be like us in all things (cf. Phil 2:7; Heb 4:15). God's becoming man is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is his love, a love which is grace, generosity, a desire to draw near, a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved. Charity, love, is sharing with the one we love in all things. Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us.

So what is this poverty by which Christ frees us and enriches us? It is his way of loving us, his way of being our neighbour, just as the Good Samaritan was neighbour to the man left half dead by the side of the road (cf. Lk 10:25ff). What gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love. Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us.




2. Our witness

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. *Destitution* is not the same as *poverty*: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope. There are three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual. *Material destitution* is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her *diakonia*, in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.

No less a concern is *moral destitution*, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members – often a young person - is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography! How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope! And how many are plunged into this destitution by unjust social conditions, by unemployment, which takes away their dignity as breadwinners, and by lack of equal access to education and health care. In such cases, moral destitution can be considered impending suicide. This type of destitution, which also causes financial ruin, is invariably linked to the *spiritual destitution* which we experience when we turn away from God and reject his love. If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us.

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt. May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything" (2 Cor 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe. **FRANCISCUS**

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 8th March 2014 1st Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".	Baptism Celebrations for Catherine ROWAN Congratulations! 	6.00pm PRO-POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for Daniel VALVO & Dianne AGIUS Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 9th March 2014 1st Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo, ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio".  	8.30am Special Intentions Theresa MARTIN	9.45am Giuseppina CALANDRA 11.00am Domenico ZAFFINO Michele MACRÌ Defunti membri delle famiglie FERNANDEZ e GONZALEZ	Baptism Celebrations for Jay Mark KILPATRICK Congratulations!  Wedding Celebrations for Adam ROWE & Angela PROIETTO Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì of Lent 10th March 2014 Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25: 31-46	Responsorial Psalm Your words, Lord, are spirit and life..	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 1st week of Lent 11th March 2014 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6: 7-15	Responsorial Psalm From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Lourdes RIVAS	
Wednesday/Mercoledì Lent/Quaresima 12th March 2014 Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Responsorial Psalm Tu gradisci, Signore il cuore penitente. A broken, humble heart, O God, you will not scorn.	8.00am	9.15am Domenico ZAFFINO	Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti.
Thursday/Giovedì of Lent 13th March 2014 Esther 14:1, 3-5,12-14; Mt 7:7-12	Responsorial Psalm Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 1st week of Lent/Quaresima 14th March 2014 Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5: 20-26	Responsorial Psalm Perdonaci, Signore, e noi vivremo. If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?	8.00am	9.15am Maria Rosa GALATI 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross	

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 15th & 16th March 2014	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Minister	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	J. Perrett	J. Vaccari	E. Mascia	N. Ieraci /G. Moretti	M. Alessi	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	M. Fabri	L. Colosimo	J. Smith /N. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	A. Smyth	M. Lauria	Colosimo Family		

**PELEGRINAGGIO - 2014
TERRA SANTA - ROMA - ASSISI**
Sono rimasti pochissimi posti per questo Pellegrinaggio di 20 giorni con partenza Domenica 11 Maggio, 2014 visitando la Terra Santa, Roma e Assisi. Se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Delmar.

**ST. BRIGID'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE
HOLY LAND - ROME - ASSISI**
There are only very few places left for this 20 day Pilgrimage departing Sunday 11th May, 2014 to the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi. If interested, please speak to Fr. Delmar.


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
VIA CRUCIS**
Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in Church followed by confessions. Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm Via Crucis e confessioni.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$ 570 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 320 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 272 - 00

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT COMPASSION 2014**
"HAVE LIFE and HAVE IT TO THE FULL" (John 10.10)
This week we meet Maristely who lives with her family in a favela (slum) in Brazil. When they first moved to São Paulo, favela houses were made of cardboard, there was no electricity or water, and sewage ran down the street. Caritas Australia's partner, the Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents, is changing lives across 40 favelas in São Paulo by helping families gain access to clean water, electricity and connected sewerage. Across the favelas, there is a dominant culture of violence. The program also promotes peace so young people can attain education and employment; rather than joining local gangs. Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your solidarity means communities like Maristely's can enjoy a full life.
Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Thank you.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROGETTO COMPASSIONE 2014**
"ABBIATE VITA IN ABBONDANZA" (G.10.10)
Durante questo tempo di Quaresima, siamo tutti invitati ad aprire il nostro cuore aiutando altri meno fortunati di noi con la nostra preghiera e la nostra offerta. Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili sui tavoli all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.



**LITURGY MEETING
EASTER CELEBRATIONS**
Fr. Delmar will hold a Liturgy Meeting next Saturday 15th March at 10.00am in the Welcome In Room in preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Liturgy committee members and parishioners interested in being part of this committee are most welcome.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT ST. BRIGID'S**
Run by the Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Mother Teresa)
Enrolment forms are available from the table at the entrance to the church for anyone interested in having their child attend Sunday School in order to be able to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation. Religious classes for 2014 have begun. Anyone interested, please come along to the 9.45am mass on Sunday or ring Sr. Amalia from the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

ENTRATA PADRE, PERDONA	OFFERTORIO A TE NOSTRO PADRE	COMUNIONE SEI TU SIGNORE IL PANE	FINE È L'ORA CHE PIA
Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore. A te guardiamo, Redentore nostro, da te speriamo gioia di salvezza: Fa' che troviamo grazia di perdono. Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore. Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono. Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore. O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita. Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore.	A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar. Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo Cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel. Rit.: Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. Rit.: Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l'ostia che t'offriam in tutta umiltà. Rit.:	Sei tu Signore il pane, tu cibo sei per noi. Risorto a vita nuova, sei vivo in mezzo a noi. Nell'ultima sua cena, Gesù si dona ai suoi: prendete pane e vino, la vita mia per voi. Mangiate questo pane: chi crede in me vivrà chi beve, il vino nuovo, con me risorgerà. È Cristo il pane vero, diviso qui fra noi: formiamo un solo corpo e Dio sarà con noi. Se porti la sua Croce, in lui tu regnerai. Se muori unito a Cristo, con lui rinascerai. Verranno i cieli nuovi, la terra fiorirà. Vivremo da fratelli, la Chiesa è carità	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.

