

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. (Ps 90:15-16)**

**A reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-15)** God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said. "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Peter (3:18-22)** Brethren, Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject, to him. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Mt 4:4b).

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:12-15)** The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

#### Entrance Hymn

##### God we praise you

God, we praise You!  
God, we bless You!  
God, we name You sovereign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by Your church adored:  
All creation shows Your glory,  
Heav'n and earth  
draw near Your throne,  
Singing "Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts, and God alone!"

Jesus Christ, the king of glory,  
Everlasting Son of God,  
Humble was your virgin mother,  
Hard the lonely path You trod:  
By Your cross is sin defeated,  
Hell confronted face to face,  
Heaven opened to believers,  
Sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
You will judge the world You made;  
Lord, in mercy help Your servants  
For whose freedom You have paid:  
Raise us up from dust to glory,  
Guard us from all sin today.  
King enthroned above all praises,  
Save your people, God, we pray.



#### Offertory Hymn

##### Ashes

We rise again from ashes,  
from the good we've failed to do.  
We rise against from ashes,  
to create ourselves anew.  
If all the world is ashes,  
then must our lives be true?  
An offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

We offer you our failures,  
we offer you attempts,  
The gifts not fully given,  
the dreams not fully dreamt.  
Give our stumblings direction,  
give our visions wider view,  
An offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes,  
let healing come to pain.

Though spring has turned to winter,  
and sunshine turned to rain.  
The rain we'll use for growing, and  
create the world anew,  
From an offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.



#### Communion Hymn

##### Hosea

Come back to me  
with all your heart  
Don't let fear  
keep us apart  
Trees do bend  
though straight and tall  
So must we to others call

**Ref:**  
**Long have I waited  
For Your coming  
home to me  
And living  
deeply our new life.**

The wilderness  
will lead you  
To the place  
where I will speak  
Integrity and justice  
With tenderness  
You shall know **(ref)**

You shall sleep  
secure with peace  
Faithfulness  
will be your joy **(ref)**



#### Final Hymn

##### BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Ref.:**  
**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy  
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people;  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Ref.:**

You are seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **Ref.:**



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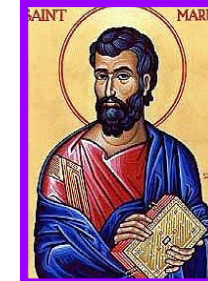
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*

#### FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2015

##### "Make your hearts firm" (James 5:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer... Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront... Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God's people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves. To further this renewal, I would like to propose for our reflection three biblical texts.

1. "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26) – The Church

The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others...

Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26).

2. "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9) – Parishes and Communities

All that we have been saying about the universal Church must now be applied to the life of our parishes and communities. Do these ecclesial structures enable us to experience being part of one body? A body which receives and shares what God wishes to give? A body which acknowledges and cares for its weakest, poorest and most insignificant members? Or do we take refuge in a universal love that would embrace the whole world, while failing to see the Lazarus sitting before our closed doors (Lk 16:19-31)?... Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!

3. "Make your hearts firm!" (James 5:8) – Individual Christians

As individuals too, we have are tempted by indifference. Flooded with news reports and troubling images of human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness?

First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer... Second, we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church's many charitable organizations. Lent is a favourable time for showing this concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family. Third, the suffering of others is a call to conversion, since their need reminds me of the uncertainty of my own life and my dependence on God and my brothers and sisters. If we humbly implore God's grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God's love holds out to us. We will also be able to resist the diabolical temptation of thinking that by our own efforts we can save the world and ourselves...

During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: "Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum": *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference. It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you. Pope Francis).

**LENTEN PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH:** Come and join us every Tuesday at 7:30 pm for one hour allowing the Word of God to guide us towards the renewal of our baptismal promises. Fr. Delmar and a group of catechists will lead the following reflections: Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> (The temptations of Jesus); Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March (The Transfiguration of Jesus); Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March (The Samaritan Woman); Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March (The blind men); and Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> (Lazarus). The program will be held at the Convent's chapel or in the Church depending on the number of people attending.



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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. (Mt 4:4)**

## Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 21st February 2015 (Vigil) 1st Sunday of Lent Year "B"	<i>"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'."</i>	10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm PRO-POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass 8.30pm Mass with the Neo Catechumenal Way (In the Chapel of the Convent)	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Rita Lynn MADRID Monet &amp; Dali COLLINA Lucas DE LA ROSA Congratulations!</i> 
Sunday/Domenica 22nd February 2015 1st Sunday of Lent Year "B"	<i>"Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo, ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio'."</i> 	8.30am 	9.45am 11.00am Giuseppe CAVARRA (1mth) 5.00pm Portuguese Mass	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Chiara EBOLI Sofia MAKDESI &amp; Maya Anne DEL CID Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 1st week of Lent 23rd February 2015 Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25: 31-46	<i>Responsorial Psalm Your words, Lord, are spirit and life..</i>	8.00am Margaret HENNESEY (Recently deceased)	9.15am	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents & God-parents invited to attend.
Tuesday/Martedì 1st week of Lent 24th February 2015 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6: 7-15	<i>Responsorial Psalm From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.</i>	8.00am Margaret HENNESEY (Recently deceased)	9.15am 1.00pm Funeral Mass for Anthony Robert NOVELLI	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Anthony Robert NOVELLI May the Lord of Mercy grant him eternal rest.</i>
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st week of lent 25th February 2015 Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	<i>Responsorial Psalm Tu gradisci, Signore il cuore penitente. A broken, humble heart, O God, you will not scorn.</i>	8.00am Margaret HENNESEY (Recently deceased)	9.15am (Segue il Gruppo di Preghiera nel Welcome in room. Tutti benvenuti). 10.30am Rosario e Messa funebre per Concetta MALIZIA	<i>Le nostre sincere condoglianze ai familiari di Concetta MALIZIA. Preghiamo il Signore di dare lei il riposo eterno, e conforto e pace ai suoi cari.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 1st week of Lent 26th February 2015 Esther 14:1, 3-5,12-14; Mt 7:7-12	<i>Responsorial Psalm Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.</i>	8.00am Margaret HENNESEY (Recently deceased)	9.15am Carmela FIORE	
Friday/Venerdì 1st week of Lent 27th February 2015 Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5: 20-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?</i>	8.00am Margaret HENNESEY (Recently deceased)	9.15am 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross	

<b>Parish Community</b> Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	<b>Parish Office</b> Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	<b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana</b>	<b>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa</b>	<b>Filipino Pastoral Community</b>
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 28th Feb & 1st Mar 2015	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	L. Murphy	Children	L. Colosimo	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	M. Lauria	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL**  
On behalf of Fr. Delmar Silva and everyone in our parish, our heartfelt thanks, appreciation and best wishes to Olivia and Nick for their contribution and dedication with Sunday School in our parish for many many years. We will miss them very much and wish them all the very best for the future. May God's blessings go with them.

Oggi domenica, alle 6.00pm nella Chiesa di San Luca, 1A David Street, Lalor Santa Messa in ricordo del nostro caro Padre Dante Orsi deceduto il 18 Gennaio 2015. Tutti benvenuti.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS** Every Friday during Lent. Stations of the Cross at 7pm 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	\$ 563 - 00
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**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2015 Growing FOOD For LIFE**  
Married couple Eric and Ma had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they engaged in training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre, supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life. Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to build healthy families and grow food for life. Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA 2015 PROGETTO COMPASSIONE**  
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.*

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**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 2015 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.

**2015 LENTEN MISSION**  
St. Brigid's Parish  
A celebration of the Word of God will be held each Tuesday night during Lent in the Old Convent Chapel behind the car park, starting at 7.30pm  
24 February - The Temptation in the Desert  
3 March - The Transfiguration  
10 March - The Samaritan Woman  
17 March - The Man born Blind  
24 March - Lazarus  
Everyone is most welcome.

**ENTRATA PADRE, PERDONA**  
*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.*

**OFFERTORIO A TE NOSTRO PADRE**  
*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.:*

**COMUNIONE SEI TU SIGNORE IL PANE**  
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

**FINE MADRE DELLA CHIESA**  
*Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa Ave Maria (2)*  
A te, Maria, guardiamo con gioia, in te il Signore ha fatto meraviglie. *R.:*  
Ci sei sorella, conosci la vita, la tua fede dà forza ai nostri passi. *R.:*  
Tu sei la stella, sei luce di Dio, E nel cammino tu sei davanti a noi. *R.:*

