

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Isa 66:10-11)**

**A reading from the second Book of the Chronicles (36:14-16,19-23)**

All the leading priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord, which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of the fathers, sent persistently to them his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, till there was no remedy. Their enemies burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'" **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R/**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs". **R/**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R/**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)**

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.** God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (3:14-21)**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God." **The Gospel of the Lord.**



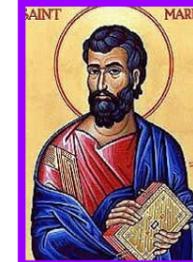
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*

**LET US REJOICE BECAUSE GOD LOVES US:**

The fourth Sunday of lent is commonly known as "Laetare Sunday". The entrance antiphon invites to "rejoice and be joyful". The reason for this rejoicing in the middle of lent comes from the good news in today's Gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life". The image of the lifted serpent in the desert helps us to understand how generous God's love for us is. The people in the desert were murmuring against God and were given a hard time to Moses. Because of that, they had to face the test of the serpents' invasion. They implored for help and God was not indifferent. God asked Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live". This image brings us to look at Jesus on the cross offering salvation to us all so that "whoever believes in Him will not be condemned". This is the ratification that in spite of our unfaithfulness our Loving God offers us life and healing in his Son who died on the cross for us. The followers of Jesus Christ are to find life in Him and to become life givers by loving one another as God has loved us. The invitation from the Gospel today is not only to rejoice but above to believe in the One who gives us fullness of life. Faith in Him will save us. This is the reminder of St. Paul's in the second reading: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). This is a clear statement that good works do not count in the salvation of believers but purely the grace of God on those who believe. It doesn't mean passivity on our side since in the following verse St. Paul also says: "For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life". In other words, our coming to faith in Christ was made possible only by God's grace. Our belonging to Christ is made possible only by faith. But our life as people who already believe in Christ should be marked by good works. As God's people in the world, good works should be our way of life.



**RALLEGRIAMOCI PERCHÉ DIO CI AMA:** La quarta domenica di Quaresima si titola domenica in Laetare dall'antifona con cui inizia la celebrazione eucaristica: "Rallegrati (laetare), Gerusalemme, e voi tutti che l'amate, riunitevi. Esultate e gioite, voi che eravate nella tristezza: saziatemi dell'abbondanza della vostra consolazione". Certamente il motivo dell'essere gioiosi non è dato perché siamo giunti alla metà del percorso quaresimale, ma dalla grande rivelazione dell'amore di Dio per l'umanità che troviamo nel Vangelo d'oggi: "Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito perché chiunque crede in lui non vada perduto, ma abbia la vita eterna". L'immagine-profezia del serpente di bronzo innalzata nel deserto ci aiuta per capire quanto

grande è l'amore di Dio per noi. Gli Ebrei, dopo una ennesima mormorazione, si trovano davanti alla prova con una invasione di serpenti. Al loro grido di supplica, Dio ordinò a Mosè di collocare su un'asta un serpente di bronzo, chi l'avesse guardato era salvo. Ebbene, Gesù salva il mondo inchiodato e innalzato in croce sul monte Calvario. E da lì fino alla fine del mondo egli resterà a braccia aperte, "perché chiunque crede in lui non muoia, ma abbia la vita eterna". Cristo innalzato sulla croce come un condannato, agli occhi dell'evangelista Giovanni è la glorificazione, "quando sarò innalzato attirerò tutti a me". La salvezza piena di amore che Dio intende porgere all'umanità, si identifica con la persona del Figlio che dona all'uomo la vita in abbondanza. Credere significa accogliere già questa vita che associa l'uomo alla stessa vita di Dio. Non credere equivale a rifiutare il dono della vita divina. La fede, elemento discriminante tra la vita e la morte, ha una caratteristica: è una scelta interiore. Credere nel Figlio significa affidarsi a lui, mettere la propria vita nelle sue mani e ricevere, in cambio, la vita eterna. "Dio non ha mandato il Figlio nel mondo per giudicare il mondo, ma perché il mondo si salvi per mezzo di lui". Infatti siamo salvati dalla grazia di Dio mediante la fede, ce lo ricorda Paolo nella seconda lettura, come un dono di Dio. Questo non vuole dire passività di parte nostra perché ce lo ricorda pure San Paolo: "siamo infatti opera sua, creati in Cristo Gesù per le opere buone, che Dio ha preparato perché camminassimo". Dunque, rallegriamoci perché Dio ci ama e ci salva con la sua grazia ma da parte nostra bisogna avere fede e vivere sulla strada delle buone opere.

## Entrance Hymn

### To God be the Glory

To God be the glory,  
great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life  
our redemption to win,  
And opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

**Ref:**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory;  
great things He hath done.**

Oh, perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives. (Ref)



## Offertory Hymn

### We are an Offering

We lift our voices  
we lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering

Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives  
They are Yours  
We are an offering

### CHORUS

**All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering,  
we are an offering



## Communion Hymn Holy Darkness

**Holy darkness, blessed night,  
heaven's answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
we embrace your holy night.**

I have tried you in fires of affliction;  
I have taught your soul to grieve.  
In the barren soil of your loneliness,  
there I will plant my seed.

I have taught you the price of compassion;  
you have stood before the grave.  
Though my love can seem like a raging storm,  
this is the love that saves.

Were you there when I raised up the mountains?  
Can you guide the morning star?  
Does the hawk take flight  
when you give command?  
Why do you doubt my pow'r?

In your deepest hour of darkness  
I will give you wealth untold.  
When the silence stills your spirit,  
will my riches fill your soul.

As the watchman waits for morning,  
and the bride awaits her groom,  
so we wait to hear your footsteps  
as we rest beneath your moon.

## Final Hymn

### Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace,  
how sweet the sound,  
That saved  
a wretch like me.  
I once was lost  
but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught  
my heart to fear.  
And Grace,  
my fears relieved.  
How precious did  
that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers,  
toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought  
me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead  
me home.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God. (Jn 9:11,38).**



## A LENTEN RECOLLECTION - CONVERSION OF THE HEART THROUGH CHARITY

MARCH 27-28, 2015 Organized by: FILIPINO CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY & ST. BRIGID'S PARISH

Friday 27th March  
St. Brigid's Church  
7.00pm Via Crucis  
7.30pm Celebration  
of the Sacrament  
of Reconciliation

A Call to Conversion through Acts of Charity  
**The human heart is heavy and hardened.  
God must give man a new heart.**  
**Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who  
makes our hearts return to him:  
"Restore us to thyself, O LORD,  
that we may be restored!"**



Saturday 28th March - St. Brigid's Hall  
Lenten Recollection 9.30am - 6.00pm  
**Speakers: Fr. Litoy Asis  
Fr. Bonaventure Valles  
With Baptism in the Spirit  
and Anticipated Mass of Palm Sunday**



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## Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 14th March 2015 (Vigil) 4th Sunday of Lent Year "B"	"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son".		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass 10th Anniversary for Andres and Norma Congratulations!	Baptism Celebration for Marcus Winston CASTILLO Dahlia Rosalba DIAZ Juan Mariano ALARCON Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 15th March 2015 4th Sunday of Lent Year "B" 	"Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito".	8.30am 	9.45am PRO-POPOLO 11.00am Salvatore PACE (1mese) Vincenza MIRAVELLI Salvatore DI NATALE (1annv.) Domenico ZAFFINO Michele MACRÍ	Baptism Celebration for Leonardo CANZONERI Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 4th week of Lent 16th March 2015 Is 65:17-21; Jn 4: 43-54	Responsorial Psalm I will praise you, Lord, For you have rescued me.	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Maria MAZZARELLA (1annv.)	
Tuesday/Martedì ST PATRICK, bishop 17th March 2015 Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12	Responsorial Psalm Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.	8.00am 	9.15am 7.30pm (Lenten Program)	10.30am - 12.30pm Seed of Life Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in the Chap- el of the Convent. Everyone is welcome.
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th week of Lent 18th March 2015 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-29	Responsorial Psalm Ricordati, Signore, del tuo amore.  The Lord is kind and merciful.	8.00am	9.15am 1.00pm Funeral Mas for Jesus BARRIEROS 7.30pm Novena & Mass (Filipino Chaplaincy)	Dopo la S. Messa del mattino Segue il Gruppo di Preghiera in chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.
Thursday/Giovedì 19th March 2015 ST JOSEPH 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24	Responsorial Psalm The Son of David will live forever.	8.00am In honour to St. Joseph	9.15am Concetta MALIZIA (1mth) 7.30pm Vincenzo GEREMIA (1mese)	
Friday/Venerdì 4th week of Lent 20th March 2015 Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Responsorial Psalm The Lord is near to broken hearts.	8.00am	9.15am 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 21st & 22nd March 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	G. Piantella	P. Elkins	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	P. La Marca	N. Omenihu / J. Smith		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	C. Penitito	T. Toscano	Lauria Family		

**ST. BRIGID & ST. MARK  
HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2015**

**Saturday 28th March 2015**  
**St. Brigid's** 4.00pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (Timorese)  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms.  
 7.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms. (Spanish)

**Palm Sunday 29th April 2015** Blessing of the Palms.  
**St. Mark's** 8.30am (Bi-lingual)  
**St. Brigid's** 9.30am (English) - 11.00am (Italian) - 5.00pm (Portuguese)

**HOLY WEEK: 30th March - 5th April 2015**

Holy Mon /Tues /Wed Masses as usual: 8am St.Mark's - 9.15am St.Brigid's  
 Holy Tuesday 11.00am Mass of the Holy Oils at St. Patrick's Cathedral.  
 Holy Wednesday 10.00am Holy Hour and Confessions (Italian Prayer Group)

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday** (No morning mass - Visiting sick people)  
**St. Brigid's** 7.30pm Multicultural Celebration of the Lord's Supper,  
 followed by Adoration and Confessions in church till midnight.  
 Holy Hour with prayers and songs.  
 9.00pm - 10.00pm (English) 10pm -11pm (Spanish) 11pm -12am (Silence)

**St. Mark's** 7.30pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Portuguese)

**Good Friday**

**St. Brigid's** 9.00am Confessions  
**St. Mark's** 9.30am Liturgy "The Seven Last Words" (Philippino Comm.)  
**St. Brigid's** 10.30am Multicultural Stations of the Cross (Church grounds)  
**St. Brigid's** 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**St. Mark's** 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Portuguese)

**Holy Saturday**

**St. Brigid's** 7.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration  
**St. Mark's** 7.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration (Portuguese)

**Easter Sunday** Masses as per Sunday timetable.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION  
2015 Growing FOOD For LIFE**

**Sarita's story:** Mother of three Sarita (34) attended school until the eighth grade, making her one of the most well educated women in her village. However she couldn't grow enough food for her family on her tiny plot of land. In 2007, Sarita joined the Caritas Australia supported Kolkatla Fish Raising Group. With steady income from the Fish Raising Group, Sarita's family has been able to feel secure. **Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Total to date \$210**

**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. Totale \$210**



**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.

**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

17 March - The Man born Blind  
 24 March - Lazarus  
 Everyone is most welcome.



<p><b>ENTRATA LODATE DIO</b></p> <p>Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò, somma sapienza e splendore.</p> <p>Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene. lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio.</p> <p>Lodate Dio, uno e trino Signore, lodate Dio, mèta e premio dei buoni: cantate a lui, sorgente di ogni bontà, per tutti i secoli. Amen!</p>	<p><b>OFFERTORIO</b></p> <p><b>O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO</b></p> <p>O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.</p> <p>O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.</p>	<p><b>COMUNIONE IL SIGNORE CI HA AMATO</b></p> <p>Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci conduce nella notte, luce nell'oscurità. Quando il pane dividiamo nella gioia tra di noi, Il Signore è qui presente col suo amor.</p> <p><b>È il tuo corpo, dato a tutti noi, è il tuo Sangue, dato a tutti noi; sei per noi la vita, sei per noi l'amor. O Signore, porta tutti al tuo amor.</b></p> <p>Il Signore ci ha amato come nessuno altro mai. Per la gente del villaggio egli è figlio di operai, che lavora come gli altri nella pena, nel sudor, e conosce la fatica di ogni dì. <b>Rit.:</b></p> <p>Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Un amore così grande che morì per tutti noi; un amore così forte che la morte superò: dal sepolcro vincitore si levò. <b>Rit.:</b></p> <p>Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci riunisce nel suo nome, ci ridona libertà. Siamo membro del suo corpo, una nuova umanità; nulla mai può separarci dal suo amor. <b>Rit.:</b></p>	<p><b>FINE QUANDO NELL'OMBRA</b></p> <p>Quando nell'ombra cade la sera, È questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera: Fa pura e santa l'anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave.</p> <p>E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno, All'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia Ave Maria, Ave.</p> <p>Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura: Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave.</p> 
<p><b>St. Brigid &amp; St. Mark Collections</b></p> <p>1 Collection \$ 542 - 00                  2 Collection \$ 336 - 00                  Envelopes \$ 233 - 00</p>			