

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. (Ps 43:1-2).

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (31:31-34)

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

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/**

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, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R/**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (5:7-9)

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. If a man serves me says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (12:20-33)

Among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father, will honour him." "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



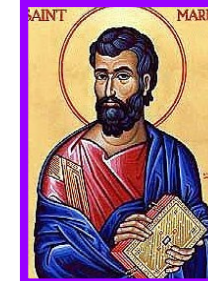
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS:

By the time of Jesus the Greeks had become among the most broad-minded people in the world. We see in today's gospel that among the huge crowds that had come to Jerusalem for the Passover feast were some Greeks. They came to see Jesus. Why did they come to see Jesus? The impression is that they came to seek admission into the "body" of Christ. Indeed the mission of Jesus Christ is for everyone. It is also probable that they came to alert Jesus to the seriousness of the danger surrounding him and to suggest to him to flee with them to Greece, the land of freedom. The response that Jesus gives to their request shows that it has to do with his impending death and that he has chosen to stay and face it rather than seek a way to escape it. Many people see death as an interruption in their life and mission. But Jesus saw death as a fulfilment of his life and mission. Jesus uses the parable of the grain of wheat to explain that by shying away from death when the hour has come, one only reduces one's life and mission ("remains just a single grain") whereas by giving oneself up to death when the hour has come, one enhances it ("bears much fruit"). This must have been a powerful story of encouragement in the faith for the persecuted early Christians. It shows that it is only through Jesus' submission to an undeserved death that they now have the benefit of faith and salvation. But then it goes on to remind them of the words of Jesus that his followers must follow in his steps even unto death. "Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also." Where is Jesus? Jesus is in glory. But to get there he had to pass through the gates of death in faithfulness to God's will. That is his story. That also should be our story. Life has meaning when we are able to share it with others. Only in giving our life becomes fruitful and meaningful.



VOGLIAMO VEDERE GESÙ:

L'evangelista nota che tra l'immensa folla che era convenuta per la festa, vi erano alcuni greci che volevano vedere Gesù. La loro comparsa indica che l'opera di Gesù ormai si apriva a tutti gli uomini. Quando Gesù rispose: "E' giunta l'ora che sia glorificato il Figlio dell'uomo" ci mostra "dove" possiamo vedere il Signore: sulla croce. La necessità di questa sua morte la raffigura nella seguente immagine. "Se il chicco di grano caduto in terra non muore, rimane solo; se invece muore porta molto frutto". L'egoismo è sterile, è morte. Il seme che non muore, non si riproduce. Una vita che non si dona è morta. La glorificazione del Figlio sulla croce è la stessa immagine del seme che muore. Gesù dando la vita, si rivela uguale al Padre, principio di vita per tutti. Anche noi come seguaci di Cristo siamo coinvolti in un medesimo destino di morte e di gloria: "Chi ama la sua vita, la perde. Chi odia la sua vita, la dona. Chi mi serve, mi segue. Dove sono io, là sarà anche il mio servo." Come sempre, il Vangelo, anche quando ci racconta la storia di un chicco, ci parla della nostra vita, raggiunta dall'amore. A loro volta quei chicchi cadranno in terra, ma non moriranno inutilmente. Il Rabbì di Nazareth ci insegna che ciò che abbiamo di più prezioso, non si salva chiudendolo in una cassaforte, ma solo avvolgendolo nell'amore, solo donandolo, solo perdendolo. La vita è come un respiro: se la tieni per te, soffochi.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord. (Jn 11:26)

Entrance Hymn
Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear:
Now to his altar draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper
our work and defend us;
Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us. Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen"
sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him!

Offertory Hymn
Take our Bread

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand
at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread
our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs
of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.
Ref.

Your holy people stand
washed in your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry,
we await your food.
We are poor but we've brought
Ourselves the best we could
We are yours, we are yours.
Ref.

Communion Hymn
Unless a grain of wheat

Unless a grain of wheat
shall fall up-on the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him,
then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

If any one serves me,
then they must follow me;
wherever I am, my servants will be.

Make your home in me as I make mine in you
those who remain in me bear much fruit.

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples.

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world can-not give is my gift.

Final Hymn
Sing to the Mountain

Sing to the mountains,
sing to the sea.
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.
This is the day
the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks
to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea
You have saved
my soul from death.
You are my strength
and my song. **(Ref)**

This is the day
the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
Death has lost and all is life.
Sing of the glory of God. **(Ref)**

PRAYER SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS — PALM SUNDAY 29th March 2015
1.00pm - 1.30pm St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. **Celebrant: Fr. Bruce Duncan CSsR**

WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES — PALM SUNDAY 29th March - 2.00pm State Library to Queen Victoria Gardens

Whoever turns refugees away, forgets that Jesus was also one. Pope Francis.

Next Sunday is PALM SUNDAY: Blessing of the palms at all Masses (Please bring olive branches...or palms)

Domenica prossima 29 Marzo BENEDIZIONE DELLE PALME (Per favore portate rami d' ulivo oppure palme)

HOLY WEEK TIME TABLE is on the board at the entrance and on the outside doors to the church.

ORARIO PER LA SETTIMANA SANTA si trova sul tabellone all'entrata e sulle porte esterno della chiesa.

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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| Day of the Week | Liturgical Celebration | Intention - St. Mark | Intention - St. Brigid | Parish Activity |
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| Saturday/Sabato 21st March 2015 (Vigil) 5th Sunday of Lent Year "B" | "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified". | 10.30am Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti benvenuti. | 6.00pm Antonietta BETTIOL 7.00pm Spanish Mass Zunilda Cristina LOPEZ GARRIDO (died recently) | Baptism Celebration for Giorgia BASILE Charlize CAMPOS Alfie MELFIE Alina GALDAMEZ Congratulations! |
| Sunday/Domenica 22nd March 2015 5th Sunday of Lent Year "B" | "É venuta l'ora che il Figlio dell'uomo sia glorificato". | 8.30am PRO-POPOLO  | 9.45am Javier FUENTES Hernando TORALES (1mth) 11.00am Francesco DI SANTO (20th annv.)  | Baptism Celebration for Taine & Everly McCROHAN Congratulations! |
| Monday/Lunedì 5th week of Lent 23rd March 2015 Dan13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8: 1-11 | Responsorial Psalm Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me. | 8.00am Fr. Henry NIKEL (Recently deceased) | 9.15am | |
| Tuesday/Martedì 5th week of Lent 24th March 2015 Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30 | Responsorial Psalm O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you. | 8.00am Fr. Henry NIKEL (Recently deceased) | 9.15am 7.30pm (Lenten Program) | 10.30am - 12.30pm In the Chapel of the Convent. Seed of Life Charismatic Prayer Group Everyone welcome. |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì 25th March 2015 Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 | Responsorial Psalm Eccomi, Signore: si com- pia in me la tua parola. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. | 8.00am Fr. Henry NIKEL (Recently deceased) | 9.15am  7.30pm Novena & Mass (Filipino Chaplaincy) | Dopo la S. Messa del mattino Segue il Gruppo di Preghiera in chiesa. Tutti benvenuti. |
| Thursday/Giovedì 5th week of Lent 26th March 2015 Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 | Responsorial Psalm The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. | 8.00am Fr. Henry NIKEL (Recently deceased) | 9.15am Carmela FIORE | |
| Friday/Venerdì 5th week of Lent 27th March 2015 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 | Responsorial Psalm In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice. | 8.00am Fr. Henry NIKEL (Recently deceased) | 9.15am 11.00am Easter Liturgy Simonds students & staff 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Penitential Service and confessions | 1.00pm Wedding for Shamita Joy RAJA & Raymond WEBSTER. Congratulations! 5.00pm Baptism for Marco DOMINGUEZ Congratulations! |

PARISH EASTER RAFFLE Tickets available today after mass at only \$1.00 each for beautiful Easter Hampers. The draw will take place in church after the 7.30pm Holy Saturday night celebrations. A big thank you to Mel Piedimonte from Piedimonte's Supermarket and Giannarelli Funerals for their continuous generosity.

LOTTERIA PASQUALE Biglietti in vendita dopo le S. Messe. Prezzo \$1.00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà in chiesa dopo le celebrazioni di Sabato Santo con inizio alle 7.30pm. Grazie di cuore a Mel Piedimonte, "Piedimonte's Supermarket" e Giannarelli Funerals per il loro continuo supporto verso la parrocchia.



| Parish Community | Parish Office | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana | Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa | Filipino Pastoral Community |
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| Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS | Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm | Chaplains P. Luciano Toldo, CS P. Pawel Pakula, CSsR | Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS | Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis |
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| Liturgy of the Word 28th & 29th 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 |
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| I Reading | Volunteer | L. Murphy | M.C. Sisters | L. Colosimo | N. Ieraci / G. Moretti | M. Alessi | S. Colosimo |
| Responsorial Psalm | Volunteer | L. Murphy | M.C. Sisters | M. Lauria | Lina Butera / Lucy Butera | | |
| II Reading | Volunteer | L. Murphy | M.C. Sisters | E. Mascia | D. Polla / T. Bozzetto | | |

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

Saturday 28th March 2015

St. Brigid's 4.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms (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" (Filipino Chaplaincy)

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

Cristian's story: Cristian is a 33 year old farmer who lives in a remote Andean village in Peru. His community lives a traditional life and farmers have always relied on the rains to water crops. Through the Caritas Australia supported program, Cristian improved irrigation to his fields and learned to grow and harvest high value fruit crops that provide an income and a variety of food for life.



Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Total to date \$2040.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - PROGETTO COMPASSIONE

Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili sui tavoli all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie. Totale \$2040

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
24 March - Lazarus *Everyone is most welcome.*

19TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY
Sunday 29 March, 1.30pm Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster
Entry is absolutely free.

Details: 0409 965 965 or www.passionplay.info

ENTRATA TI SALUTO, O CROCE SANTA



*Ti saluto, o croce santa,
che portasti il Redentor:
gloria, lode, onor ti canta
ogni lingua ad ogni cuor.*

Sei vesillo glorioso di Cristo,
sua vittoria e segno d'amor:
il suo sangue innocente fu visto
come fiamma sgorgare dal cuor.
Rit.

Tu nascesti fra braccia amorose
D'una Vergine Madre, o Gesù,
tu moristi fra braccia pietose
d'una croce che data ti fu. **Rit.**

O agnello divino, immolato
Sulla croce crudele, pietà!
Tu, che togli dal mondo il peccato
salva l'uomo che pace non ha. **Rit.**

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.:**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 580 - 00
2 Collection \$ 380 - 00
Envelopes \$ 217 - 00

COMUNIONE E' GIUNTA L'ORA



E' giunta l'ora, Padre, per me.
Ai miei amici ho detto che
questa è la vita: conoscere Te
e il Figlio tuo, Cristo Gesù.

Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me;
ed ora sanno che torno a Te.
Hanno creduto: conservali Tu
nel tuo amore, nell'unità.

Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi,
la tua Parola è verità.
E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia;
la gioia vera viene da Te.

Io sono in loro e Tu in me;
che sian perfetti nell'unità.
E il mondo creda
che tu mi hai mandato;
li hai amati come ami me.

FINE 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.

Rit:
O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò
al mondo in peccato che egli salvò.
Rit.

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION NIGHT**
For parents and godparents
wishing to have their children
baptised here is on Monday
30th March 2015 at 7.30pm
in the Church.