

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. (Ps 30:3-4)

A reading from the Book of Sirach (15:15-20)

If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man. He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blame-less, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R./**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R./**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R./**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R./**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Any one who eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!** (Jn 6:51)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn

TABLE OF PLENTY

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Offertory Hymn

LORD, I OFFER MY LIFE TO YOU

All that I am, all that I have I lay them down before you, O Lord
All my regrets, all my acclaim
The joy and the pain
I'm making them yours

Chorus:

**Lord, I offer my life to you
Ev'rything I've been through
Use it for your glory
Lord, I offer my days to you
Lifting my praise to you
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord, I offer you my life**

Things in the past,
things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams
that are yet to come true
All of my hopes, all of my pains
My heart and my hands
Are lifted



Communion Hymn

A NEW COMMANDMENT

A new commandment I give unto you:
That you love one another as I have loved you.
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are My disciples
If you have love one for another.
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A new commandment I give unto you:
That you love one another as I have loved you.
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Final Hymn

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

**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.**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. (Ps 77:29-30)



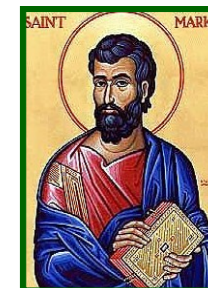
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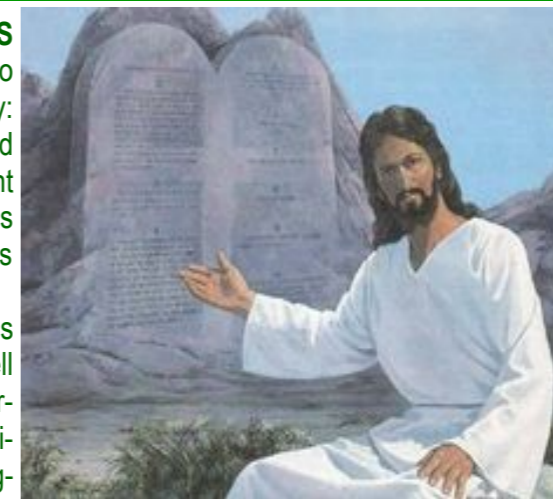


*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

THE HEART OF THE LAW IS LOVE: Today's Gospel leads us to the core message of Christianity: Jesus Christ is the revelation of God who is love. The law finds fulfilment in the power of love. It is in Jesus Christ that the law finds its fulfilment.

The logic revealed by Jesus goes beyond rules and regulations: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven". Jesus challenges us to look at our hearts. He fulfils the law not by the literal following of minute regulations but in the becoming the law to follow: love. It is easier to follow rules than to be committed and to share out of love. In the logic of Jesus the others become our point of reference. Many questions emerge from this challenging Gospel: is our relationship with God based on legalities or on the experience of love? Are we able to humanize the law under the premise that the heart of the law is the power of love? Can we see in Jesus Christ the paradigm to follow? Do we give more importance to the quantitative expressions of faith than to the qualitative experience of love? Do we understand that Jesus didn't come to abolish the law but to fulfil it by teaching us how to love?.

Jesus is inviting us to a new life, guided by the Holy Spirit, nurtured by the Word and the sacraments. The joy of the Gospel demands openness of heart, human solidarity, commitment to expand God's kingdom with the power of his love within us. Indeed Jesus came to fulfil the law and taught us that the heart of the law is love. If we want to fulfil the law we are called to live like Jesus.



IL CUORE DELLA LEGGE È L'AMORE: Il testo evangelico di questa domenica ci conduce al centro della nostra esperienza di fede: la grande e unica novità di Gesù sta proprio nella rivelazione di Dio che ama gli uomini fino alla morte. La legge trova in suo compimento nell'amore. La logica di Gesù ci presenta prima il Vangelo e poi la legge, prima viene il dono di Dio e poi la risposta dell'uomo. Questa logica ci presenta una giustizia diversa: "se la vostra giustizia non supererà quella degli scribi e dei farisei, non entrerete nel regno dei cieli". Qui non si tratta di superiorità nella quantità, cioè rispettare più precetti e prescrizioni. Il mondo giudaico aveva già una casistica articolatissima, fatta da ben 613 precetti della legge. Fare di più, in senso quantitativo, sarebbe stato davvero molto impegnativo. Il "di più" che Gesù chiede non è nella quantità, ma nella qualità del nostro modo di metterci davanti alla legge di Dio, alla sua volontà. Il "di più" su cui dobbiamo misurarci è sulla qualità della nostra fede, sul potere dell'amore.

Siamo chiamati a domandarci quanta vita è passata nei nostri gesti, nelle nostre parole, nelle nostre scelte quotidiane; quanto amore si è moltiplicato e condiviso attraverso di noi; quanto abbiamo saputo donare; quanto amore abbiamo investito negli incontri che la vita ci ha offerto; quanto la nostra vita e le nostre parole sono state un inno di lode a Dio e al suo amore.

Gesù di Nazareth ci invita ad una vita nuova, guidata dal suo Spirito, sostenuta dalla Parola e saziata dal Pane di Vita. Solo dentro questa novità di vita saremo davvero discepoli beati e luminosi. Infatti, il cuore della legge è l'amore. Il compimento della legge è vivere come Gesù.

Project Compassion Launch Tuesday 4 March, 2014 10:30am

You are warmly invited to join us for the Launch of Project Compassion 2014. Guest speakers Andre da Silva & Jessica da Silva from São Paulo, Brazil will join us to speak about their work with the Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents. Andre is an Educator and Jessica is a Youth Leader with Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents (MDF) – Brazil. Caritas Australia works with MDF to improve living conditions, promote peace, encourage leadership and create opportunities for education and employment for Favela residents.


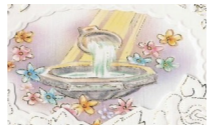
Where: Deakin Edge Theatre, Federation Square,

RSVP: Thursday 27 February, 2014

For more info: www.caritas.org.au **Contact:** Alicia.ocampo@cam.org.au



2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 15th February 2014 VI Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A"	"I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."		3.00pm Mass (Couples For Christ) 6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations for Xavier Robert MORAN Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 16th February 2014 VI Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A"	"Io vi dico infatti: se la vostra giustizia non supererà quella degli scribi e dei farisei, non entrerete nel regno dei cieli".	8.30am Fr. Bernardo CANTERZANI	9.45am Gaetano CAFARELLA 11.00am Irene PASQUALE Felice ALESSI (2nd annv) Giuseppe BANDIERA Umberto BONICELLI Consiglia PADUANO	Baptism Celebrations for Heidi MARKOVSKI & Samuel KNOTT Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 17th February 2014 James 1:1-11; Mk 8: 11-13	Responsorial Psalm Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.	8.00am	9.15am Gaetano CAFARELLA 10.30am S. Rosario 11.00am Santa Messa per la defunta Consiglia PADUANO	Le nostre sentite condoglianze all famiglia di Consiglia PADUANO. Pregliamo il Signore di dare lei il riposo eterno, e conforto e pace ai suoi cari.
Tuesday/Martedì 18th February 2014 James 1:12-18; Mk 8: 14-21	Responsorial Psalm Happy are those you teach, O Lord.	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Maria Imperia BRUGNERA (1st anniversary)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 19th February 2014 James 1:19-27; Mk 8: 22-26	Responsorial Psalm Chi teme il Signore abiterà nella sua casa.	8.00am	9.15am	Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti.
Thursday/Giovedì 20th February 2014 James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33	Responsorial Psalm The Lord hears the cry of the poor.	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 21st February 2014 James 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8: 34—9:1	Responsorial Psalm La tua legge, Signore, è fonte di gioia.	8.00am	9.15am	

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS	Chaplain Fr. Luis Viovicente, CS
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3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 22nd & 23rd Feb. 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. Smith	P. La Marca	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	R. Kircher	A. Bernar	J. Vaccari / Volunteer		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	M. O'Reilly	T. Toscano	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		

**PELLEGRINAGGIO
PARROCCHIALE**
Padre Delmar Silva, porge un caloroso invito a tutti coloro che sono interessati ad unirsi a lui partecipando a questo Pellegrinaggio di 20 giorni con partenza Domenica 11 Maggio, 2014 visitando la Terra Santa, Roma ed Assisi ad un raduno domani sera 17 febbraio alle 7.30 in chiesa.

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE
Fr. Delmar Silva is extending a warm invitation to anyone who is interested in joining him in this 20 day Pilgrimage departing Sunday 11th May, 2014 to the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi to a special meeting tomorrow night, Monday 17th February at 7.30pm in church.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Monday 24th February 2014 at 7.30pm. in the church.


ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY
Last Sunday we came together to celebrate the feast of our Patroness St. Brigid. It was a wonderful celebration starting with Holy Mass celebrated by our parish priest, Fr. Delmar, Fr. Isaias from the Philippines & Fr. Luis Antonio from Italy. Mass was followed by Procession and Rosary with the statue of St. Brigid around the church grounds. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the liturgy, our wonderful parish choir, altar servers, the children who performed the liturgical dance, boys and staff from Simonds Catholic College, faithful members from different communities and everyone who helped to make this celebration a memorable one. A big thank you to all the Communities who contributed and helped organize the luncheon that followed in the parish hall. Result from the raffle \$600. A special thank you to David Pellegrini from Tobin Brothers/Abbey Funerals for the three vouchers donated.

May God through the intercession of St. Brigid send his blessings on each and everyone.

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 begin Sunday 23rd February after the 9.45am Mass. Anyone interested, please come along or ring Sr. Amalia from the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

The Francis Effect
A 1 Day professional development for people working for the Church and in ministry – both lay and religious
Tuesday 25 February, 8:30am – 4:30pm
This one-day Colloquium will challenge participants to answer Pope Francis' call to be "missionary disciples. More info: melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au or 03 9639 1344

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections	
1 Collection	\$ 757 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 476 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 169 - 00

ENTRATA AL TUO SANTO ALTAR	OFFERTORIO MISTERO DELLA CENA	COMUNIONE SYMBOLUM	FINE NOME DOLCISSIMO
Rit.: Al tuo santo altar m'appresso, o Signor, mia gioia e mio amor. O Signore che scruti il mio cuor, dal maligno mi salvi il tuo amor. Tu sei forza, sei vita immortal. Perché triste cammino tra il mal? Mi risplenda la luce del ver e mi guidi sul retto sentier. Mia speranza e salvezza sei tu; ch'io ti lodi in eterno, o Gesù. Sulla cetra a Te canto, o Signor: non s'attristi e si turbi il mio cuor.	Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi. Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù . Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà . 	Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me. Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio. Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mia pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà So che da ogni male, tu mi libererai E nel tuo perdono vivrò. Padre della vita, noi crediamo in te Figlio Salvatore noi speriamo in te Spirito d'amore, vieni in mezzo a noi Tu da mille strade ci raduni in unità E per mille strade, poi, dove tu vorrai, Noi saremo il seme di Dio.	Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore. Fra i cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella. Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia: Ave Maria, ave Maria. Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero, Fra i cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! 