

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. (Ps 12:6)

A reading from the Book of Leviticus (19:1-2,17-18)

The Lord said to Moses, "Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy." "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbour, lest you bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: for I am the Lord." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: They Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all His blessings. **R./**

It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R./**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R./**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear Him. **R./**

Entrance Hymn

COME WITH PRAISE

**Come with Praise people of God
Come with your hearts thanksgiving
Sing for joy, house of the Lord
Sing of your bounteous blessing.**

Come you poor of the land
All who live with hearts of hunger
Come and taste the love of the Lord
And you will be filled. **(Ref)**

Come you captives of fear
All who bear the yoke of hatred
God has heard the cry of your soul
And broken your chains. **(Ref.)**

Come you wounded and worn
All who know the face of sorrow
God will heal the pain of your heart
And gladden your soul. **(Ref)**



Offertory Hymn

ALL THAT WE HAVE

**All that we have
and all that we offer
Comes from a heart
both frightened and free
Take what we bring now
and give what we need,
All done in his name.**

Some would rely
on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness
never grows old.

Sometimes the road
may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage
and always remember
Love isn't just for a day.



A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (3:16-23)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." So let no one boast of men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life, or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! **Alleluia!** (Lk 19:38)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5:38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Hymn

LOVING AND FORGIVING

**Loving and forgiving are You,
O Lord; slow to anger,
rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are You.**

All my being, bless the Lord,
bless the holy name of God.
All my being, bless the Lord,
remembering the goodness of
God. **(R)**

God forgives us all our sins,
healing those who live in pain;
Saving us from final death,
God fills us with goodness and
love. **(R)**

Good and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sin,
forgiving and loving is God. **(R)**

As heaven soars above the
earth
so great the love of God for us.
As far as east is from the west,
the Lord takes our sins from us.
(R)

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.

The Lord has promised
good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.



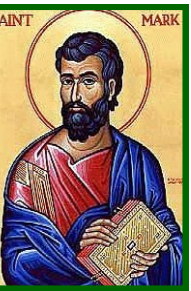
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

THE CALL TO LIVE BEYOND AN ORDINARY LIFE:

Today's Gospel reading allows us to meditate on the call to follow Jesus Christ. Whoever wants to follow Him is called to endure persecutions and to live in the midst of his enemies. It is in a world falling into religious indifference and secularism that we are called to continue Jesus' mission. It is not an easy challenge because it entails to live an extra-ordinary life. An ordinary life would be to love and partake only with those we feel at home avoiding troubles and conflicts. Jesus' life went beyond an ordinary life becoming a threat for his enemies. At the end he was put to

death forgiving his killers and giving us an example of fidelity to the will of his Father. Jesus went beyond the *lex talionis* (an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth). His message invites us to even do good to our enemies. We know, it is a very difficult thing to do. That is why it requires an extra-ordinary life to live like Jesus. With his way of living, Jesus was setting a new pattern of life based on true love. We are not talking about passivity in front of injustices. Jesus is inviting us to conquer the hearts of our enemies with the power of love. The invitation is to turn our enemies into friends with the power of love leading us to an extra-ordinary life. The first reading says the same in other words: "You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your fellow countrymen. You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Like in the entire sermon of the mountain the invitation is to go one step further, with a new life orientation. What gives meaning to the laws and precepts is the supreme law of love which is the motivation to live a life beyond the ordinary. We pray with the psalmist that we may be like our loving God: kind and merciful.



LA CHIAMATA ALLO STRAORDINARIO:

Il Vangelo di questa domenica ci pone al cuore della chiamata del discepolo di Cristo. Chi è chiamato alla sequela di Cristo deve credere e obbedire al suo Signore e vivere in mezzo ai suoi nemici. Lì è la sua missione, lì è il suo lavoro. Per rispondere a questa missione si deve vivere straordinariamente. L'ordinario sarebbe sederci tra amici che la pensano allo stesso modo, a cercare il sorriso compiacente, a trovarci circondati da gigli e rose. Questa non fu la vita e la missione di Cristo. Lui visse in mezzo ai suoi nemici. Con la sua vita e la sua parola cambiò le carte in tavola di quelli che si erano creati un mondo dove prevaleva il loro

pensiero e non l'obbedienza fedele alla parola del loro Dio. Anche oggi, Gesù viene e indirizza il discepolo sulla via di Dio, a fare della Parola di Dio la lampada per i suoi passi e la luce del suo cammino. Quello che Cristo propone come missione del discepolo è la vita di Dio. La vita di Dio è amare "straordinariamente", è amare "perfettamente". La domanda di Gesù ai suoi discepoli è semplice: "Che cosa fate di straordinario?" Il discepolo non è chiamato all'ordinario, ma allo straordinario; è chiamato a porgere l'altra guancia, a lasciare anche il cappotto quando ti si vuole portar via la giacca, a dare senza chiedere garanzie a chi domanda un prestito. E non si ferma ancora, va avanti, fino in fondo. Il discepolo è chiamato a seguire il Maestro per vivere da Dio, a vivere la sua missione nel mondo alla maniera di Cristo, a vivere la sua vita per portare la pace ai suoi nemici. "Amate i vostri nemici, pregate per i vostri persecutori". Questo è il vivere di Dio, a questo il Maestro indirizza il suo discepolo. Il relativismo sfrenato della nostra società ci sta facendo diventare sempre più di questo mondo e sempre meno di Dio. La Chiesa, la comunità dei discepoli di Cristo, deve sempre più scegliere di essere straordinaria, extra, fuori dall'ordinario. Deve proporre al mondo il criterio di Dio e questo può farlo solo alla maniera di Colui che venne per farsi servo per amore dei suoi nemici e obbediente fino alla croce per portare quelli che odiavano e uccidevano all'esperienza dell'amore straordinario del Padre.

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






COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High. (Ps 9:2-3)



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.Scalabrini.org
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2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 22nd February 2014 VII Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>"I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven".</i>	Baptism Celebrations for Riley Alexander CARMONA  Congratulations!	6.00pm Antonietta FABRIS Juan PALACIO (4th annv) 7.00pm Spanish Mass 7.30pm Mass for the Neocatechumenal Way	Wedding Celebrations for Peter DAWSON & Elyse PRENDERGAST Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 23rd February 2014 VII Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>'Io vi dico: amate i vostri nemici e pregate per quelli che vi perseguitano, affinché siate figli del Padre vostro che è nei cieli'.</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am Francis CHAN 11.00am Irene PASQUALE Alfredo BERNAR	Baptism Celebrations for Ari SPITERI & Sarafina WALSH Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 24th February 2014 James 3:13-18; Mk 9: 14-29	Responsorial Psalm <i>The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents & God-parents invited to attend.
Tuesday/Martedì 25th February 2014 James 4:1-10; Mk 9: 30-37	Responsorial Psalm <i>Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 26th February 2014 James 4:13-17; Mk 9: 38-40	Responsorial Psalm <i>Beati i poveri in spirito, perchè di essi è il regno dei cieli.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmela FIORE	Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti.
Thursday/Giovedì 27th February 2014 James 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50	Responsorial Psalm <i>Happy the poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs!</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 28th February 2014 James 5:9-12; Mk 10: 1-12	Responsorial Psalm <i>Beati i misericordiosi: troveranno misericordia.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA	

Do you think you can perform. With God we all can. We are running workshops on theatre acting and singing for beginners to experience in St Rochs Glen Iris in February & March. Also we are looking for volunteers, performers, organizers, project managers and backstage crew, training provided for our pro life shows this year. Contact Geraldine 0413 398 528. (geraldine343@gmail.com) or www.coglife.org.

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 1st & 2nd 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	L. Murphy	Children	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	J. Perrett	Children	M. Lauria	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	E. Mascia	Lauria Family		

PELEGRINAGGIO 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. Se siete interessati, parlate con lui.

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. If interested, please speak to him.

Theology the pub Monday 17 March, 6:30pm

Join us as we explore Lent - the holiest season of the Christian liturgical calendar. Leading our quest to discover what the early Church learnt about Lent will be Fr Brian Kelly, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and retired theology professor at ACU. Dinner & drinks from 6:30pm, talk from 7:30pm.

Where: Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy.

More info:

www.theologyatthepub.com.au

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

I Collection \$ 451 - 00
2 Collection \$ 274 - 00
Envelopes \$ 333 - 00

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.

Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono.

O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita.

OFFERTORIO

SE QUALCUNO HA DEI BENI

Se qualcuno ha dei beni in questo mondo E chiudesse il cuore agli altri nel dolor, come potrebbe la carità di Dio rimanere in lui?

Insegnaci, Signore, a mettere la nostra vita A servizio di tutto il mondo.

Il pane e il vino che noi presentiamo Siano il segno dell'unione tra noi.

Signore, santifica questi umili doni E concedi la pienezza della tua grazia.

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 TODAY 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

MASSES - ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March

8.00am St. Mark's - Bi-lingual

9.15am St. Brigid's - Italian

7.30pm St. Mark's - Portuguese

7.30pm St. Brigid's - Spanish

SANTE MESSE - 5 Marzo MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI

8.00am San Marco - Bi-lingual

9.15am Santa Brigida - Italiano

7.30pm San Marco - Portuguese

7.30 Santa Brigida - Spagnolo

POSITION WANTED:

Experienced Senior Software Engineer with Project Management experience is seeking employment in Melbourne / Geelong area. Recently arrived from Ireland, he brings to any prospective employer considerable and extensive experience. A Resume is available on request. Excellent character references also available. For further information and details, please contact Andrew Jarocki on 0404148234 or [email](mailto:andrew.jarocki@smartermouse.com)

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Sisters of Charity Celebration of 175 years in Australia Melbourne Celebration Saturday 22 March, 10am

On 31 December 1838 the first religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity, arrived in Australia from Ireland. To celebrate this important milestone there will be a number of special events during 2014.

A Melbourne celebration will take place on Saturday 22 March.

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

RSVP: 9306 9555 if you would like to attend.

More info on all special events:

www.sistersofcharity.org.au

FINE

SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO

Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.

Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.

Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. **Rit.**

Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**

