

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. (Ps 24:15-16)**

A reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-8,13-15) Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian; and so he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I." Then he said, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'the God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am Who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: The 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R./**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-6,10-12)**

I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did. You must never grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! The Lord says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (13:1-9)**

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**



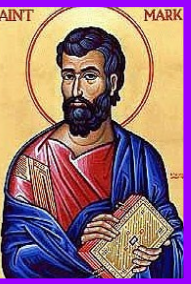
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*



**Jubilee Year of Mercy and Lent**

*The time of Lent which is an opportune time to reflect on the invitation of the Holy Father on "Mercy" by what he wrote. (Part 3)*

5. ... How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the

Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!

6. "It is proper to God to exercise mercy, and he manifests his omnipotence particularly in this way"... "Patient and merciful." These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God's nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction. In a special way the Psalms bring to the fore the grandeur of his merciful action: "He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy" (Ps 103:3-4)... Here are some other expressions of the Psalmist: "He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds... The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground" (Ps 147:3, 6). In short, the mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality with which he reveals his love as of that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that this is a "visceral" love. It gushes forth from the depths naturally, full of tenderness and compassion, indulgence and mercy.

7. "For his mercy endures forever." This is the refrain that repeats after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God's revelation. By virtue of mercy, all the events of the Old Testament are replete with profound salvific import. Mercy renders God's history with Israel a history of salvation... It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm – the "Great Hallel," as it is called – in its most important liturgical feast days.

Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel (26:30)... Within the very same context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross... challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: "for his mercy endures forever."

**Il Giubileo della Misericordia e Quaresima**

*La Quaresima e' un tempo opportuno per riflettere sull'invito del Santo Padre sulla "Misericordia", rileggendo le sue parole. (3.a Parte)*

5. ...Come desidero che gli anni a venire siano intrisi di misericordia per andare incontro ad ogni persona portando la bontà e la tenerezza di Dio! A tutti, credenti e lontani, possa giungere il balsamo della misericordia come segno del Regno di Dio già presente in mezzo a noi.

6. « È proprio di Dio usare misericordia e specialmente in questo si manifesta la sua onnipotenza »... "Paziente e misericordioso" è il binomio che ricorre spesso nell'Antico Testamento per descrivere la natura di Dio. Il suo essere misericordioso trova riscontro concreto in tante azioni della storia della salvezza dove la sua bontà prevale sulla punizione e la distruzione. I Salmi, in modo particolare, fanno emergere questa grandezza dell'agire divino: « Egli perdona tutte le tue colpe, guarisce tutte le tue infermità, salva dalla fossa la tua vita, ti circonda di bontà e misericordia » (103,3-4)...(E)cco altre espressioni del Salmista: « [Il Signore] risana i cuori affranti e fascia le loro ferite. ... Il Signore sostiene i poveri, ma abbassa fino a terra i malvagi » (147,3,6). Insomma, la misericordia di Dio non è un'idea astratta, ma una realtà concreta con cui Egli rivela il suo amore come quello di un padre e di una madre che si commuovono fino dal profondo delle viscere per il proprio figlio. È veramente il caso di dire che è un amore "viscerale". Proviene dall'intimo come un sentimento profondo, naturale, fatto di tenerezza e di compassione, di indulgenza e di perdono.

7. "Eterna è la sua misericordia": è il ritornello che viene riportato ad ogni versetto del Salmo 136 mentre si narra la storia della rivelazione di Dio. In forza della misericordia, tutte le vicende dell'antico testamento sono cariche di un profondo valore salvifico. La misericordia rende la storia di Dio con Israele una storia di salvezza... Non è un caso che il popolo di Israele abbia voluto inserire questo Salmo, il "Grande hallel" come viene chiamato, nelle feste liturgiche più importanti.

Prima della Passione Gesù ha pregato con questo Salmo della misericordia. Lo attesta l'evangelista Matteo (26,30)... Gesù viveva la sua passione e morte, cosciente del grande mistero di amore che si sarebbe compiuto sulla croce. Sapere che Gesù stesso ha pregato con questo Salmo, lo rende per noi cristiani ancora più importante e ci impegna ad assumerne il ritornello nella nostra quotidiana preghiera di lode: "Eterna è la sua misericordia".



### 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)*

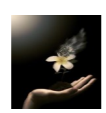


### Offertory Hymn All that we have

*Ref:*  
**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. *Ref.*

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



### 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 We are called

Come! live in the light!  
Shine with the joy  
and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light  
for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God!  
*Refrain:*  
**We are called  
to act with justice.  
We are called  
to love tenderly.  
We are called  
to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy  
to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope  
for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness  
will be no more!







**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**



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## Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 27th February 2016 (Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Lent Year "C"	<i>"I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish".</i>	10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	4.00pm Lenten Recollection Mass Filipino Community  6.00pm PRO - POPULO <i>A warm welcome to the pilgrims of St. Philip's Parish, Blackburn North.</i>  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Eva BONACCURSO &amp; Marcus CARDOZA</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Sunday/Domenica 28th February 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent Year "C"	<i>"No, io vi dico, ma se non vi convertite, perirete tutti allo stesso modo".</i>	8.30am Bryan RASHAD (Healing intentions) 	9.45am  11.00am Peter BILIC Antonietta e Alfredo BERNAR Concetta e Giuseppe MALIZIA  5.00pm Brazilian Mass <i>A warm welcome to the pilgrims of St. Anthony's Parish, Glenhuntly.</i>	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Lucas COSTA &amp; Valentino DEL MONACO</b>  <b>Wedding Celebration for:</b> <b>Aneta NIKOLOSKI &amp; Chris GRILLO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Monday/Lunedì 29th February 2016 3rd week of Lent 2Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4: 24-30	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA	<b>7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church.</b> Parents & God-parents invited to attend.
Tuesday/Martedì 1st March 2016 3rd week of Lent Dan 3:25,34-43; Mt 18: 21-35	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Remember your mercies, O Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm Giuseppe DI CARLO	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 2nd March 2016 3rd week of Lent Deut 4:1,5-9; Mt 5: 17-19	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Benedetto il Signore, Gloria del suo popolo. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmelina CAFARELLA  6.30pm Lourdes RIVA (3rd annv.)  7.30pm Mass (Filipino Comm).	<i>Dopo la messa del mattino Segue il Gruppo di Preghiera in Chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.</i>  <b>Baptism Celebration:</b> <b>Lea Alessia BONICELLI</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>
Thursday/Giovedì 3rd March 2016 3rd week of Lent Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 4th March 2016 3rd week of Lent Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm <b>Via Crucis Stations of the Cross</b> <i>(In various language)</i> <b>Confessions</b>	

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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 5th & 6th March 2016	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	Children	M. Lauria	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	T. Toscano	
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	L. Colosimo	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	E. Mascia	D. Polla / T. Bozzetto		

**HEALING MASS FOR THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY**  
**WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 9.15AM**  
If you know anyone who would like to come to this special mass, please let them know. All welcome.

**MESSA DI GUARIGIONE PER GLI AMMALATI E ANZIANI**  
**MERCOLEDÌ 2 MARZO ALLE 9.15AM**  
Se siete a conoscenza di qualcuno che vorrebbe partecipare a questa messa di guarigione, vi preghiamo di avvertirli. Dopo la S. Messa seque il gruppo di preghiera.

**DOMENICA 6 MARZO 11.00AM**  
**S. MESSA DI GUARIGIONE PER LA COMUNITÀ**  
L'invito è rivolto a tutta la comunità a partecipare a questa speciale messa di guarigione in questo anno Giubileo della Misericordia.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS** Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm in Church followed by confessions.  
Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.30pm Via Crucis e confessioni.

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS**  
Every Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the church.  
All welcome!

**ENTRATA: AL TUO SANTO ALTAR**  
*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. **R.**  
Tu sei forza, sei vita immortal. Perché triste cammino tra il mal? **R.**  
Mi risplenda la luce del ver e mi guidi sul retto sentier. **R.**  
Mia speranza e salvezza sei tu; ch'io ti lodi in eterno, o Gesù. **R.**  
Sulla cetra a Te canto, o Signor: non s'attristi e si turbi il mio cuor. **R.**

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2016**  
The theme for Project Compassion this year is *"Learning More Creating Change"*  
  
Participating in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program has empowered Dominic and the people of his village to create a new way of life, far from the violence and gender inequality of the past. *"I find much happiness when I see my community in peace, and my children safe."* Dominic  
**Envelopes and Boxes are available at the entrance to the church.**

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA 2016 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 all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.*

Come and Join the **LENTEN RECOLLECTION** (Reflections on the beauty and richness of God's mercy)  
**Saturday 27th February 2016 10am to 5pm** at St. Brigid's Church 378 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy.  
For more details, please contact the Filipino Chaplaincy 9482 5349 or Fr. Asis 0404 261 228

**The SEVEN LAST WORDS and The PARABLES OF MERCY**  
The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross this **GOOD FRIDAY, 25 March 2016, 9.30am to 12noon** at St. Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North.

**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 2016 begin **Sunday 6th March 2016** after the 9.45am Mass. Anyone interested, please fill out the form and return it to Sr. Acacia or Fr. Savino or you can contact the parish office on 9489 6777 or the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

**SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
*Where the individual matters*  
Yr. 7-10 St. Mary's Campus:  
273 Victoria St. West Melbourne  
Yr 11 & 12 St. Brigid's Campus:  
Cnr Alexandra Pd. & Nicholson St. Fitzroy North. Enrolments for 2017 close on **24 March 2016**  
For further information, please pick up a pamphlet from the table or contact the Registrar on 03 9321 9206 or email enquiries@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 610 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 360 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 189 - 00

**OFFERTORIO: MISTERO DELLA CENA**  
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.

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

**FINE: QUANDO NELL'OMBRA**  
Quando nell'ombra cade la sera,  
È questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera:  
Fa pura e santa l'anima mia.  
Ave Maria, Ave.  
E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno,  
All'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia.  
Ave Maria, Ave.  
Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura  
Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia.  
Ave Maria, Ave.