

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

A reading from the First Book of Samuel (16:1,6-7,10-13)

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R./**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R./**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R./**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, in the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R./**

Entrance Hymn Gather us in

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears
and our dreamings
Brought here to You
in the light of this day.



**Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise
at the sound of our name.**

We are the young
our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung
throughout all of history,
Called to be light
to the whole human race

Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong,
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

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 Saviour,
Whose faithfulness
never grows old. **R./**

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

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (shorter form) (9:1 - 41)

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshipped him. Jesus said, "For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Hymn Shepherd me O God

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul
you lead me by pathways
of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet
of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love
beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy
allow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forevermore.



**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!

**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.**

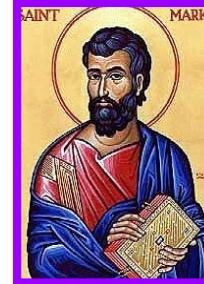
Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy
o all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness
will be no more!



Weekly Parish Newsletter

Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

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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.*

LENT: A time to change from disobedience to, and neglecting God to obedience and faithfulness.

QUARESIMA: Tempo di conversione dalla disobbedienza e dimenticanza di Dio all'obbedienza e fedeltà'.

(11) Serialised presentation from:
Compendium of the Catechism

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

265. What place does Confirmation have in the divine plan of salvation? (1285-1288;1315)

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah and on the entire messianic people. The whole life and mission of Jesus were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit. The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and proclaimed "the great works of God" (Acts 2:11). They gave the gift of the same Spirit to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands. Down through the centuries, the Church has continued to live by the Spirit and to impart him to her children.

266. Why is this sacrament called *Chrismation* or *Confirmation*? (1289) It is called *Chrismation* (in the Eastern Churches: Anointing with holy myron or chrism) because the essential rite of the sacrament is anointing with chrism. It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace.

267. What is the essential rite of Confirmation? (1290-1301;1318;1320-1321) The essential rite of Confirmation is the anointing with Sacred Chrism (oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the bishop), which is done by the laying on of the hand of the minister who pronounces the sacramental words proper to the rite. In the West this anointing is done on the forehead of the baptized with the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit". In the Eastern Churches of the Byzantine rite this anointing is also done on other parts of the body with the words, "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit".

268. What is the effect of Confirmation? (1302-1305;1316-1317) The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. This outpouring impresses on the soul an indelible character and produces a growth in the grace of Baptism. It roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

269. Who can receive this sacrament? (1306-1311;1319) Only those already baptized can and should receive this sacrament which can be received only once. To receive Confirmation efficaciously the candidate must be in the state of grace.

270. Who is the minister of Confirmation? (1312-1314) The original minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In this way the link between the confirmed and the Church in her apostolic dimension is made manifest. When a priest confers this sacrament, as ordinarily happens in the East and in special cases in the West, the link with the bishop and with the Church is expressed by the priest who is the collaborator of the bishop and by the Sacred Chrism, consecrated by the bishop himself.



Dal Compendio del Catechismo (11)

IL SACRAMENTO DELLA CONFERMAZIONE

265. Qual è il posto della Confermazione nel disegno divino della salvezza? (1285-1288; 1315) Nell'Antica Alleanza, i profeti hanno annunciato la comunicazione dello Spirito del Signore al Messia atteso e a tutto il popolo messianico. Tutta la vita e la missione di Gesù si svolgono in una totale comunione con lo Spirito Santo. Gli Apostoli ricevono lo Spirito Santo nella Pentecoste e annunziano

«le grandi opere di Dio» (At 2,11). Essi comunicano ai neo battezzati, attraverso l'imposizione delle mani, il dono dello stesso Spirito. Lungo i secoli la Chiesa ha continuato a vivere dello Spirito e a comunicarlo ai suoi figli.

266. Perché si chiama *Cresima* o *Confermazione*? (1289) Si chiama *Cresima* (nelle Chiese Orientali: Crismazione col Santo Myron) a motivo del suo rito essenziale che è l'unzione. Si chiama *Confermazione*, perché conferma e rafforza la grazia battesimale.

267. Qual è il rito essenziale della Confermazione? (1290-1301;1318;1320-1321) Il rito essenziale della Confermazione è l'unzione con il sacro crisma (olio misto con balsamo, consacrato dal Vescovo), che si fa con l'imposizione della mano da parte del ministro che pronunzia le parole sacramentali proprie del rito. In Occidente, tale unzione viene fatta sulla fronte del battezzato con le parole: «Ricevi il sigillo dello Spirito Santo che ti è dato in dono». Presso le Chiese Orientali di rito bizantino, l'unzione viene fatta anche su altre parti del corpo, con la formula: «Sigillo del dono dello Spirito Santo».

268. Qual è l'effetto della Confermazione? (1302-1305;1316-1317) L'effetto della Confermazione è la speciale effusione dello Spirito Santo, come quella della Pentecoste. Tale effusione imprime nell'anima un carattere indelebile e apporta una crescita della grazia battesimale: radica più profondamente nella fili azione divina; unisce più saldamente a Cristo e alla sua Chiesa; rinvigorisce nell'anima i doni dello Spirito Santo; dona una speciale forza per testimoniare la fede cristiana.

269. Chi può ricevere questo Sacramento? (1306-1311;1319) Può e deve riceverlo, una volta sola, chi è già stato battezzato, il quale, per riceverlo efficacemente, dev'essere in stato di grazia.

270. Chi è il ministro della Confermazione? (1312-1314) Ministro originario è il Vescovo. Si manifesta così il legame del cresimato con la Chiesa nella sua dimensione apostolica. Quando è il presbitero a conferire tale Sacramento - come avviene ordinariamente in Oriente e in casi particolari in Occidente -, il legame col Vescovo e con la Chiesa è espresso dal presbitero, collaboratore del Vescovo, e dal sacro crisma, consacrato dal Vescovo stesso.

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



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 25th March 2017 (Vigil) 4th Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."	10.00am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm PRO-POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Safia Rose PEKIC Eli & Aria CARROL Wedding Celebration Stafanie LAPENTA James HOLLINGWORTH Congratulations!
Sunday/Domenica 26th March 2017 4th Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"Mi ha posto del fango sopra gli occhi, mi sono lavato e ci vedo".	8.30am 	9.45am 11.00am Carmela FIORE	Baptism Celebration for: Paul Filipe SOUSA Sebastian TOLEDO Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 27th March 2017 4th week of Lent Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.	8.00am Healing Intention for mother and baby	9.15am	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents and God-parents invited to attend.
Tuesday/Martedì 28th March 2017 4th week of Lent Ezek 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.	8.00am Troy Special Intentions	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 29th March 2017 4th week of Lent Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Il Signore è buono e misericordioso. The Lord is kind and merciful.	8.00am Lachlan LAMONT Special Intention	9.15am	
Thursday/Giovedì 30th March 2017 4th week of Lent Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.	8.00am Oliver LAMONT Special Intention	9.00am Carmelo CALANDRA Yr. 11 & 12 Simonds boys and staff attending	Please Note! This morning Mass is 9.00am
Friday/Venerdì 31st March 2017 Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> The Lord is near to broken hearts.	8.00am Mary LAMONT Special Intention 7.30pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Portuguese)	9.15am 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (English/Italian)	

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL, 7.00pm ST. BRIGID'S - FR. SAVINO 50th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MASS:
All communities from St. Brigid's, St. Mark's and friends are cordially invited to attend this wonderful celebration of Fr. Savino's golden jubilee. Please come and join in with all his brother priest (here in Melbourne for the provincial Assembly) in giving thanks to God for all these wonderful years of ministry and service to God and his people.
Refreshments will follow in the parish hall after mass.

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 1st & 2nd April 2017	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	E. Mascia	B. Rigoni / M. Villani		
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	M. Lauria	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION
The theme for Project Compassion this year is "Love Your Neighbour". Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA 2017 PROGETTO COMPASSIONE
Tema "Amare il Tuo Prossimo"
Durante questo tempo di Quaresima, siamo tutti invitati ad aprire il nostro cuore al nostro prossimo meno fortunato di noi, con la nostra preghiera e la nostra offerta. Le bustine e scatolette sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm (Italian/English)
ST. MARK'S CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7.30pm Every Friday during Lent (Portuguese Community)

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2017
Saturday 8th April 2017
St. Brigid's 6.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms (Spanish)
7.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms
Palm Sunday 9th March 2017 - Blessing of the Palms
St. Mark's 8.30am (Bi-lingual)
St. Mark's 10.00am (Portuguese)
St. Brigid's 9.45am (English) - 11.00am (Italian)

HOLY WEEK: 10th April - 16th April 2017
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 Confessions

EASTER TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday (No morning mass)
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 Via Crucis in Church-Confessions (Through the morning)
St. Brigid's 9.30am Liturgy "The Seven Last Words" (Filipino Chaplaincy)
St. Marks 9.00am - 11.00am Confessions (Portuguese)
St. Brigid's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
St. Mark's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Portuguese)
St. Brigid's 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Confessions
Holy Saturday
St. Brigid's 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Confessions
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.

OFFERTORIO ECCO L'UOMO
Nella memoria di questa Passione, noi ti chiediamo perdono, Signore, per ogni volta che abbiamo lasciato il tuo fratello morire da solo.
Noi ti preghiamo, Uomo della croce, Figlio e fratello, noi speriamo in te!

Nella memoria di questa tua morte, noi ti chiediamo coraggio, Signore, per ogni volta che il dono d'amore ci chiederà di soffrire da soli.
Nella memoria dell'ultima Cena, noi spezzereemo di nuovo il tuo Pane ed ogni volta il tuo Corpo donato sarà la nostra speranza di vita.

COMUNIONE SIGNORE, SEI TU IL PASTORE
Signore, sei tu il mio pastore, nulla mi può mancare nei tuoi pascoli.
Tra l'erbe verdeggianti Mi guidi a riposar; all'acque tue tranquille mi fai tu dissetar. **Rit.:**
Se in valle tutta oscura lo camminar dovrò, vicino a te Signore, più nulla temerò. **Rit.:**
Per me hai preparato il pane tuo immortal; il calice m'hai colmo di vino celestial. **Rit.:**

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.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$ 590 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 360 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 179 - 00

PROGETTO CORELLI
A warm invitation is extended to everyone to come and enjoy beautiful Baroque Music Concert here in St. Brigid's Church on Saturday 1st April 4.00pm. Entry by Voluntary Donation

CONFIRMATIONS SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2017
If anyone interested, please speak to Fr. Savino. ASAP

WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES Palm Sunday, April 9 2.00pm State Library
Cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne
www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

The Right to Life Aust. Inc. EUTHANASIA LOOMS:
A Vic government bill on ethunasia will be introduced mid-2017. This is an attack on the sanctity of human life. Would you like to be a contact person in your parish to raise awareness/oppose this anti-life bill? Please phone Mary Collier - Right to Life Australia (03) 9385 0100