

**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./**

**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.**

**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 (short) (9:1,6-9,13-17,34-41)**

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.**

**Entrance Hymn**

**LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**The light of Christ has come into the world (2x)**

All men must be born again to see the kingdom of God  
The water and the Spirit  
bring new life in God's love  
**(ref)**

God gave up His only Son  
out of love for the world  
So that all men who believe  
in Him will live forever.  
**(ref)**

The light of God  
has come to us  
so that we might  
have salvation  
From the darkness  
of our sins  
we walk into glory  
with Christ Jesus. **(ref)**



**Offertory Hymn**

**BLESSED BE GOD**

Blessed are you Lord,  
God of all creation.  
Thanks to your goodness,  
this bread we offer.

Fruit of the earth,  
work of our hands  
It will become  
the bread of life.

**Blessed be God,  
Blessed be God.  
Blessed be God,  
forever Amen.  
Blessed be God,  
Blessed be God.  
Blessed be God,  
forever Amen.**

Blessed are you Lord,  
God of all creation.  
Thanks to your goodness,  
this wine we offer.  
Fruit of the vine,  
work of our hands.  
It will become  
the cup of joy. **(Ref.)**

**Communion Hymn COME BE MY LIGHT**

**Come be my light,  
come and shine in the homes of the poor.  
Come be my light, for I cannot go there alone.  
Come be my light,  
for the poor will then know me in you.**

What you ask, O my Jesus,  
calls for more than I can bear.  
I am weak, O my Jesus,  
find a stronger soul than mine. **(ref)**

I'm afraid, O my Jesus,  
do not let me be deceived.  
Give me light, O my Jesus,  
send your Spirit as my help **(ref)**

I am yours, O my Jesus, do whatever is your wish.  
What you take, O my Jesus, is the reason for my love **(ref)**

In your thirst, O my Jesus  
for the souls your heart desires.  
You reach out, O my Jesus,  
through my hands and through my words. **(ref)**  
Let me share, O my Jesus,  
in the suffering of the poor.  
Only then, O my Jesus,  
will my work reveal your face. **(ref)**



**Final Hymn**

**SERVANT SONG**

Will you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on the journey  
We are brothers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you  
In the night time of your fear  
I will hold my hand out to you  
Speak the peace  
you long to hear.



**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

**1 Collection \$ 574 - 00**  
**2 Collection \$ 356 - 00**  
**Envelopes \$ 270 - 00**



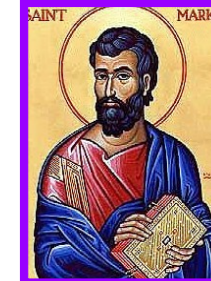
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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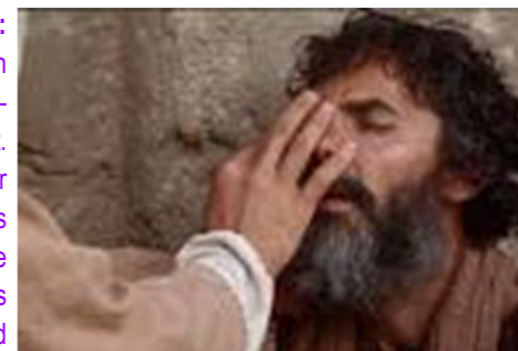
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**FROM DARKENESS TO LIGHT:**

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness, his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension: through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. As we journey towards Easter we endeavour to pass from darkness to light.



**DALLE TENEBRE ALLA LUCE:** Noi esseri umani siamo concepiti in uno stato di cecità fisica e spirituale. Quella fisica ordinariamente la acquistiamo in breve tempo, quella spirituale è affidata al sacramento del battesimo, che genera in noi i germi della fede, e agli altri sacramenti che illuminano la nostra vita. Ciò ci consente di sentirci come il «ceco nato» del vangelo di questa quarta domenica di quaresima. L'evangelista Giovanni descrive



efficacemente il passaggio dallo stato di disagio, causato dalle tenebre, allo splendore della luce e della fede. Ciò comporta prima la consapevolezza della propria cecità e poi l'accettazione del dono della fede, significata dalla luce di Cristo. Nella tradizione giudaica, c'era la convinzione che le disgrazie umane fossero sempre frutto del peccato e date da Dio come punizione. Gesù risponde: «Né lui ha peccato né i suoi genitori, ma è così perché si manifestassero in lui le opere di Dio. Dobbiamo compiere le opere di colui che mi ha mandato finché è giorno; poi viene la notte, quando nessuno può più operare». Ridare luce all'uomo e sottrarlo alle tenebre della notte, è dunque «l'opera di Dio» per eccellenza, fa parte della missione di Cristo, è il dono più prezioso e più atteso dall'uomo. Il primo effetto della luce è quello di farci vedere le scorie pesanti del peccato e il fango che non ci consente più di vedere, bisogna quindi andare a lavarci alla fontana, purificare il nostro spirito nella divina misericordia. Dove c'è acqua pura e zampillante, dove c'è l'acqua che Cristo sa donare, avviene sempre il miracolo della purificazione. Il cieco andò, si lavò e tornò vedendo. Invece coloro che vedevano sono rimasti ciechi. Oggi più che mai noi credenti dobbiamo esprimere la più intensa gratitudine a Dio, perché, senza alcun nostro merito, siamo annoverati tra i figli della luce, abbiamo il dono della fede, che illumina di radiazioni divine il nostro futuro e il nostro presente. Il cammino verso la pasqua è proprio un passare dalle tenebre alla luce, dalla cecità alla visione della luce che da senso alla nostra vita.

**PARISH EASTER RAFFLE** Tickets available today after mass at only \$1.00 each for two 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. In palio due ricchi cestini. Il sorteggio avverrà in chiesa dopo le celebrazioni con inizio alle 7.30pm Sabato Santo. Grazie di cuore a Mel Piedimonte, "Piedimonte's Supermarket" e Giannarelli Funerals per il loro continuo supporto verso la parrocchia.

## Liturgical Calendar and activities

| Day of the Week   | Liturgical Celebration  | Intention St. Mark  | Intention St. Brigid   | Parish Activity   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Saturday / Sabato</b><br>29th March 2014<br>4th Sunday of Lent<br>Year "A"   | <i>"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."</i>   | <b>Baptism Celebrations for Phillip Chase GUTIERREZ Congratulations!</b><br> | 6.00pm Antonietta FABRIS Frank SALZANO (1st annv.)<br>7.00pm Spanish Mass<br>7.30pm Mass for the Neo Catechumenal Way (in the chapel of the convent)   | <b>Wedding Celebrations for Tara RODINO &amp; Matthew MORSELLO</b><br><br><b>Kathryn WILKINS &amp; David ROBBINS Congratulations!</b> |
| <b>Sunday / Domenica</b><br>30th March 2014<br>4th Sunday of Lent<br>Year "A"<br> | <i>"Mi ha posto del fango sopra gli occhi, mi sono lavato e ci vedo".</i>   | 8.30am Frank SALZANO (1st anniversary)  | 9.45am Carmelo CALANDRA Frank SALZANO (1st annv.)<br><br>11.00am Irene PASQUALE Antonietta BETTIOL Franco CONSTANZO (1st annv.) Palma COSTANZO Luigi CHIODO (1st annv.)<br> | <b>Wedding Celebrations for Giulia FERELLA &amp; Frank MAZZARELLA</b><br><br><b>Congratulations!</b>                                  |
| Monday/Lunedì<br>4th week of Lent<br>31st March 2014<br>Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.</i>                             | 8.00am  | 9.15am   | <b>7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents &amp; God-parents invited to attend.</b>                                 |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>4th week of Lent<br>1st April 2014<br>Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3,5-16   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.</i>                   | 8.00am  | 9.15am   |   |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì<br>4th week of Lent<br>2nd April 2014<br>Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Ricordati, Signore, del tuo amore. The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>             | 8.00am  | 9.15am Anna AMALFI Fortunato AMALFI Gaetano e Carmelina CAFARELLA<br><br>7.30pm Gemma SALVATORE  | <b>Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti.</b>                                    |
| Thursday/Giovedì<br>4th week of Lent<br>3rd April 2014<br>Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.</i>                          | 8.00am  | 9.15am Francesco PANTALEO  |   |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>4th week of Lent<br>4th April 2014<br>Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Ascolta, Signore, il grido del tuo povero. The Lord is near to broken hearts.</i> | 8.00am  | 9.15am<br><br>7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross<br><br>7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass  |    |

| Parish Community   | Parish Office   | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana                             | Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa                     | Filipino Pastoral Community                                     |
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| Parish Priest:<br>Fr. Delmar Silva, CS   | Monday to Friday<br>9.30am - 4.30pm   | Chaplain<br>P. Luciano Toldo, CS                                | Chaplain<br>P. Luciano Toldo, CS                                | Chaplain<br>Fr. Joselito ASIS                                   |
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

| Liturgy of the Word<br>5th & 6th March 2014 | 6.00pm Vigil<br>St. Brigid | 8.30am<br>St. Mark | 9.45 am<br>St. Brigid | 11.00am<br>St. Brigid | Offertory<br>Procession | Special<br>Minister | Church<br>Cleaning |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| I Reading                                   | Volunteer                  | L. Murphy          | Children              | P. La Marca           | N. Ieraci / G. Moretti  | E. Mascia           | S. Colosimo        |
| Responsorial Psalm                          | Volunteer                  | G. Piantella       | Children              | A. Bernar             | Children                |                     |                    |
| II Reading                                  | Volunteer                  | R. Simoncini       | Children              | T. Toscano            | C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco |                     |                    |

**ST. BRIGID & ST. MARK**  
**HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2014**

**Saturday 12th April 2014**  
St. Brigid's 6.00pm Vigil Mass preceded with the Blessing of the Palms.  
7.00pm Vigil Mass preceded with the Blessing of the Palms. (Spanish)

**Palm Sunday 13th April 2014** With the Solemn Blessing of the Palms.  
St. Mark's 8.30am - St. Brigid's 9.30am (English) - 11 am (Italian)

**HOLY WEEK: 14th - 20th April 2014**

**Holy Mon /Tues /Wed** Masses as usual: 8am St.Mark's - 9.15am St.Brigid's  
**Holy Tuesday** 11am 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 to the Blessed Sacrament Confessions in church till midnight.  
**Holy Hour with prayers and songs.**  
9.00pm - 10.00pm (English) 10pm -11pm (Spanish) 11pm -12am (Silence)

**Good Friday**

St. Brigid's 8.30am Confessions  
St. Mark's 9.30am Liturgy "The Seven Last Words" (Philippino Comm.)  
St. Brigid's 10.00am Multicultural Stations of the Cross (Church grounds)  
St. Brigid's 3.00pm Solemn Celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday St. Brigid's** 10.00am Stations of the Cross (Philippino Comm.)  
St. Brigid's 7.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebrations and Baptism.

**Easter Sunday** Masses as per Sunday timetable.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA**  
**PROJECT COMPASSION 2014**  
*"HAVE LIFE and HAVE IT TO THE FULL"* (John 10.10)

Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to build a just world by enabling vulnerable communities to be architects of their own future. This week we meet Martina, a teacher in the Solomon Islands. Her favourite part of the school day is teaching the children songs from Caritas Australia's Disaster Risk Management project which was established after a string of natural disasters in the Pacific that threatened the homes and communities of people living in the Solomon Islands.

Through the power of nursery rhymes and songs, children are learning how to stay safe during an emergency. Please donate to Project Compassion today so we can continue to educate teachers like Martina and help keep children safe during an emergency.

**Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Thank you.**

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROGETTO COMPASSIONE**  
*"ABBIATE VITA IN ABBONDANZA"* (G.10.10)

**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 sui tavoli all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b><br/><b>VIA CRUCIS</b> Every Friday during Lent - Stations of the Cross at 7pm in Church followed by confessions.</p> <p>Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm. Via Crucis e confessioni.</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Palm Sunday March:</b><br/><b>Walk for Justice for Refugees</b><br/><b>Sunday 13 April, 2pm</b><br/>Join us as we gather in solidarity to seek justice for refugees.<br/><b>Where:</b> The State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne.</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMUNIONE</b><br/><b>SIGNOR SEI TU IL MIO PASTOR</b></p> <p>Signor, sei tu il mio Pastor; di nulla mancherò.<br/>Mi guidi tu, ai pascoli di erbe fresche.</p> <p>Tu sei ristoro all'anima mia; con acque limpide.<br/>Il tuo amor mi guida ognor, pei retti tuoi sentier.</p> <p>Se in valle oscura andar dovrò di nulla temerò<br/>Poichè con me tu sei Signor, col tuo conforto</p> <p>Signor tu prepari la mensa; m'hai colmo il calice.<br/>M'hai consacrato nel tuo amor, non temo alcun male.</p> <p>Amore e bontà mi seguiran; fin tanto che vivrò.<br/>Nella tua casa abiterò per sempre mio Signor.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FINE</b><br/><b>TI SALUTIAM, O VERGINE</b></p> <p>Ti salutiam, o Vergine, O Madre tutta pura,<br/>Nessuna creatura È bella come te.</p> <p><b>Prega per noi Maria, Prega per i figli tuoi Madre che tutto puoi, Abbi di noi pietà.</b></p> <p>Di stelle risplendenti In ciel sei incoranata,<br/>Tu sei l'Immacolata Sei Madre di Gesù.</p> <p><b>Prega per noi Maria....</b></p> <p>Vorrei salire in cielo, Vedere il tuo bel viso,<br/>Madre del Paradiso, Goder con te Gesù.</p> <p><b>Prega per noi Maria....</b></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENTRATA</b><br/><b>CREDO IN TE, SIGNOR</b></p> <p>Credo in te, Signor, credo in te: grande é quaggiù il mister, ma credo in te.<br/><b>Luce soave, gioia perfetta sei, credo in te, Signor, credo in te.</b></p> <p>Spero in te, Signor, spero in te: debole sono ognor, ma spero in te</p> <p>Amo te, Signor, amo te: o crocifisso Amor, amo te.</p> <p>Resta con me, Signor, resta con me pane che dai vigor, resta con me.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFERTORIO</b><br/><b>A TE NOSTRO PADRE</b><br/><b>A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar.</b></p> <p>Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo<br/>Cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel.</p> <p><b>Rit.:</b><br/>Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor.</p> <p><b>Rit.:</b><br/>Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l'ostia che t'offriam in tutta umiltà.</p> |  |   |