

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God (Ps 94:6-7)

(1st reading in Italian)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (58:7-10)

Thus says the Lord, "Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, cover him, and do not hide yourself from your own flesh. Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. "If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: (Read in Spanish)

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R./**

The just man will never waver: He will be remembered forever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R./**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R./**

(2nd reading in Portuguese)

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-5)

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. **Alleluia!** (Acts 16:14)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5:13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.



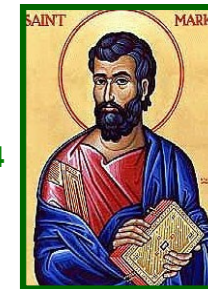
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

St. Brigid OF KILDARE FEAST DAY

TO BE SALT AND LIGHT OF THE EARTH

Allow me to share a bit of history about our wonderful parish. The foundation stone of St. Brigid's Church was laid on the 14th of February 1869. On the 10th of January 1883, St. Brigid's became a separate parish from the cathedral parish. Therefore, this year we are celebrating 131 years as a parish community. What a great occasion to celebrate St. Brigid's feast day offering the Holy Eucharist in gratitude for the existing of this wonderful temple and above all for this multicultural community with a very inspiring legacy.

The Scalabrinian Missionaries came to serve the parish on the 21st of January, 1968. Since then, we have seen a lot of changes: Irish pioneers, Italian immigrants, opening of the Spanish Speaking Chaplaincy in 1988, the Filipino Chaplaincy in 1993, the Portuguese Speaking Chaplaincy 1996. In regards to St Marks' chapel, the land was bought in 1907, the Church was built in 1935, until 1970 served as Church and school, and during the last years has been the centre for the Portuguese speaking community. St Brigid's primary school existed for more than 100 years and some of you recall many memories. Now we have Simond's College hoping it will reach more than 100 years of existence as well.

We recall a bit of history in order to praise the Lord for what we are. We can just imagine in 131 years of St. Brigid's Church history how many brothers and sisters have entered through its doors. How many have received the sacraments. How many have experienced the love of God reaching out to us by the grace of the sacraments. In our parish we celebrate the Holy Eucharist every weekend in four different languages: English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Today we celebrate this communion in diversity and our belonging to such a wonderful family. We are aware that it is only the language of love that builds up the temple of the Lord and we endeavour to nurture our communion based on the Gospel challenge to be one.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of our parish we are here to affirm our sense of belonging to God's family. Here we are to say "small community as we are" we want to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We want to become a sign of communion in this part of the world. A sign of communion in a world divided by prejudices about different cultures; a sign of welcoming hospitality in a world where we don't trust in one another; a sign of faithfulness in a world where idolatry has become fashionable; a sign of endurance in the midst of trials and persecutions. That is why we have decided to have only one Mass today in our parish in order to be together and to celebrate what we are. We aim to be a multicultural family moved by the power of love, guided by the Holy Spirit, walking humbly and justly with our migrant God with the willingness to become a small sign of communion for our times.

With humility we entrust to our loving God: the 115 children who were welcomed into our family through the sacrament of baptism; the 56 couples who professed their love to one another in Holy Matrimony; the 45 brothers and sisters whose life was celebrated at their funeral mindful that death is not the end but the transformation of life; the 6 children who received Holy Communion for the first time and the 16 adults who received the sacrament of confirmation. We are aware that many of those who received the sacraments in our Church belong to different parishes but find in our community a link for many reasons. Hospitality indeed is one of those Christians values we want to affirm and foster in our community.

Let us recall what Pope Francis writes in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), number 28, regarding parishes: "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." Let us take these wonderful words as our endeavour for this 2014.

Let us as well be inspired by our patron saint, St. Brigid of Kildare. A courageous woman of faith, an Irish nun, an abbess, founder of several convents, a charitable pioneer of monastic institutions in Ireland, a great leader with a big heart in favour of the most needed, well known for her common sense and holy life. Let us look at the sign St. Brigid's cross. A cross made of rushes reaching out to the whole world telling is that the cross means love. Tradition tells us that St. Brigid made this cross while assisting a dying person. While doing the cross, St. Brigid was explaining to that person the meaning of the cross. She talked about the love of God and the dying man was converted. May our welcoming hospitality, our acts of love and our perseverance in doing God's will be a light for this part of the world and a grain of salt that gives the flavour of God's love to everyone. **HAPPY FEAST DAY** and thank you very much for your great support. **Fr. Delmar Silva, CS, PP.**

The Parish of St. Brigid's & St. Mark's warmly welcomes everyone especially our brothers and sisters from the Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Filipino Communities to this special celebration to our Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare.



**Communion Hymn 1:
COME AS YOU ARE**

Come as you are. That's how I want you.
Come as you are. Feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, Loved and forgiven,
Come as you are, Why stand alone.

No need to fear, Love sets no limits,
No need to fear, Love never ends.
Don't run away, Shamed and disheartened
Rest in my love, Trust me again.

I came to call sinners, Not just the virtuous,
I came to bring peace, Not to condemn.
Each time you fail, To live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less.

Come as you are, That's how I love you,
Come as you are, Trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you,
All will be well, Come as you are.



**Communion Hymn 2:
LOVING AND FORGIVING**

Refrain:
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
GO TELL EVERYONE**

God's spirit is in my heart
He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do
What I have to do

Refrain:
He sent me to give the good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone
The news that the kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone
The news that God's kingdom has come

Just as the Father sent me
So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world
The whole of the world **(Ref)**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men, for
he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the
hungry he fills with good things.
(Ps 106:8-9)

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

| Day of the Week | Liturgical Celebration | Intention St. Mark | Intention St. Brigid | Parish Activity |
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| Saturday/Sabato 8th February 2014 V Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A" | <i>"You are the salt of the earth; You are the light of the world".</i> | | 6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass | Baptism Celebrations for Adele TRAN & Zara D'ANGELO Congratulations! |
| Sunday/Domenica 9th February 2014 V Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A" | <i>"Voi siete il sale della terra; Voi siete la luce del mondo".</i> |  | 10.00am Mass followed by Procession and Rosary Giuseppina Maria CALANDRA | Wedding Celebrations for Emma PASSARELLI & Nader AFARA Antonio & Nicoletta PERIN Congratulations! |
| Monday/Lunedì 10th February 2014 St. Scholastica, virgin 1Kg 8:1-777,9-13; Mk 6: 53-56 | Responsorial Psalm <i>Lord, go up to the place of your rest.</i> | 8.00am Urgent Intentions for Julie & family | 9.15am |  |
| Tuesday/Martedì 11th February 2014 1 Kg 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7: 1-13 | Responsorial Psalm <i>How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God.</i> | 8.00am Urgent Intentions for Julie & family | 9.15am In Honour to Our Lady of Lourdes 10.00am Funeral Mass for the late Maria Pilar TOUCEDA | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family of Maria Pilar TOUCEDA. May the Lord of mercy grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i> |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì 12th February 2014 1Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7: 14-23 | Responsorial Psalm <i>Risplende nei giusti la sapienza del Signore.</i> | 8.00am Urgent Intentions for Julie & family | 9.15am 10.30am Santa Messa per il Gruppo di preghiera | |
| Thursday/Giovedì 13th February 2014 1Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30 | Responsorial Psalm <i>Lord, remember us, for the love you bear your people.</i> | 8.00am In thanksgiving in Honour to Our Lady | 9.15am | |
| Friday/Venerdì 14th February 2014 Santi Cirillo e Metodio 1 Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7: 31-37 | Responsorial Psalm <i>Il Signore ha manifestato la sua salvezza.</i> | 8.00am  | 9.15am |  |

WE WELCOME BACK SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE TO ST. BRIGID'S

Fr. Delmar, PP. the Scalabrinian fathers, staff and parishioners of St. Brigid's warmly welcome back the staff and Yr 11 & 12 boys to St. Brigid's Campus. We pray and wish them a rewarding and fruitful 2014.

| Parish Community | Parish Office | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana | Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa | Filipino Pastoral Community |
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| Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS | Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm | | | |
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| Liturgy of the Word 15th & 16th 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 |
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| I Reading | Volunteer | J. Perrett | Sisters | M. Lauria | B. Rigoni/M. Villani | M. Alessi | S. Colosimo |
| Responsorial Psalm | Volunteer | L. Murphy | Sisters | E. Mascia | Capodanno Family | | |
| II Reading | Volunteer | L. Murphy | Sisters | L. Colosimo | Toscano Family | | |

Today is the Feast Day of St. Brigid Our Patroness After Mass and Procession, everyone is invited in the parish hall for lunch, refreshments and entertainment. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped make this day very special.

Prayer to St. Brigid
Saint Brigid, you were a woman of peace May the mantle of your holiness cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our parish.
Saint Brigid, You were a woman of charity. Inspire us to act justly and to help the needy.
Saint Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
The first meeting for this year will take place this Tuesday 11th February at 6.00pm in the Welcome In Room. Interested parishioners most welcome.

COMITATO PASTORALE PARROCCHIALE
Primo raduno per quest'anno si terrà questo martedì 11 febbraio alle 6.00pm nel Welcome In Room. Parrocchiani interessati sono benvenuti.

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 \$ 409 - 00
2 Collection \$ 319 - 00
Envelopes \$ 260 - 00

Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico Italiano
Inizierà il nuovo anno questo mercoledì 12 febbraio 2014 con una Santa Messa alle 10.00am. Un cordiale invito è rivolto a tutti i fedeli a partecipare.

ENTRANCE
GLORY AND PRAISE
Refrain
Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

GLORY TO GOD
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to his people of goodwill We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory Lord God heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ. Only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen

Offertory:
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.
Refrain:
Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. (ref.)

In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. (ref.)

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray. (ref.)

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia!, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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.)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
We proclaim your death O Lord And profess your resurrection Until you come again Until you come again

AMEN:
Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen

OUR FATHER
LAMB OF GOD
Jesus lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Jesus lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Jesus lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us your peace.