

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God (Ps 95:6-7).

(1st reading in Italian)

A reading from the Book of Job (7:1-4,6-7)

Job began to speak, "Has not man a hard service upon earth, and are not his days like the days of a hireling? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hireling who looks for his wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eyes will never again see good."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: (Sung)

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R/**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R/**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R/**

(2nd reading in Portuguese) A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (9:16-19,22-23) If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my preaching I may make the gospel free of charge, not making full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:29-39) Jesus left the Synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him followed him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. ***The Gospel of the Lord.***



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



Communion Hymn 1:

O what could my Jesus do more

O what could my Jesus do more,
or what greater blessing impart
O silence my soul and adore
and press him still nearer my heart
Tis here from my labours, I'll rest.
Since he makes my poor heart His abode.
To Him all my cares I'll address
and speak to the heart of my God.

In life and in death Thou art mine
My savior I'm sealed with thy blood.
Till eternity on me doth shine,
I'll live on the flesh of my God.
In Jesus triumphant I'll live.
In Jesus triumphant I'll die.
The terrors of death calmly brave in His bosom
breathe out my out my last sigh.

How deep and how rich is thy love.
So gently consuming my life
May no one and nothing on earth
ever separate me from thy love.
Jesus my Lord and my all.
Only one thing you are asking from me.
To give my whole self unto thee,
in all of my poverty.



Communion Hymn 2:

Our Lady Of The Way

No man can live as island;
Journey through life alone;
Since we're most loved by a mother
Jesus gave us his own

Be with us Mary along the Way

Guide every step we take

Lead us to Jesus your loving son;

Come with us Mary, come

Quando qualcuno ti dice:
"nulla mai cambierà".
Lotta per un mondo nuovo
lotta per la verità.

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

Si por el mundo los hombres
Sin conocerse van
No niegues nunca tu mano
Al que contigo esta.

***Ven con nosotros al caminar
Santa Maria, ven.
Ven con nosotros al caminar,
Santa Maria, ven.***



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

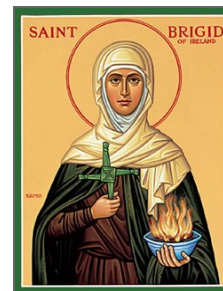
The news that the kingdom of God has come

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).



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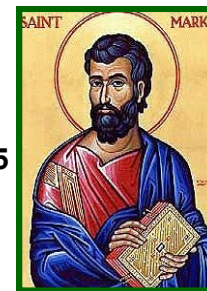
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

St. Brigid OF KILDARE FEAST DAY

SOME HISTORY: 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 separated parish from the cathedral parish. This year we are celebrating 132 years as a parish community.

The land for St Marks' chapel was bought in 1907; the Church was built in 1935 and until 1970 served as Church and school. During the last 20 years St Mark's chapel has been the centre for the Portuguese speaking community. St Brigid's primary school existed for more than 100 years. Since 2010 Simond's College opened a campus in the parish grounds for years 11 and 12.



THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES IN ST BRIGID'S:

The Scalabrinians started their service in the Parish of St. Brigid's, North Fitzroy, on Sunday the 21st of January, 1968, almost after ten years of presence in the parish of All Saints, Fitzroy, where Scalabrinians arrived on the 16th of September, 1959. The current Scalabrinian Community of St Brigid's is a multicultural team formed by 5 priests from 5 different countries:





Fr. Delmar Silva (Colombian, Parish Priest and Vicar for Migrants and refugees); Fr. Vito Pegolo (Italian, assistant priest and chaplain to the Italian Community); Fr. Luciano Toldo (Brazilian, assistant priest, Chaplain to the Spanish and Portuguese Speaking Communities); Monsignor Joselito Asis (Filipino, chaplain to the Filipino Community); and Fr. Pawel Pakula (Polish, Assistant priest and chaplain to the Hispanic community).

The Scalabrinian Missionaries are migrants serving migrants as a community of religious striving to be an inspiration of communion in diversity to the communities we serve.



Today, as we celebrate the feast of our parish we are here to affirm our sense of belonging to God's family. 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 explaining the meaning of the cross. May our welcoming hospitality, our respect for the different culture, 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.

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.Scalabrini.org
Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities				
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 7th February 2015 V Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	"Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out."	Baptism Celebrations for Isabella SANTANA Congratulations! 	10.30am Mass at Rathdowne Place 6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for James DE BONO & Sarah INMAN Congratulations!
Sunday/Domenica 8th February 2015 V Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	"Andiamocene altrove, nei villaggi vicini, perché io predichi anche là; per questo infatti sono venuto!" 	Happy St. Brigid Feast Day 	10.30am Mass followed by Procession & Rosary Jose GRAÇA Angelo VARVERI (1 st th) Giovanna NICOLAZZO Pasqualina GALLO Giuseppe GRANIERI Alfredo BERNAR 7.30pm Rosary for Salvatore PACE	Baptism Celebrations for Joshua Mark LIA & Isaac Gabriel MILKOVIC Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 9th February 2015 Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6: 53-56	Responsorial Psalm May the Lord be glad in his works.	8.00am Special Intentions for the FAY family	9.15am Giuseppina CALANDRA 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Salvatore PACE	Le nostre sincere condoglianze alla famiglia di Salvatore PACE. Il Signore dia a lui il riposo eterno e conforto e pace ai suoi cari.
Tuesday/Martedì 10th February 2015 St. Scholastica, virgin Gen1:20 - 2:4; Mk 7: 1-13	Responsorial Psalm O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!	8.00am Special Intentions for the BREEN family	9.15am 7.00pm Renzo BONICELLI (1 st annv)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 11th February 2015 Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7: 14-23	Responsorial Psalm Benedetto il Signore che dona la vita. Bless the Lord my soul!	8.00am Special Intentions for the PILMORE family	9.15am 7.30pm Dorina COLOSIMO (sorella di Santo) 7.30pm Novena & Mass (Filipino Chaplaincy in the Convent)	Dopo la Santa Messa delle 9.15am. Si riapre per quest'anno il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico, in chiesa. Tutti benvenuti
Thursday/Giovedì 12th February 2015 Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30	Responsorial Psalm Happy are those who fear the Lord!	8.00am Special Intentions for MARY	9.15am 7.30pm Angelo VARVERI	
Friday/Venerdì 13th February 2015 Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7: 31-37	Responsorial Psalm Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.	8.00am Special Intentions for Lily Rose PILMORE	9.15am 7.00pm Leonardo CIAVARELLA	
Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	Comunidad PastoralDe Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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Liturgy of the Word 14th & 15th Feb. 2015	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	M. Fabri	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	M. Alessi	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	M. Fabri	L. Colosimo	J. Smith / N. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	A. Smyth	M. Lauria	D. Polla / T. Bozzetto		

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.

Some Statistics for 2014
Average attendance, as per Mass count May 2014 is of 450 people. However, the parish welcomes migrants from different communities to celebrate their feasts and in those occasions the number of worshippers increases. In 2014 we have had 118 baptisms, 47 weddings, 57 funerals, 5 first communions and 28 confirmations (mostly adults). Needless to say that due to the number of weddings, feasts from the migrant communities, baptisms and funerals, the Church is indeed busy and the attendance is very good.

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.

THE MIGRANT COMMUNITIES
WE SERVE: Besides taking care of the territorial parish, the Scalabrinian Missionaries residing in the parish are appointed as migrant chaplains in the Archdioceses to the Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Filipino speaking communities. From a territorial parish we have become a shrine for migrants. The Scalabrinians were known to be the Italian priests serving the Italian communities but in 1988 they took the Spanish Speaking chaplaincy, in 1993 the Filipino Chaplaincy, and in 1996 the Portuguese speaking chaplaincy. The chaplaincies have also changed their faces having as last arrivals a good number of Colombians, Venezuelan and recently the Brazilian community.

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 2015 begin Next Sunday 15th February after the 9.45am Mass. Anyone interested, please come along or ring Sr. Amalia from the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 685 - 00
2 Collection \$ 390 - 00
Envelopes \$ 220 - 00

Entrance
O God Beyond All Praising
O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing, that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder, at every gift you send, at blessings without number, and mercies without end we lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

O God of all creation, who glory fills the sky, We gather in your presence, our spirits lifted high; To bring for humble service, those who answer to your call, That they may follow Christ, the example for us all Protect them and guide them, their faith in you be strong, As now they journey onward, we sing the ancient song.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour, may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows, be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows, and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty, and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty, our sacrifice of praise.

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.

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.)

THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS 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 adaptability, 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." (Evangelii Gaudium No. 28).