

**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 94:6-7)

**(1st reading in Italian)** A reading from the Book of Isaiah (6:1-8) In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." **This is the**

**(2nd reading in Portuguese)** A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15:3-8, 11) I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Speak, Lord, your servant hears; you have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia!** (1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68)

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (5:1-11)** While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response:** Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**

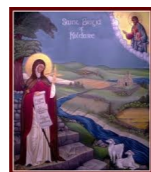
I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: "How great is the glory of the Lord!" **R/**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

**Communion Hymn 1: BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light  
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one  
Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.



**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)

**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.



**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)

**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.**



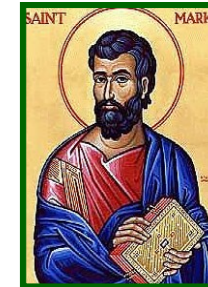
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*

# St. Brigid OF KILDARE FEAST DAY



**St. Brigid's Parish: Patron Saint Feast Day**  
Today our Parish celebrates the Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare, as one family in the faith, coming together from different nations, cultures and languages. Like in the day of Pentecost, we are Australians, English speaking from various Countries, Italians, Spanish speaking from America, Portuguese speaking, Filipinos, Samoans, Chinese, people from several Asian Countries and people from all Continents: this is the Family of St. Brigid's. Indeed, St. Brigid's Cross, so called because attributed to her making from rushes, is the most appropriate sign of our Parish: The love of God reaching out to the whole world; and all the people in the world united in the power of the love of God. This unity among all in God and this love of God for all

acquire special significance in this Year of Mercy. Pope Francis in declaring the Year of Mercy says: "The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other" (n. 9). St. Brigid was a perfect example of mercy, particularly for the poor. Of her it was written: "In St. Brigid's eye, the poor belonged to the one great family whose Father was God. They were the needy members of Christ." And she used to say: "If had the power to give away the whole Kingdom of Leinster, I would willingly give it to God, that is to say, to God's poor". In this Year of Mercy, our church has been nominated Shrine of Mercy, (one of four in the Archdiocese), particularly for gathering people of different nations, cultures and languages to experience the mercy of God and together become a powerful sign that God's Family is one in faith and love. Our celebration today sings this unity. Let us be inspired by our patron saint, St. Brigid of Kildare.

**Historical Notes:** Brigid is thought to have been born at Faughart (County of Louth), Ireland, in 451. Her father was Dubhthach, a Leinster pagan chieftain, her mother Brocca, a Pictish Christian. Brigid was named after the goddess of fire of the local pagan religion. In 468 Brigid converted to Christianity. Her father was not pleased when she felt a longing to enter the religious life and kept her at home. But her charity to the poor made her give away many of the family resources. Her father finally gave in and sent Brigid to a convent. Receiving the religious veil from St. Mel, Brigid embarked on a career as founder of convents starting at Clara (County of Offaly). But her activity in Kildare became most important. The name 'Kildare' comes from 'Cill Dara', meaning 'The church of the oak' and Brigid's cell being under a large oak tree. She founded a monastery there first for nuns and soon after for monks as well to secure the celebration of the Mass and the administration of the sacraments. Her ministry, however, spread all around that County. Brigid died in or around 525 and was buried in Kildare's abbey church. Later her remains are said to have been exhumed and transported to Downpatrick, to rest with the two other patron saints of Ireland, Patrick and Columba. St. Brigid was a courageous woman of faith, an Irish nun, an abbess, founder of several convents, a charitable pioneer of monastic institutions in Ireland, a leader with a big heart in favour of the most needed, well known for her common sense and holy life. Her devotion spread fast in Ireland, and through the centuries in the whole world.



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## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

| Day of the Week   | Liturgical Celebration  | Intention St. Mark  | Intention St. Brigid   | Parish Activity  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Saturday/Sabato<br>6th February 2016<br>V Sunday<br>In Ordinary Time<br>Year "C"  | <b>"Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men."</b>   | 10.30am Mass at Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton       | 6.00pm Cristoforo FIORE<br>Giuseppina CALANDRA<br><br>7.00pm Spanish Mass<br>Antonio CANO (1st month)  | <b>Baptism Celebration for Evangelina TORO<br/>Lily Monagas CONVIT<br/>Amelia Alba ARREBOLA<br/>Maja Diez MacDONALD<br/>Congratulations!</b> |
| Sunday/Domenica<br>7th February 2016<br>V Sunday In Ordinary<br>Time Year "C"   | <b>"Non temere, d'ora in poi sarai pescatore di uomini".</b>  | 8.30am<br><br><b>Happy St. Brigid<br/>Feast Day</b>             | 10.30am<br><b>Mass followed by<br/>Procession &amp; Rosary</b>   | <b>Baptism Celebration for<br/>Xavier Noah SICAT<br/>Congratulations!</b>  |
| Monday/Lunedì<br>8th February 2016<br>1Kg 8: 1-7, 9-13;<br>Mk 6: 53-56  | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Lord, go up to the place of your rest!</i>  | 8.00am  | 9.15am   |  |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>9th February 2016<br>1Kg; 8:22-23,27-30;<br>Mk 7: 1-13   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!</i>  | 8.00am  | 9.15am<br>Giuseppina CALANDRA  | <b>6.00pm Parish Pastoral<br/>Council Meeting tonight<br/>in the Welcome In Room</b>   |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì<br>10th February 2016<br>MERCOLEDÌ delle CENERI<br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;<br>Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.</i><br><br><i>Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i> | 8.00am Mass<br>Italian/English<br><br>7.30pm<br>Portuguese Mass | 9.15am Mass<br>Italian/English<br><br>7.30pm Novena & Mass<br>(Filipino Chaplaincy in the Hall)        | <b>We are all invited to<br/>attend Mass today<br/>and receive the<br/>ashes.</b>  |
| Thursday/Giovedì<br>11th February 2016<br>Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>Happy are they who hope in the Lord!</i>  | 8.00am  | 9.15am<br>In honour to Our Lady of Lourdes   |  |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>12th February 2016<br>Is 58: 1-9; Mt 9: 14-15   | <b>Responsorial Psalm</b><br><i>A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.</i>   | 8.00am  | 9.15am<br><br>7.00pm Via Crucis<br>Stations of the Cross<br>(multi-lingual)<br>Followed by confessions |  |

| Parish Community   | Parish Office   | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana  | Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa | Filipino Pastoral Community                                     |
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## 3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

| Liturgy of the Word<br>13th & 14th Feb. 2016 | 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          | E. Elkins             | T. Toscano            | A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso | M. Lauria           | S. Colosimo        |
| Responsorial Psalm                           | Volunteer                  | L. Murphy          | S. Atherton           | P. La Marca           | N. Omenihu / J. Smith    |                     |                    |
| II Reading                                   | Volunteer                  | L. Murphy          | C. Penitito           | T. Toscano            | 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.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2016**  
The theme for Project Compassion this year is "Learning More Creating Change"  
Your support is bringing renewed hope to the world's poorest people, empowering them to learn more and create change. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16  
Project Compassion begins on Ash Wednesday 10th February 2016.  
You are all invited on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 49 Stanhope Street, Malvern to hear Martin Mazinga National Programmes Coordinator of the CDC in Malwai how strong partnerships between the Australian & Malawian communities are transforming lives and bringing hope. Please come along.

**Some Parish Statistics for 2015**  
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 2015 we have had 117 baptisms, 36 weddings, 67 funerals, 4 first communions and 15 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS** (Multi-lingual) 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 (in diversi lingue) seguite dalle confessioni.

**This weekend sees the launch of 'Melbourne Catholic', the new magazine of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It's a larger format monthly with a wide range of quality articles and photos to help readers "encourage, accompany, discern and pray". This month's copy is free, and available in the church entrance. Subscription envelopes are in each copy. We urge you to pick up yours today.**

**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.)  
**Refrain:**  
**Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen.**

