

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (43:16-21)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm :

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R./**

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R./**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R./**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R./**

Entrance Hymn

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour

Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light; you are the Word who brings us through the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who binds us and unites us: you are the Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Offertory Hymn

Take and Receive

Take and receive, O Lord, my liberty
Take all my will, my mind, my memory.
All things I hold and all I own are Thine
Thine was the gift, to Thee I all resign.

Do Thou direct and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt, command, and I obey
Only Thy grace, Thy love on me bestow
These make me rich, all else will I forego.



A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3:8-14)

I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **This is the Word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (8:1-11)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple; all the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus looked up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you: go, and do not sin again." **This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Hymn

God of Mercy and compassion

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

**Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.**

By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity.

By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to heav'n above.
Where the saints rejoice forever
In a boundless sea of love.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
On the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.



Final Hymn

Be Exalted O God

I will give thanks to Thee,
O Lord among the people
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For thy steadfast love is great,
is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness,
Thy Faithfulness to the clouds
Refrain:
**Be exalted O God above the heavens
Let thy glory be over all the earth (Repeat)**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

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2nd Collection \$ 300 - 00
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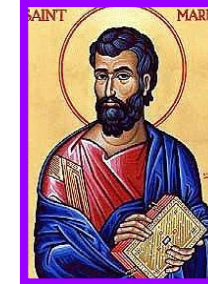
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.



Jubilee Year of Mercy and Lent

The time of Lent which is an opportune time to reflect on the invitation of the Holy Father on "Mercy" by what he wrote. (Part 5)

10. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy".[8] Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

11. Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*... There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today's cultural milieu: "The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy... Furthermore, Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world:... "The mystery of Christ... obliges me to proclaim mercy as God's merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ. It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the world".

Il Giubileo della Misericordia e Quaresima

La Quaresima e' un tempo opportuno per riflettere sull'invito del Santo Padre sulla "Misericordia", rileggendo le sue parole. (5.a Parte)

10. L'architrave che sorregge la vita della Chiesa è la misericordia. Tutto della sua azione pastorale dovrebbe essere avvolto dalla tenerezza con cui si indirizza ai credenti; nulla del suo annuncio e della sua testimonianza verso il mondo può essere privo di misericordia. La credibilità della Chiesa passa attraverso la strada dell'amore misericordioso e compassionevole. La Chiesa « vive un desiderio inesauribile di offrire misericordia ». [8] Forse per tanto tempo abbiamo dimenticato di indicare e di vivere la via della misericordia. La tentazione, da una parte, di pretendere sempre e solo la giustizia ha fatto dimenticare che questa è il primo passo, necessario e indispensabile, ma la Chiesa ha bisogno di andare oltre per raggiungere una meta più alta e più significativa. Dall'altra parte, è triste dover vedere come l'esperienza del perdono nella nostra cultura si faccia sempre più diradata. Perfino la parola stessa in alcuni momenti sembra svanire. Senza la testimonianza del perdono, tuttavia, rimane solo una vita infeconda e sterile, come se si vivesse in un deserto desolato. È giunto di nuovo per la Chiesa il tempo di farsi carico dell'annuncio gioioso del perdono. È il tempo del ritorno all'essenziale per farci carico delle debolezze e delle difficoltà dei nostri fratelli. Il perdono è una forza che risuscita a vita nuova e infonde il coraggio per guardare al futuro con speranza.

11. Non possiamo dimenticare il grande insegnamento che san Giovanni Paolo II ha offerto con la sua seconda Enciclica *Dives in misericordia*. Due espressioni in particolare desidero ricordare. Anzitutto, il santo Papa rilevava la dimenticanza del tema della misericordia nella cultura dei nostri giorni: « La mentalità contemporanea, forse più di quella dell'uomo del passato, sembra opporsi al Dio di misericordia e tende altresì ad emarginare dalla vita e a distogliere dal cuore umano l'idea stessa della misericordia... Inoltre, san Giovanni Paolo II così motivava l'urgenza di annunciare e testimoniare la misericordia nel mondo contemporaneo: « Essa è dettata dall'amore verso l'uomo, verso tutto ciò che è umano e che, secondo l'intuizione di gran parte dei contemporanei, è minacciato da un pericolo immenso. Il mistero di Cristo ... mi obbliga a proclamare la misericordia quale amore misericordioso di Dio, rivelato nello stesso mistero di Cristo. Esso mi obbliga anche a richiamarmi a tale misericordia e ad implorarla in questa difficile, critica fase della storia della Chiesa e del mondo ».



Next Sunday 20th March is PALM SUNDAY Blessing of the palms at all Masses (Please bring olive branches or palms)

Domenica prossima 20 Marzo DOMENICA DELLE PALME

Prima della Santa Messa ci sarà la benedizione delle palme. (Per favore portate rami d'ulivo oppure palme)

PARISH EASTER RAFFLE Tickets available today after mass at only \$1.00 each for beautiful Easter Hampers.

The draw will take place in church after the 7.30pm Holy Saturday night celebrations.




LOTTERIA PASQUALE Biglietti in vendita dopo le S. Messe. Prezzo \$1.00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà in chiesa dopo le celebrazioni di Sabato Santo con inizio alle 7.30pm .



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Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord. (Jn 11:26)

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 12th March 2016 (Vigil) 5th Sunday of Lent Year "C"	<i>"Neither do I condemn you: go, and do not sin again."</i>	10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm Domenico ZAFFINO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Daniela REATEGUI GUTIERREZ Jose Ignacio CAMPOS Leti CUTAJAR Congratulations!
Sunday/Domenica 13th March 2016 5th Sunday of Lent Year "C"	<i>'Neanch'io ti condanno; vá e d'ora in poi non peccare più'.</i>	8.30am PRO - POPULO	9.45am Carmen GALEA 11.00am Felice ALESSI (1mth)	
Monday/Lunedì 14th March 2016 5th week of Lent Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19 30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil, for you are with me.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Tommy CALLUS	
Tuesday/Martedì 15th March 2016 5th week of Lent Num 21:4-9; Jn 8: 21-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>O Lord hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Martin TALIANA (Healing Prayers)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 16th March 2016 5th week of Lent Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28; Jn 8: 31-42	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>A te la lode e la Gloria nei secoli. Glory and praise forever!</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass (Filipino Community)	<i>Dopo la messa del mattino Segue il Gruppo di Preghiera in Chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 17th March 2016 ST. PATRICK, bishop Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Patrick	9.15am Special intentions for carers to Anna Miklosova and John Joseph(dec).	
Friday/Venerdì 18th March 2016 5th week of Lent Jer 20:10-13; Jn10: 31-42	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Via Crucis / Stations of the Cross/ Confessions Followed by Healing Mass (Filipino Community)	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRIMARY SCHOOL - EAST BRUNSWICK - 2017 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We have opened our 2017 enrolments given the early demand for next year. If your child turns 5 by April 30th 2017, then they qualify for a place in Foundation 2017. Most of our school enrolments reside in the Brunswick, East Brunswick, Carlton, Parkville and North Fitzroy areas. If you are seeking a Catholic primary education for your child please contact 9380 5050 to book in for our next Principal-led school tour. We also have limited places in other year levels also. 2016 School Theme: **Every Child - Every Chance - Every Day**

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 19th & 20th March 2016	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	C. Penitito	E. Mascia	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	E. Elkins	M. Lauria	N. Omenihu / J. Smith		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. BRIGID'S Run by the Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Mother Teresa) Religious classes in preparation for First Communion and Confirmation begin today after the 9.45am Mass. If interested, please fill out the form and return it to Sr. Acacia or Fr. Savino, or contact the parish office on 9489 6777 or the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

The SEVEN LAST WORDS And **The PARABLES OF MERCY** The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross this **GOOD FRIDAY, 25 March 2016, 9.30am to 12noon** at St. Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS 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 e confessioni.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS Every Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. All welcome!

ST. BRIGID & ST. MARK HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2016

Saturday 19th March 2016
St. Brigid's 6.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms
7.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms (Spanish)
Palm Sunday 20th March 2015 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: 21st March - 27th March 2016
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 Holy Hour and Confessions (Italian Prayer Group)

EASTER TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday (No morning mass)
St. Brigid's 11.00am Stations of the Cross - Simonds College
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 (Throughout the morning)
St. Brigid's 9.30am Liturgy "The Seven Last Words" (Filipino Chaplaincy)
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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme for Project Compassion this year is **"Learning More Creating Change"** Envelopes and Boxes are available at the entrance to the church. Total to date \$1100.

PROGETTO COMPASSIONE Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie. Totale corrente: \$1100

ST JOSEPH'S HOME Aged Care

Today, we welcome Sr. Erin and Sr. Winefred from the Little Sisters of the Poor, to promote their recently refurbished Aged Care Centre at 112B St. Georges Road Northcote. If interested, please see them after mass.

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE & WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES Next Sunday, 20 March 1pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne People are invited to walk down to the State Library to join the main WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

ENTRATA: O CROCE SANTA
Ti saluto, o croce santa, che portasti il Redentor: gloria, lode, onor ti canta ogni lingua ad ogni cuor.

Sei vesillo glorioso di Cristo, sua vittoria e segno d'amor: il suo sangue innocente fu visto come fiamma sgorgare dal cuor. **Rit.**
Tu nascesti fra braccia amorose D'una Vergine Madre, o Gesù, tu moristi fra braccia pietose d'una croce che data ti fu. **Rit.**
O agnello divino, immolato Sulla croce crudele, pietà! Tu, che togli dal mondo il peccato salva l'uomo che pace non ha. **Rit.**



TI SALUTO, A TE NOSTRO PADRE
A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar.

Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo Cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel. **Rit.:**
Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. **Rit.:**



COMUNIONE: E' GIUNTA L'ORA

E' giunta l'ora, Padre, per me. Ai miei amici ho detto che questa è la vita: conoscere Te e il Figlio tuo, Cristo Gesù. Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me; ed ora sanno che torno a Te. Hanno creduto: conservali Tu nel tuo amore, nell'unità. Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi, la tua Parola è verità. E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia; la gioia vera viene da Te. Io sono in loro e Tu in me; che sian perfetti nell'unità. E il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato;



FINE: O BELLA REGINA

O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all'Angiol t'inchini, ancella fedel.
Ave, ave, ave Maria.
Ave, ave, ave Maria.
Di grazia sei piena e t'ama il Signor Tuo Figlio è Dio, uman Redentor. **Rit:**
O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò al mondo in peccato che egli salvò. **Rit.**



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT For parents and godparents wishing to have their children baptised here is on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Church.