

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. (Ps 30:3-4)

(1st reading in Italian) A reading from the Book of Sirach (15:15-20) If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man. He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

(2nd reading in Spanish) A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10) Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!** (1 Sam 3:9)

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R/**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R/**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R/**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R/**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5:17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. (Ps 77:29-30)

Communion (2) (Spanish)
TAN CERCA DE MÍ

Tan cerca de mí, tan cerca de mí, que hasta lo puedo tocar, Jesús está aquí.

Míralo a tu lado por la calle, caminando entre la multitud, muchos ciegos van sin quererlo ver, llenos de ceguera espiritual.

Tan cerca de mí, tan cerca de mí, que hasta lo puedo tocar, Jesús está aquí.

Le hablare muy quedo al oído, le contare las cosas que hay en mí, y que solo a Él le interesaran, Él es más que un mito para mí.

Tan cerca de mí, tan cerca de mí, que hasta lo puedo tocar, Jesús está aquí.

Final MOTHER ST. BRIGID
O Holy Woman
Abbess of Ireland
Pray for us: St. Brigid!



When you were young God spoke to your heart, And you became: Mother of the emerald isle. **R.**

The Lord the most high gave his reply; Sending you forth to preach the Gospel of Christ. **R.**

O Patroness dear, We sing of your cheer, Pray with us here; May all souls to God draw near. **R.**

All glory be to the Trinity: Father, and Son, and Spirit; ever one! **R.**

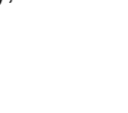
(During Procession)
Lourdes Hymn

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you: His power and his Mercy, His grace given to you. **Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**

È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel. Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel. **Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)**

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree, God willed you both virgin and mother to be. **Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)**

Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù. **Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)**



SALVE REGINA (Final)

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evaee, Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eja ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis. Virgo Maria.



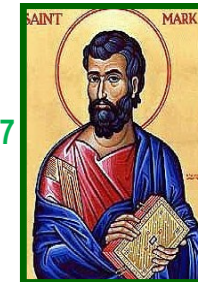
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

St. Brigid OF KILDARE FEAST DAY

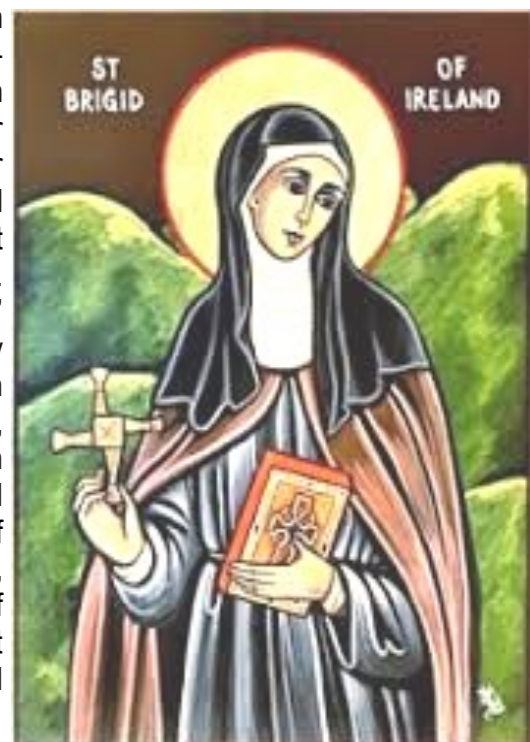


St. Brigid's Parish: Patron Saint Feast Day

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 it 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. St. Brigid was a perfect example of this uniting love by her dedication to the poor, the educa-

tion of girls, the gathering of spiritually dedicated people in religious communities, the imparting the knowledge of God' love to the people. She was, indeed, an instrument of wisdom and unity in her own time. Our community in celebrating her as our Patron Saint sees in her an example and model of that Christian living St. Paul speaks of in today's second reading: "We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity... the hidden wisdom of God... (to) teach things beyond the mind of man, that God has prepared for those who love him" (1Cor. 2: 6-9). By this wisdom received by those who love God, virtue goes deeper than that of those who do not know or follow God, Jesus says (Mt. 5: 20). By this sign of unity in the love of God and guided by God's wisdom let us become a powerful sign that we are one family celebrating a new life. Let our Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare, be a constant inspiration and encouragement in our Christian living.

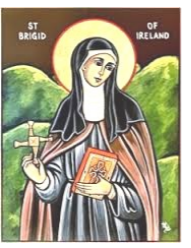


Historical Notes: Brigid is thought to have been born at Faughart (County of Louth), Ireland, in 451. Her father was Dubhthach, a Leinster pagan chieftain, her mother Brocca, a Pictish Christian. Brigid was named after the goddess of fire of the local pagan religion. In 468 Brigid converted to Christianity. 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.



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.

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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 11th February 2017 VI Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A"	"I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."	Ogni Sabato 10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne Street Carlton. <i>Si cercano volontari</i>	6.00pm In honour to Our Lady of Lourdes 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Alessia ZELANTE Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 12th February 2017 VI Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "A"	"Io vi dico: se la vostra giustizia non supererà quella degli scribi e dei farisei, non entrerete nel regno dei cieli"	8.30am 	10.30am Mass followed by Procession & Rosary Gean Clancy COTTE <i>Happy St. Brigid Feast Day</i>	Baptism Celebration for Santiago GONCALVES Congratulations! Wedding Celebration for Ross Anthony LUPO & Angelica FORERO Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 13th February 2017 Gen 4:1-15,25; Mk 8: 11-13	<i>Responsorial Psalm Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.</i>	8.00am Lamont Family Special Intentions	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 14th February 2017 Sts Cyril & Methodius Gen 6:5-8,7:1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord will bless his people with peace.</i>	8.00am Lamont Family Special Intentions	9.15am  6.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting tonight in the Welcome In Room	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 15th February 2017 Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mt 8:22-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm Offrirò al Signore un sacrificio di ringraziamento. To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.</i>	8.00am Lamont Family Special Intentions	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 16th February 2017 Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8: 27-33	<i>Responsorial Psalm From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.</i>	8.00am Fay Family Special Intentions	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 17th February 2017 Gen 11: 1-9; Mt 8: 34 - 9:1	<i>Responsorial Psalm Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.</i>	8.00am Breen Family Special Intentions	9.15am Gaetano CAFARELLA	

VIATOIR 2017 - PELLEGRINAGGIO di 20 giorni con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$5949. Si visita il Santuario della Madonna di Fatima, per il centenario dell'apparizione, Lourdes, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Roma, Pompei, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 11 Maggio fino al 30 Maggio 2017. (Ritorno a volontà) Se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Savino.

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 18th & 19th Feb. 2017	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	M. C. Sisters	E. Mascia	B. Rigoni / M. Villani		
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	M. Lauria	Lucy Butera / Lina Butera		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli 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.

Prayers for Vocations
Very soon the students for the priesthood will recommence their studies at Corpus Christi College, our seminary in Carlton. It is anticipated that there will be eleven new students for the Melbourne Archdiocese this year. Please keep them in your prayers, and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps God is calling somebody from our parish or family.

MASS OF DEDICATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART This Monday 13 February, 11am All Nations Marian Centre, 15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh On the 13th of each month, in anticipation of the centenary of the Fatima apparitions this year, the Marian community at the Ta' Pinu Marian shrine will pray the Rosary, go to confession and Communion, and offer prayers for the intentions of their Marian pilgrims heading to Fatima in this exciting year. To begin, a special Mass will be offered for the pilgrims on 13 February. All welcome. **Details:** 5367 7006 or 0437 261 517

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Next Tuesday 14th February is our first parish meeting for this year. A warm welcome is extended to any parishioner who is interested in joining the PPC. Meetings take place every two months on the second Tuesday at 6.00pm in the Welcome In Room. Hope to see you there!

SOLO CATHOLICS: A NIGHT OF DINNER AND DANCING Saturday 18 February, 7pm-11pm. Veneto Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen All single Catholics are welcome to attend. **Cost:** \$30, including dinner and entertainment. Drinks at bar prices. If interested, please ring Peter King on 0418 502 297

PELEGRINAGGIO IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES
Oggi Domenica 12 Febbraio al Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla 2.30pm Messa e Consacrazione. Cel. Padre Savino Bernardi 4.00pm Processione con la Statua. Tutta la comunità é invitata.

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.

CONFIRMATIONS IN OUR PARISH SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2017
If you know of anyone who wishes to be confirmed this year, please give his or her name to Fr. Savino as soon as possible. Religious instructions will begin soon.

Used stackable plastic chairs available, if interested, please speak to Fr. Savino.
Abbiamo delle sedie di plastica (usate) se qualcuno é interessato, per favore parli con Padre Savino.

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.

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.
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St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections	
1st Collection	\$565 - 00
2nd Collection	\$440 - 00
Envelopes	\$167 - 00

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.