

**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 31:3-4).

**A reading from the Book of Leviticus (13:1-2,45-46)**  
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. The leper who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean.' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone in a habitation outside the camp." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the Joy of Salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R/**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R/**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R/**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (10:31-11:1)** Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the Church of God. Just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people **Alleluia!** (Lk 7:16)

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:40-45)**  
A leper came to Jesus beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire (Ps 78:29-30).

**Entrance Hymn**

**Glory and Praise to our God**

**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.**

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.

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.

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



**Offertory Hymn**

**Lord accept the gifts we offer**

Lord accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast, Bread and wine to be transformed now, through the action of thy priest, Take us too Lord and transform us, may thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless, as the host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out like the grape that forms the wine, As we too become partakers in this sacrifice divine

Take our gifts Almighty Father, living God eternal true, Which we give through Christ our Saviour pleading here for us anew Grant salvation to us present and our faith and love renew.



**Communion Hymn**

**I'll always be loving you**

I am here with you by your side, Sheltering your heart rom the night.

**Refrain**

**Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll be always loving you.**

Let me love the world through your heart, Let me heal your wounds with my touch. **(ref)**

**Bridge**

I will be your God your comforter. I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me see the world through your eyes, Let forgiveness shine through your smile **(ref)**



**Final Hymn**

**Father I thank you**

Father I thank You For all that You've done You gave Your Son freely for me And I praise You for calling me Drawing me near Out of blindness You caused me to see

Spirit of life You are God's holy fire You've kindled my heart with Your blaze And I know You're refining me Changing my life And by faith You're revealing Your ways

Jesus I need You As Lord of my life I give all I have unto You Lord I want to come Under Your heavenly hand And to praise You in all that I do.



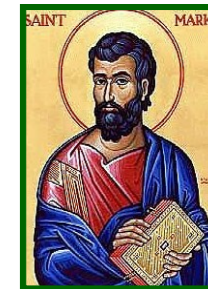
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*

**"I DO WILL IT. BE MADE CLEAN":** According to ancient Hebrew belief, physical contact with lepers rendered a person unclean. Holy people in particular were expected to keep a safe distance from lepers. Against this background the gesture of Jesus who stretches out his hand and physically touches the leper becomes unthinkable. Jesus is challenging and redefining the traditional views of holiness and unholiness. Jesus is challenging traditional superstitions and prejudices that certain people are impure by the conditions of their health, social status or birth. By reaching out and touching the leper and thereby making him pure again, Jesus is teaching us, his followers, to reach out and embrace the dehumanized and the outcasts among us. A deed of solidarity with the dehumanized does not dehumanize the doer, rather it restores full humanity to the dehumanized. Jesus doesn't want people to be outcasts. By cleaning the leper, Jesus heals the physical body and affirms his dignity as a human being reincorporating him into society. The gesture of Jesus is love for the despised. What a lesson for us all who easily despise or ostracise people. Our refusal to open our hearts to others, to stretch out our hands to them scandalizes those who do not belong to the Church. Leprosy, thank God, has become a curable disease. Yet the tendency to see some diseases as divine punishment and to ostracise those who suffer from them is still with us. There are modern leprosy in our society. Jesus challenges us today to abandon such dehumanizing beliefs and reach out in solidarity with these modern-day lepers among us, just as he himself did in his own days.



**"LO VOGLIO, SII PURIFICATO":**

«Non sono i sani che hanno bisogno del medico, ma i malati. Andate dunque e imparate che cosa significhi: Misericordia io voglio e non sacrificio. Infatti non sono venuto a chiamare i giusti, ma i peccatori». Questa sentenza del Signore ci indica verso chi egli indirizza di preferenza la sua missione e, paragonandosi ad un medico, dice di voler anzitutto soccorrere i malati e non i

sani e, volendo mostrare visibilmente al mondo la misericordia del Padre, afferma ancora che i primi destinatari, non sono i giusti, che già hanno accolto quel dono di Dio, ma i peccatori che ne sono privi. Questo ci spiega la natura della missione di Cristo e i motivi che l'inducono a cercare, ovunque si trovino, i malati del corpo e dello spirito. La scena che oggi ci presenta l'evangelista Marco è quanto mai significativa: è un lebbroso che osa venire verso Gesù. Secondo la legge non avrebbe potuto farlo perché il suo male lo rilegava nella schiera degli immondi e doveva di conseguenza vivere segregato dalla società. Sicuramente è mosso da una grande fiducia verso il Signore. Egli infatti non solo si accosta, ma poi si prostra in umile preghiera: "Se vuoi, puoi guarirmi". Gesù risponde toccandolo, quasi a voler prendere su di sé l'impurità del lebbroso, e dicendo: "Lo voglio, guarisci". Ci colpisce particolarmente quel tocco di amore da parte di Cristo. Egli davvero non si schifa delle nostre umane miserie anche quando sono sporche. La misericordia del Signore non conosce limiti quando è invocata con umiltà e con fede. Il suo amore è sempre più grande del nostro peccato. Non ci scandalizza perciò la disobbedienza del lebbroso guarito: egli non può tacere. Deve proclamare e divulgare il fatto. Quando veniamo beneficiati dalla gratuita bontà divina, è doveroso rendergli gloria ed esprimere con la migliore intensità la dovuta gratitudine. In un'altra circostanza dieci lebbrosi furono guariti, ma uno solo tornò a ringraziare il Signore ed egli giustamente domandò: "Gli altri nove dove sono?". Per tutti noi esiste un modo meraviglioso ed efficace per lasciarsi toccare dal Signore; avviene nell'eucaristia, quando egli non solo ci tocca per guarirci, ma si immerge totalmente nella nostra persona per assimilarci a se.








**CELEBRATING LENT IN OUR PARISH:** The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. We are called to be guided by the Word of God and to devote ourselves to prayer journeying through a spirit of repentance to renew our baptismal promises. In our parish we will be having a Lenten program, one hour every Tuesday commencing on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. On Fridays at 7:00 pm, starting on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be meditating the Stations of the Cross followed by the possibility to come for confession. On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, after the Stations of the Cross, there will be a penitential rite. Come and join us.



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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 14th February 2015 (Vigil) Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	<i>"If you will, you can make me clean."</i>  <i>"I will; be clean."</i>	Sabato prossimo alle 10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm PRO POPULO  7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations for Santiago BARRENECHE Mariana GARCIA & Bianca AGUILAR Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 15th February 2015 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	<i>"Se vuoi, puoi guarirmi!"</i>  <i>"Lo voglio, sii purificato!"</i>	8.30am 	9.45am 1st Holy Communion of Jimmy Daniel CARRASCO Assunta BUTERA  11.00am Felice ALESSI Giuseppe BANDIERA	Baptism Celebrations for Lia Nancy CARBONE Congratulations!  Wedding celebrations for Oscar FLORES & Maritza MARROQUIN Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 16th February 2015 Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13	Responsorial Psalm <i>Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 17th February 2015 Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord will bless his people with peace.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Gaetano CAFARELLA	
ASH WEDNESDAY MERCLEDÌ delle CENERI 18th February 2015 Joel 2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Responsorial Psalm <i>Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>  <i>Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.</i>	8.00am Mass - Bilingual   7.30pm Portuguese Mass	9.15am Mass - Italian  7.30pm Bilingual Mass Spanish - English  7.30pm Novena & Mass (Filipino Chaplaincy in the hall)	Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti. 
Thursday/Giovedì 19th February 2015 Deut 30: 15-20; Lk 9:22-25	Responsorial Psalm <i>Happy are they who hope in the Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 20th February 2015 Is 58:1-9; Mt 9: 14-15	Responsorial Psalm <i>A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Italian/English) Followed by confessions	

**WANTED READERS** We are desperately seeking new readers for the 9.45am Sunday Mass. Parishioners wishing to continue or anyone interested in joining the reading roster, please give your name to Fr. Delmar or Sr. Amalia after Mass.

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	Chaplains P. Luciano Toldo, CS P. Pawel Pakula, CSsR	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis
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Liturgy of the Word 21 & 22 February 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	G. Piantella	Sisters	A. Bernar	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Sisters	T. Toscano	Capodanno Family		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	Sisters	P. La Marca	Colosimo Family		

**THANK YOU - GRAZIE  
GRACIAS - OBRIGADO - SALAMAT**

**ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY**

*Last Sunday we came together to celebrate the feast of our Patroness St. Brigid. It was a wonderful celebration starting with Holy Mass celebrated by our parish priest, Fr. Delmar with concelebrants Fr. Luciano, Mons. Joselito & Fr Pawel. Mass was followed by Procession and Rosary around the church grounds. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the liturgy, our wonderful parish choir, altar servers, boys and staff from Simonds Catholic College, faithful parishioners and members from different communities and everyone who helped to make this celebration a memorable one. A big thank you to and all the Communities for contributing with food/ sweets/ drinks/ music/dance etc. and everyone who kindly helped before, during and after the parish luncheon, it was a great success. May God through the intercession of St. Brigid send his blessings on each and everyone.*

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA  
PROJECT COMPASSION 2015**

The theme of Project Compassion this year is *"Food for Life"*. This theme encompasses all aspects of human development and highlights a number of communities who are achieving sustained and tangible results in improving their livelihoods particularly in sustainable food production. Caritas Australia works in partnership to alleviate poverty and bring hope, peace and justice to communities throughout the world.

**Project Compassion begins on  
Ash Wednesday 18th February 2015.**

**Launch of Project Compassion 2015**  
This Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
International Speaker: Luis Castillo Polo  
Caritas Huacho, Peru  
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street,  
East Melbourne.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections	
1 Collection	\$ 762 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 466 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 155 - 00

**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 this 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
VIA CRUCIS** Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in Church followed by confessions.

**Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm Via Crucis e confessioni**

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT**  
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Next Monday 23rd February 2015 at 7.30pm. in the church.

**ENTRATA  
COME IL CERVO ALL'ACQUA VA**

Come il cervo all'acqua va,  
noi così da Te veniam.  
Grande sete abbiamo di Te,  
Dio fonte dell'amor.  
Camminiamo verso Te  
fra gioiosi cantici,  
noi veniamo al tuo altar  
per amarti, o Signor.

Chi mi vede piangere,  
chiede: "Dov'è Dio?"  
Il Signore è fra di noi,  
nel clamor di gioia.  
Ma ormai non piangerò,  
il Signor Salvatore  
e se io soffrirò penserò a Te,  
Signor.

Gloria a Dio Padre,  
gloria al Figlio Redentor,  
gloria allo Spirito,  
che ci unisce nell'amor.  
Vien, Signore, vien fra noi,  
Amen, alleluia!

**OFFERTORIO  
SE QUALCUNO HA DEI BENI**

*Se qualcuno ha dei beni  
in questo mondo  
E chiudesse il cuore  
agli altri nel dolor,  
come potrebbe  
la carità di Dio  
rimanere in lui?*

Insegnaci, Signore,  
a mettere la nostra vita  
A servizio di tutto il mondo.

Il pane e il vino  
che noi presentiamo  
Siano il segno  
dell'unione tra noi.

**COMUNIONE  
IL SIGNORE CI HA AMATO**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai.  
Ci conduce nella notte, luce nell'oscurità.  
Quando il pane dividiamo nella gioia tra di noi,  
Il Signore è qui presente col suo amor.

*È il tuo corpo, dato a tutti noi,  
è il tuo Sangue, dato a tutti noi;  
sei per noi la vita, sei per noi l'amor.  
O Signore, porta tutti al tuo amor.*

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessuno altro mai  
Per la gente del villaggio egli è figlio di operai,  
che lavora come gli altri nella pena, nel sudor,  
e conosce la fatica di ogni dì. **Rit.:**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai.  
Un amore così grande che morì per tutti noi;  
un amore così forte che la morte superò:  
dal sepolcro vincitore si levò. **Rit.:**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai.  
Ci riunisce nel suo nome, ci ridona libertà.  
Siamo membro del suo corpo,  
una nuova umanità;  
nulla mai può separarci dal suo amor. **Rit.:**

**FINE  
DONO SUBLIME**

Dono sublime del Padre,  
fiore di terra redenta,  
Madre della vita,  
tutto speriamo da te!

*O Maria, tu vivi con noi  
e hai cuore di madre,  
o Maria, creata per noi,  
per darci la Gioia!*

Porta il sorriso nel mondo,  
dove si muore di noia;  
dona la speranza,  
luce che viene da te.

Scenda la pace di Dio,  
scenda in un mondo  
che geme,  
dono dell'Amore,  
pace che viene da te.

