

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

A reading from the Book of Sirach (3:2-6,12-14)

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R./ Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R./

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! R./

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:12-21)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (2:41-52) The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Entrance

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart
prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven
and nature sing.

Joy to the world!
The Saviour reigns.
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat
the sounding joy.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 490 - 00
2 Collection \$1130 - 00
Envelopes \$ 179 - 00

Offertory

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first nowell
the angel did say
Was to certain
poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep.

Refrain:
**Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King
of Israel.**

When they looked up
they saw a star
Shining in the east,
beyond them far,
And to the earth
it gave great light
And so it continued
both day and night. (Ref)



Communion

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay.
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

**Pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year of Mercy
organised by VIATOUR
Departure 6th May 2016**

**Visiting Portugal - Spain - France - Italy
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Further info. Antonio Inserra
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Final

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO
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Come to Bethlehem
and see Him
Him whose birth
the Angels sing
Come adore on
bended knee,
Christ the Lord,
the new-born King.

Refrain:
**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO
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**CONFESSIONS AT ST BRIGID'S
DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY**
Every Saturday from 4.30pm to
5.30pm Time for individual
confession in church.



Weekly Parish Newsletter

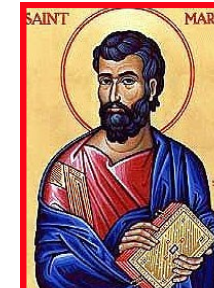
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

Living Christmas

We are the bells of Christmas,
when we call and we invite
people to unite and pray in
communion!

We are the lights of Christmas,
when we simplify and give
solutions!

We are the angels of Christmas,
when we sing Joy and happi-
ness to the world!

We are the stars of Christmas,
when we guide Someone to the
Lord!

We are the shepherds of Christmas, when we fill our empty hearts
with God who has all!

We are the Magi of Christmas, when we give the best that we are no
matter to whom!

We are the candles of Christmas, when we share harmony, light and
peace wherever we pass!

We are the decorations of Christmas, when our virtues and actions
are colors that adorn!

We are the tree of Christmas, when we strongly resist the
temptations of our journey!

We are the gifts of Christmas, when we are truly friends of all!

We are the cards of Christmas, when the goodness is written in our
hands!

We are the dinner of Christmas, when we satisfy the poor and the
migrants who are in our midst with the bread of hope!

*"All would be better if Christmas were not only one day,
and if mothers were like Mary, fathers like Joseph,
and sons were Like Jesus of Nazareth".*

**May the Lord bestow many blessings on each and all of you as
we celebrate his birth at Bethlehem and entrust ourselves to his
kindness and mercy in the new year.**



Vivere il Natale

Noi siamo le campane del Natale
quando invitiamo altri alla preghiera
in commune.

Noi siamo gli angeli del Natale
quando cantiamo al mondo la gioia
a la felicità'.

Noi siamo le stelle di Natale quando
guidiamo qualcuno al Signore.

Noi siamo i pastori del Natale
quando riempiamo il nostro cuore
della ricchezza di Gesu'.

Noi siamo i Magi del Natale quando
diamo il meglio di noi stessi a qualcuno, non importa
chi.

Noi siamo le candele del Natale quando diamo
armonia, luce e pace nel nostro andare.

Noi siamo le decorazioni di Natale quando adorniamo
la vita di virtu' ed esempi.

Noi siamo l'albero di Natale quando resistiamo alle
tentazioni nel nostro vivere quotidiano.

Noi siamo i doni di Natale quando offriamo vera
amicizia a tutti.

Noi siamo le cartoline di Natale quando la bonta' e'
scritta con le nostre mani.

Noi siamo il pranzo di Natale quando offriamo ai poveri
e ai migranti il pane della speranza.

*"La vita sarebbe tanto migliore se il Natale non fosse
un giorno solo, se le mamme fossero come Maria,
i papa' come Giuseppe e i figli come Gesu' di
Nazareth."*

**La benedizione del Signore scenda abbondante su
di voi e i vostri cari ora che celebriamo la sua
nascita a Betlemme e ci affidiamo alla sua grazia
e misericordia durante il nuovo anno.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES available on the seats and on the table at the entrance to the church.
The Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your kindness and generosity.

BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della Chiesa.
I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.



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 | | | | |
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| Day of the Week | Liturgical Celebration | Intention St. Mark | Intention St. Brigid | Parish Activity |
| FRIDAY/VENERDÌ Christmas Day 25th December 2015 THE NATIVITY of the LORD Year "C" | "Gloria a Dio nel più alto dei cieli e sulla terra pace a tutti che egli ama" | 8.30am Deceased members of the REBESCHINI family 10.00am Portuguese Mass | 9.45am 11.00am Intenzioni (Vedere elenco) |  |
| SATURDAY/SABATO 26th December 2015 Year C "Vigil" HOLY FAMILY | "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" |  | 6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass 7.30pm Mass for the Neo Catechumenal Way | Baptism Celebration for: Santiago QUINTERO & Diego HEREDIA PIZARRO Congratulations!  |
| SUNDAY/DOMENICA 27th December 2015 HOLY FAMILY SACRA FAMIGLIA | "Perché mi cercavate? Non sapete che io devo occuparmi delle cose del Padre mio?" |  | 8.30am HOLY FAMILY 9.45am In honour to the HOLY FAMILY 11.00am In onore alla Santa Famiglia di Gesù Maria e Giuseppe | Baptism Celebration for: Eva Maria MARKOVSKI Congratulations!  |
| Monday/Lunedì 28th December 2015 Holy Innocents 1 Jn 1: 5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18 | Responsorial Psalm Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net | 8.00am | 9.15am |  |
| Tuesday/Martedì 29th December 2015 1 Jn 2:3 -11; Lk 2:22-35 | Responsorial Psalm Let heaven and earth exult in joy. | 8.00am | 9.15am 11.00am Funeral Mass for the late Gordon TROUP |  <i>Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Gordon TROUP. May the Lord of mercy give him eternal rest and peace to is loved ones.</i> |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì 30th December 2015 1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2: 36-40 | Responsorial Psalm Gloria nei cieli e gioia sulla terra. | 8.00am | 9.15am | |
| Thursday/Giovedì 31st December 2015 1Jn 2: 18-21; Jn 1: 1-18 | Responsorial Psalm Let heaven and earth exult in joy. | 8.00am | 9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA | |
| Friday/Venerdì 1st January 2016 MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 | Responsorial Psalm. May God bless us in his mercy. | 8.30am In honour to Mary Mother of God 10.00am Portuguese Mass | 9.45am In honour to Mary Mother of God 11.00am In onore a Maria Madre di Dio |  |

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul thanks everyone who supported their Christmas Appeal.

La Società di San Vincenzo De Paoli ringrazia di cuore tutti coloro che hanno contribuito all'appello natalizio.

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| Liturgy of the Word 2nd & 3rd Jan. 2016 | 6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid | 8.30am St. Mark | 9.45am St. Brigid | 11.00am St. Brigid | Special Ministers | Church Cleaning |
| I Reading | Volunteer | L. Murphy | Children | L. Colosimo | T. Toscano | S. Colosimo |
| Responsorial Psalm | Volunteer | L. Murphy | Children | E. Mascia | | |
| II Reading | Volunteer | A. De Santis | Children | M. Lauria | | |

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2016 FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT Saint BRIGID of Kildare
The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.30am** with Procession.
The traditional parish BBQ will follow.


PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 7 FEBBRAIO 2016 FESTA DELLA NOSTRA PATRONA SANTA BRIGIDA di Kildare. Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e S. Messa.
Dopo la Messa ci sarà il tradizionale BBQ e rinfresco parrocchiale.
Per favore Notate!
In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa messa in parrocchia.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Church

INTENZIONI 11.00am S. NATALE
Antonio BUTERA - Antonio TALARICO
Amalia e Lina TACCONELLI
Defunti membri della famiglia CAPITÓ
Defunti membri delle famiglie BELLISSIMO e PETRUCCI
Giuseppe, Paola e Concetto MAZZARELLA
Giuseppe e Joseph GARRO
Maria MAZZARELLA
Ennio PAGNIELLO
Gino e Clelia DE MAIO
Emilia e Nancy RUSSO
Defunti membri della famiglia GARRO
Giovanni GENOVESE (guarigione)

This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 6th February 2016
Wishing everyone a Holy Christmas filled with many blessings and may the New Year bring peace, health and happiness.
Questo è l'ultimo bollettino per quest'anno. La pubblicazione riprenderà il 6 febbraio 2016 Auguri a voi tutti per un Buon Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

APPRECIATION
Thank you to all who have generously supported in many ways the needs of our Church and the life of the Parish. Thank you also for your support, best wishes, gifts and Christmas Offering. May You and Your families be rewarded a hundredfold by the Love of God. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. Your parish priest Fr. Savino and fathers: Vito, Luciano, Joselito and Powel.
Grazie a tutti coloro che durante quest'anno hanno contribuito all'aiuto alla nostra Chiesa e alla vita della nostra Parrocchia. Grazie di cuore anche per il vostro supporto, auguri, regali e Offerta Natalizia. Che l'Amore di Dio ricompensi Voi e le Vostre Famiglie cento volte tanto. Auguri per un Buon Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. Il vostro parroco P. Savino e con i padri: Vito, Luciano, Joselito e Powel

Canto D'Ingresso
VENITE FEDELI

Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita, venite, venite a Betlemme.
Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo il Signore Gesù.
La luce del mondo brilla in una grotta; la fede di guida a Betlemme. **R.**
La notte risplende, tutto il mondo attende: seguiamo i pastori a Betlemme. **R.**
Il Figlio di Dio, Re dell'universo, si è fatto Bambino a Betlemme. **R.**
"Sia gloria nei cieli, pace sulla terra", un angelo annunzia a Betlemme. **R.**

Canto D'Offertorio
IL NATALE DEL SIGNORE
Il Natale del Signore torna ancora tra noi per ridarci la vita la gioia, l'amor. Gesù nasce ancor per rinascere in noi, per condurre più in alto chi crede in Lui.
Veniamo a Te, noi crediamo in Te: Tu sei salvezza, sei porta del ciel.
O fratelli, adoriamo Dio disceso tra noi, per redimere il mondo si è fatto bambin. Gesù dall'altar tutti invita a seguir la sua pace che è pegno di un nuovo avvenir. **R.**

Canto di Comunione
ASTRO DEL CIEL
Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor!
Tu che i vati da lungi sognar, Tu che angeliche voci nunziar
luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)
Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor!
Tu di stirpe regale decor, Tu virgineo mistico fior,
luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)
Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor!
Tu disceso a scontare l'error, tu sol nato a parlare d'amor,
luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)

Canto Finale
TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE
Tu scendi dalle stelle, o re del cielo; e vieni in una grotta al freddo e al gelo; e vieni in una grotta al freddo e al gelo.
O bambino mio divino, io ti vedo qui a tremar, o Dio beato! Ah! Quanto ti costò l'avermi amato (2v).
A Te che sei del mondo il creatore, mancano panni e fuoco, o mio Signore; mancano panni e fuoco, o mio Signore.
Caro eletto pargoletto, quanto questa povertà più m'innamora! giacché ti fece amor povero ancora (2 v)

