

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the Joy of your heart (Isa 30:19,30).

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (40:1-5,9-11) Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Get you up to high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R/**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R/**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

A reading from the Second Letter of St Peter (3:8-14) Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire! But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you wait for these, be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!** (Lk 3:4,6).

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:1-8) The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight – ." John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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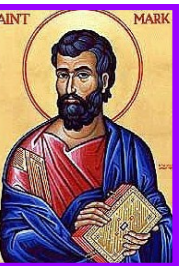
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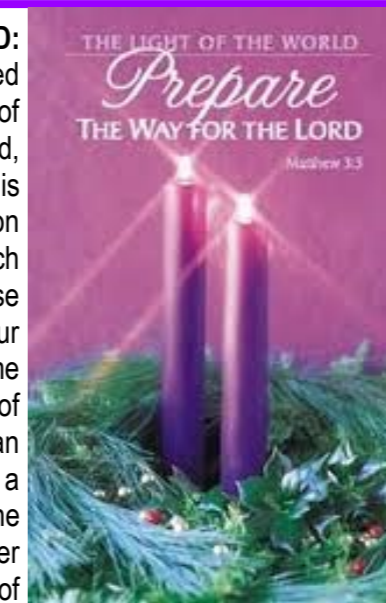
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD:

On this second Sunday of advent we are invited to go into the desert and to hear the voice of John the Baptist: "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths". To go into the desert is to leave behind the worldly attachments on which we tend to depend. God cannot do much with us as long as we hope and trust in these things as the first things that give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. We first have to let go of what our heart is holding on to before we can embrace God. This letting go is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert. In the Bible the desert has come to mean a place of encounter with God. It was in the desert that the people of Israel met God and learnt the ways of God.

There they became God's own people and the Lord became their God. Jesus, before beginning his public ministry, spent forty days and nights in the desert. It was a time of discovering and deepening his personal relationship with God. By calling the people into the desert John was calling them to let go of their false hopes and securities and learn to hope and trust in God alone. John lived what he preached. By his lifestyle, his dressing and eating habits, he showed that the meaning of life is not to be found in the abundance of material possessions but in relationship with God. Simplicity of life and detachment from unnecessary cares and worries of social life frees the heart for a personal relationship with God. To go into the desert is the first step in true repentance. It means abandoning our usual hiding places and putting ourselves in a situation where God can easily reach us. It is the levelling of those hills and the filling of those valleys that make it difficult for God to reach us and save us. In the season of advent the church extends to us the call of John the Baptist to repent and confess our sins in preparation for the One who is to come. It is an opportunity to rediscover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, and our hearts are restless till they rest in God.



PREPARE LA VIA DEL SIGNORE:

Nell'orazione odierna così ci rivolgiamo al buon Dio: "Padre di ogni consolazione, che agli uomini pellegrini nel tempo hai promesso terra e cieli nuovi, parla oggi al cuore del tuo popolo, perché in purezza di fede e santità di vita possa camminare verso il giorno in cui manifesterai pienamente la gloria del tuo nome". Chiediamo di approssimarci al santo Natale percorrendo una via nuova in "purezza di fede e santità di vita", per comprendere al meglio la manifestazione della gloria del Signore, per fare cioè un buono e santo Natale. Nel deserto senza segnali e senza strade, dove facilmente ci si smarrisce, si apre una via nuova, sicura, la voce di Giovanni è il segnale che riconduce a Cristo: lo stesso Figlio di Dio grida al mondo "Io sono la Via, chi segue me non cammina nelle tenebre". Occorre soltanto riconoscere nella Verità le nostre colpe, mostrarci sinceramente pentiti e riprendere la via della santità, come ci dice l'Apostolo Pietro. In questa luce comprendiamo meglio la missione di Giovanni Battista, inviato a preparare la via al Signore, con la sua estrema umiltà, con l'inflessibile austerità, con un battesimo di conversione per avere il perdono dei peccati. Si dice di lui che è l'ultimo e il primo dei profeti, ma possiamo anche dire che è il primo degli apostoli: sarà lui infatti a battezzarlo nelle acque del Giordano, lui ad indicarlo al mondo come l'Agnello che toglie i peccati del mondo, lui infine a testimoniare con il martirio la sua fedeltà.

ENTRANCE A VOICE CRIES OUT

Console my people,
the ones dear to me
Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
The time of your mourning
is ended now
the Lord of life will come

Refrain:

**A voice cries out in the wilderness
prepare a way for the Lord
A voice cries out in the wilderness
make straight a highway for God**

Every valley is made a plain
every mountain is leveled
The glory of God shall be revealed
and nations will sing your praise. **Refrain**



OFFERTORY GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Chorus:
**You satisfy the Hungry Heart
with Gift of Finest Wheat,
come give to us O Saving Lord,
the Bread of Life to eat.**

Is not the cup we bless and share,
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord? **(Chorus)**

The mystery of Your presence Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. **(Chorus)**



COMMUNION LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me
to be a sanctuary
pure and holy
tried and true...

With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
sanctuary
for you...



FINAL THE VOICE OF GOD

The voice of God
goes out to all the world;
God's glory speaks
across the universe.
The great King's herald
cries from star to star:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"

The Lord has said,
"Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world,
my pledge made fresh,
a lamp to every nation,
light from light:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"



Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Bar 5:5; 4:36).

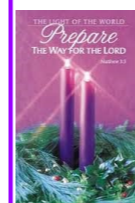
Prayer for Advent Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord, who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek his will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.


Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spiritual resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.



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2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 6th December 2014 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ."</i>	<i>Baptism Celebrations for Jayden LOPEZ Congratulations!</i> 	6.00pm Cristoforo FIORE Maria Giuseppina CALANDRA 7.00pm Spanish Mass Ligia SANCHEZ Juan Bautista LOPEZ DIAZ	<i>Wedding Celebrations for Hayley BONGAILAS & Justin JOVANOVSKI</i> <i>Itzel SESMA GONZALEZ & Ben CRONIN Congratulations!</i>
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 7th December 2014 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent 	<i>"Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri".</i> 	8.30am Rocco D'ALESSANDRI	9.45am Charlie, Tom & Zarrena CALLUS 11.00am Franco BERRA (1° annv) Flora PETRIN (2nd annv) Veneranda RUSSO Vincenzo MURACA Elda DALLA ZUANNA Giovanni VIGLIAROLO 	
Monday/Lunedì 8th December 2014 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.</i>	8.00am In honour to the Immaculate Conception 	9.15am Francis CHAN 8.00pm Spanish Mass In Honour to the Immaculate Conception	10.15am Rosary 10.30am Funeral Mass for Rita Marie FRAMPTON <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.</i>
Tuesday/Martedì 9th December 2014 2nd week of Advent Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Giuseppina Maria CALANDRA	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 10th December 2014 2nd week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.</i>	8.00am <i>O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>	9.15am	<i>Il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico chiude l'anno con preghiera e canti dopo la Santa Messa delle 9.15am. Tutti benvenuti.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 11th December 2014 2nd week of Advent Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11:11-15	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 12th December 2014 2nd week of Advent Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Chi segue il Signore, avrà la luce della vita.</i>	8.00am <i>Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.</i>	9.15am	

 **PARISH WORKING BEE** Our heartwarming thanks to all who generously offered their time and energy for the success of our parish working bee on Friday. Much was achieved by everyone, the hall and the surroundings is looking clean and tidy. As we prepare for Christmas to welcome the birth of Baby Jesus, may your lives be enriched with many blessings.

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 13th & 14th Dec. 2014	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Sisters of Charity	P. La Marca	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Sisters of Charity	A. Bernar	Capodanno Family		
II Reading	Volunteer	R. Simoncini	Sisters of Charity	T. Toscano	Toscano Family		

PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI
Se avete un pó di voce perché non venite a metterla in prova lunedì 15 e 22 dicembre alle 8.00pm in chiesa con il nostro organista/cantante Rocco. *Tutti benvenuti!*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE
Monday 15th & 22nd December at 8.00pm in church with our organist/singer Rocco. *Everyone welcome!*

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL
Next Weekend 13th & 14th Dec.
Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria and Peru.
Archbishop Denis Hart comments the fund to your continuing support.
Envelopes available at all Masses.
Please give generously.
Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
Wednesday / Mercoledì Dicembre 24 December
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual
Thursday / Giovedì Dicembre 25 December
8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

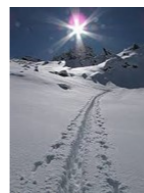
CHRISTMAS HAMPER
Tickets are available after mass for the parish Christmas Raffle. There are three beautiful hampers. Cost \$1-00 per ticket. The draw will take place on Sunday 21st December after the 11am Mass.
 We thank you for your continued support. 
LOTTERIA NATALIZIA
Biglietti per la lotteria natalizia sono in vendita oggi dopo le Sante Messe. In palio tre bellissimi cestini. Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà Domenica 21 Dicembre dopo la S. Messa delle 11.00am. Grazie per il vostro continuo supporto.

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Today has been designated a Day of Solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.
Let us join together in Prayer for Peace
Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth I beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put aside mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honour and praise. Amen.
(St. Ephraim the Syrian)

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-elect Terence Curtin and Mark Edwards OMI will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, E. Melbourne, on Wednesday 17 December 7.30pm. All are invited to this significant diocesan occasion and are asked to keep the bishops in their prayers.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections	
1 Collection	\$ 460 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 250 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 236 - 00

Canto D'Entrata
Vieni, O Signore

Vieni, o Signore, la terra ti attende. Alleluia, alleluia!

O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia. *Rit.*


O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. *Rit.*

All'uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell'ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l'amore. *Rit.*


Canto D'Offertorio
TI PREGHIAM CON VIVA FEDE

Ti preghiam con viva fede, assetati siam di te; nella gloria di chi crede vieni, amato buon Gesù.

O Signore, Redentore, vieni vieni, non tardar. O Bambino, Re divino, dona pace ad ogni cuor.

O Maria, dolce aurora, annunziante il Re dei re; d'ogni cuor fa' tua dimora, tutta fervida d'amor. 

Canto di Comunione
DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI
Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.
Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!
Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. *Rit.*
Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. *Rit.*
Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. *Rit.*
Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. *Rit.*
Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. *Rit.*

Canto Finale
O SANTISSIMA

O santissima, o piissima, Madre nostra Maria!
Tu, preservata immacolata, prega, prega per i figli tuoi.

Tu confortaci, tu difendici, Madre nostra, Maria!
Con te chiediamo, con te speriamo: prega, prega per i figli tuoi.

Nei pericoli, nelle lacrime, Madre nostra, Maria, tu sei la luce, tu sei la pace: prega, prega per i figli tuoi.