

**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. (Is 30:19,30)**

**A reading from the Book of Baruch (5:1-9)**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm: 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 songs, carrying their sheaves. **R./**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:3-6,8-11)**

Brethren, I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

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

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (3:1-6)**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias Tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

# Weekly Parish Newsletter

*Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale*

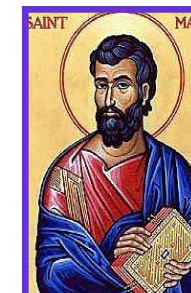
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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**

In this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, the Liturgy presents us the figure of John the Baptist who announces that the coming of the Saviour, Jesus of Nazareth, is near: to welcome him we have to "prepare his way" by conversion. The Baptist uses the words of the Prophet Isaiah when, eight centuries before, he was announcing to the people of Judah that soon they will be set free from their captivity in Babylon and return to Jerusalem. He was saying: "Prepare the ways of the Lord because salvation is near" (Is. 40, 3-5). Now, in another historical moment (during the reign of the emperor Tiberius...) John the Baptist calls people to welcome the Messiah by conversion of the heart, turning to higher interior values and commitment to justice. But do we need today this conversion as we prepare for Christmas? We all see the need to change our personal attitudes and social approach if we want to secure health, law and order, peace and tranquillity now and for the future. In this there is already a call to conversion!... But this is only a conversion for self-preservation. The conversion which comes from the heart and is capable of transforming us deeply is our "turning to God" and seek guidance from his will and wisdom. Even if we have little faith and religious inclination, we believe that God is Lord of the world and has entrusted to us the stewardship of life, community order and the world. We need to find his way and will to manage them. Therefore, to "prepare the way of the Lord" means to clear our life from all that is not his way: pride, selfishness, laziness, violence, offences, intolerance, passions, lies, fraud, immorality, addictions, improper relations. Then our heart is free to welcome Christ this Christmas. Then lasting salvation comes as a gift from God.



**Spianare la via del Signore**

La Liturgia della Seconda Domenica di Avvento ci presenta la figura di Giovanni Battista che annuncia vicina la venuta del Messia, Gesù di Nazareth: per accoglierlo dobbiamo "spianare le sue vie" con la conversione. Il Battista usa le parole del Profeta Isaia quando egli annunciava agli esiliati di Giuda a Babilonia, la seconda metà dell'ottavo secolo, la liberazione dall'esilio e il ritorno a Gerusalemme. Al popolo Isaia dice: "Preparate la via del Signore perché la salvezza è vicina" (Is. 40,3-5). Ora, in un altro contesto altrettanto storico (nell'anno decimoquinto dell'impero di Tiberio...) il Battista chiama la gente

a prepararsi ad accogliere il Messia con la conversione, il cambiamento interiore di valori più sani e di giudizi più giusti. Abbiamo oggi bisogno di questa conversione in preparazione al Natale? Tutti siamo coscienti della necessità di cambiare atteggiamenti personali e abitudini sociali se vogliamo assicurare salute, ordine, pace e serenità oggi e prosperità nel futuro. Ma questo è solo un inizio di conversione per la salvaguardia di un benessere personale e sociale. La conversione che penetra nel cuore e che assicura un cambiamento radicale vero e duraturo è quella che ci fa rivolgere verso Dio e lascia che la sua volontà e sapienza ci guidino. Dopo tutto, anche chi ha un piccolo seme di fede, crede che Dio è il Signore del mondo e a noi è affidato il compito di amministratori della vita, della società e della natura. Dobbiamo cercare la sua via e la sua volontà. "Spianare" la via del Signore allora significa togliere dalla nostra vita ciò che sono come massi, cespugli, buche, frane e dissestamenti che rendono difficile il viaggiare. Al di là della allegoria queste cose sono: orgoglio, accidia, soprusi, violenze, intolleranze, cupidigie, menzogne, ipocrisie, impudicizie, vanità, dipendenze tossiche, relazioni inappropriate. Questo significa preparare la via del Signore che viene. Allora la salvezza vera e duratura viene a noi come un dono di Dio.

**Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

**Entrance:**

**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

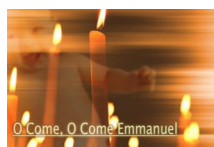
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high  
Who ord'rest all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**



**Offertory: TAKE OUR BREAD**

*Take our bread, we ask you  
Take our hearts,  
we love you take our lives,  
O Father, We are yours,  
we are yours.*

Yours as we stand  
at the table you set,  
Yours as we eat the Bread  
our hearts can't forget  
We are the sign  
of Your life with us yet,  
We are yours, we are yours. (Ref)

Your holy people  
standing washed in Your blood  
Spirit filled yet hungry  
We await Your food.  
We are poor but we've brought  
Ourselves the best we could,  
We are yours, we are yours. (Ref.)



**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1 Collection \$ 605 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 330 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 228 - 00

**Communion:**

**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

*One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing  
which we bless.*

*And we though many,  
throughout the earth,  
We are one body  
in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more. **Ref.:**

Many the gifts, many the works  
One in the Lord of all. **Ref.:**

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all. **Ref**



**Final AMAZING GRACE**

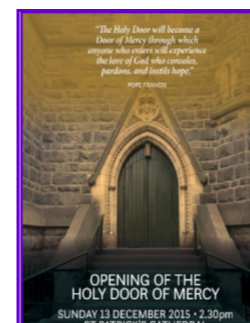
Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost,  
but now am found.  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did  
that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers,  
toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought  
me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.



**PILGRIMAGE: 23 Days Holy Pilgrimage** starting on August 11, 2016 with Fr. Emmanuel-tv(Spiritual Director). Contact us ASAP: 0893413079,089341131, 0417999553, [fremmanueltv@hotmail.com](mailto:fremmanueltv@hotmail.com)






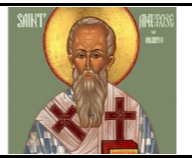

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY 8th December 2015 to 20th November 2016**

**To mark the opening of the Jubilee in Melbourne, Archbishop Denis Hart will open a special Holy Door of Mercy at St. Patrick's Cathedral next Sunday 13 December at 2.30pm. As a Parish Community you are all invited to gather here at St. Brigid's at 12.45pm for a Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral. Please see program on church notice board.**

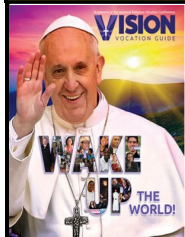
**Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. Archbishop Denis Hart will preside the special ceremony with Mass for the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Brigid's. For the whole Year of Mercy, St. Brigid's will become a Shrine for all Ethnic Groups. Please come along to this special celebration.**

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians [www.Scalabrini.org](http://www.Scalabrini.org)  
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# Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 5th December 2015 Year "C" "Vigil" <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	"Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight". 	Questo Sabato 10.30am S. Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton.	6.00pm PRO - POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass 7.30pm Mass for Neo Catechumenal Way in the convent chapel	<b>Baptism Celebration for Ruben Daniel GLEW</b> <b>Wedding Celebration for: Danielle GARGANO &amp; Matthew KARAFILIS Congratulations!</b>
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 6th December 2015 Year "C" <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	"Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri!" 	8.30am Deac. members REBESCHINI fam. Cristoforo FIORE Giuseppina CALANDRA	9.45am Rita CASSAR (1st annv.) 11.00am Flora PETRINI (3rd annv.) Damiano Felice ALESSI Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	
Monday / Lunedì 7th December 2015 St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor Is 35:1-10; Lk 5: 17: 26	Responsorial Psalm <i>Our God will come to save us.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Ambrose	9.15am In honour to St. Ambrose 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
Tuesday / Martedì 8th December 2015 Immaculate Conception Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Responsorial Psalm <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 7.00pm In honour to the Immaculate Conception	
Wednesday / Mercoledì 9th December 2015 2nd week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	Responsorial Psalm <i>Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Giuseppina CALANDRA 7.30pm Frank GARINELLA (1mth)	<i>Il Gruppo di Preghiera chiude l'anno con preghiera e canti dopo la S. Messa delle 9.15am. Tutti benvenuti.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 10th December 2015 2nd week of Advent Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/ Venerdì 11th December 2015 2nd week of Advent Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	Responsorial Psalm <i>Those who follow you Lord, will have the light of life.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal will take place NEXT Weekend 12th & 13th December 2015. 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.



Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" **Pope Francis.**  
**Prayer for Vocations**  
**O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.**

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 12th & 13th December 2015	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	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	M. Lauria	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	Lucy & Lina Butera		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	Colosimo Family		

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNDAY 20th December 7.00pm in the church. Multicultural Christmas Carols presented by various Ethnic Communities. Please come along and enjoy this wonderful time in preparation to welcome the birth of Our Lord.**  


**PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI Martedì 8 dicembre alle 8.00pm (Dopo la Santa Messa in onore all'Immacolata Concezione)**  
**Mercoledì 16 dicembre alle 7.00pm con P. Raffaele Rossi Tutti benvenuti!**  
**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE (Italian)**  
**Tuesday 8th December 8.00pm (After mass to the Immaculate Conception)**  
**Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm in church with Fr. Raffaele Rossi. Everyone welcome!**

**FEAST IN HONOUR TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** The Spanish Chaplaincy invites you next Sunday 13th December to participate in the celebrations in honour to Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of Ta Pinu Marian Centre, Bacchus Marsh. 10am Serenade to Our Lady & Holy Rosary 10.45am Procession followed by Mass in the Chapel. Everyone Welcome.

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE ORARIO DELLE MESSE DI NATALE**  
**Thursday /Giovedì Dicembre 24 December 7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass) 8.30pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass) 12.00 am Messa di Mezzanotte 12.00 am Mid-night Mass (Bi-lingual)**  
**Friday /Venerdì 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)**  
**Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th December Masses as usual**

**New Year's Day Friday 1st January 2016 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)**  
**CONFESSIONS**  
Regular:  
Saturday 4.30 to 5.30pm  
Christmas Time:  
Tuesday 22nd December 5.00 to 7.00pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL" WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND 5th & 6th DECEMBER AT ALL MASSES Envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your kind donation.**

**APPELLO NATALIZIO PER SAN VINCENZO DE PAOLI**  
Si svolge OGGI.  
Le buste per l'offerta si trovano in chiesa. Grazie di cuore per la vostra generosità.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral ANNUAL FESTIVAL**  
of Readings, Prayers & Carols  
Friday 11th December at 7.30pm  
Celebrant: Archbishop Denis Hart.

**FESTA IN ONORE DI S. LUCIA**  
Domenica prossima 13 dicembre presso la Chiesa di San Paolo, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg.  
2.00pm Celebrazione della S. Messa  
3.00pm Processione con la statua seguita dalla Benedizione Eucarista.  
Dopo le funzioni religiose seguirà un BBQ, rinfresco e concerto con La Banda Melita presso la sala parrocchiale. Tutti Benvenuti!  
Per ulteriore informazioni telefonate a Fiorentina Romeo 0402 446 034

**Entrata: OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID**  
**Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!**  
Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno è il suo poter. **Rit.:**  
O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**  
O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! **Rit.:**

**Offertorio: MISTERO DELLA CENA**  
Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.  
Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà.

**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.**

**Fine: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO**  
Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.  
**Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.**  
Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. **Rit.**  
Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**