

**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 Isaiah (11:1-10)**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hold of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R./**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R./**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R./**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R./**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans(15:4-9)**

Brethren: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Alleluia! (Ps 84:8)**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (3:1-12)**

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and the Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



# 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.*

**ADVENT: A time of preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the coming of Jesus (Emmanuel - God with us), who has come to prepare and lead us to his second and final coming.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH (Serialised presentation from: Compendium of the Catechism)**

**PART ONE**

**CHAPTER TWO: God Comes to Meet Man - The Revelation of God**

**6. What does God reveal to man? (50-53; 68-69)**

God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted "sons" in the only begotten Son of God.

**7. What are the first stages of God's Revelation? (54-58; 70-71)**

From the very beginning, God manifested himself to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with himself.

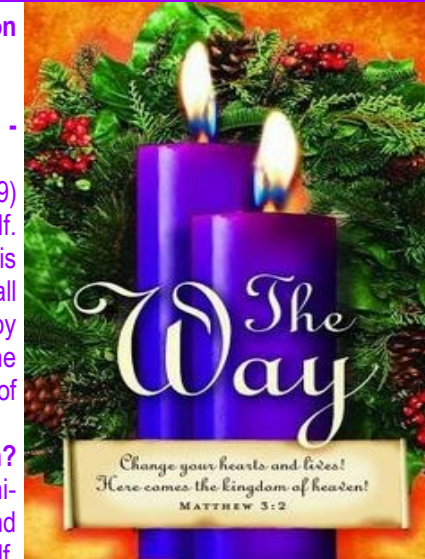
After their fall, he did not cease his revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, he made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between himself and all living beings.

**8. What are the next stages of God's Revelation? (59-64; 72)** God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him "the father of a multitude of nations" (*Genesis 17:5*), and promising to bless in him "all the nations of the earth" (*Genesis 12:3*). The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as his chosen people, freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them his law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus.

**9. What is the full and definitive stage of God's Revelation? (65-66; 73)**

The full and definitive stage of God's revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries. "In giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and he has no more to say." (*Saint John of the Cross*)

**10. What is the value of private revelations? (67)** While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.



**LA FEDE CATTOLICA (Dal: Compendio del Catechismo)**

**SEZIONE PRIMA**

**CAPITOLO SECONDO: DIO VIENE INCONTRO ALL'UOMO - LA RIVELAZIONE DI DIO**

**6. Che cosa Dio rivela all'uomo? (50-53; 68-69)**

Dio, nella sua bontà e sapienza, si rivela all'uomo. Con eventi e parole rivela se stesso e il suo disegno di benevolenza, che ha prestabilito dall'eternità in Cristo a favore dell'umanità. Tale disegno consiste nel far partecipare, per la grazia dello Spirito Santo, tutti gli uomini alla vita divina, quali suoi figli adottivi nel suo unico Figlio.

**7. Quali sono le prime tappe della Rivelazione di Dio? (54-58; 70-71)**

Dio, fin dal principio, si manifesta ai progenitori, Adamo ed Eva, e li invita ad un'intima comunione con lui. Dopo la loro caduta, non interrompe la sua rivelazione e promette la salvezza per tutta la loro discendenza. Dopo il diluvio, stipula con Noè un'alleanza tra lui e tutti gli esseri viventi.

**8. Quali sono le tappe successive della Rivelazione di Dio? (59-64; 72)**

Dio sceglie Abram chiamandolo fuori del suo Paese per fare di lui «il padre di una moltitudine di popoli» (*Gn 17,5*), e promettendogli di benedire in lui «tutte le Nazioni della terra» (*Gn 12,3*). I discendenti di Abramo saranno i depositari delle promesse divine fatte ai patriarchi. Dio forma Israele come suo popolo di elezione, salvando lo dalla schiavitù dell'Egitto, conclude con lui l'Alleanza del Sinai e, per mezzo di Mosè, gli dà la sua Legge. I Profeti annunziano una radicale redenzione del popolo e una salvezza che includerà tutte le Nazioni in una Alleanza nuova ed eterna. Dal popolo d'Israele, dalla stirpe del re Davide nascerà il Messia: Gesù.

**9. Qual è la tappa piena e definitiva della Rivelazione di Dio? (65-66; 73)**

È quella attuata nel suo Verbo incarnato, Gesù Cristo, mediatore e pienezza della Rivelazione. Egli, essendo l'Unigenito Figlio di Dio fatto uomo, è la Parola perfetta e definitiva del Padre. Con l'invio del Figlio e il dono dello Spirito la Rivelazione è ormai pienamente compiuta, anche se nel corso dei secoli la fede della Chiesa dovrà coglierne gradualmente tutta la portata. «Dal momento in cui ci ha donato il Figlio suo, che è la sua unica e definitiva Parola, Dio ci ha detto tutto in una sola volta in questa Sua Parola e non ha più nulla da dire» (san Giovanni della Croce).

**10. Quale valore hanno le rivelazioni private? (67)** Pur non appartenendo al deposito della fede, esse possono aiutare a vivere la stessa fede, purché mantengano il loro stretto orientamento a Cristo. Il Magistero della Chiesa, cui spetta il discernimento di tali rivelazioni private, non può pertanto accettare quelle che pretendono di superare o correggere la Rivelazione definitiva che è Cristo.

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

**Entrance  
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. **Ref.**

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. **Ref.**



**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.

**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



**Communion:**

**Where There Is Charity and Love**

**Where there is charity and love,  
there the God of love abides.**



The love of Christ has gathered us as one,  
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;  
Let us revere and love the living God  
And love each other with unfeigning hearts. **Ref.**

And so when we are gathered here as one,  
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease  
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun  
And in our midst be Christ,  
his love and peace. **Ref.**

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace  
To where the blessed glory in your sight;  
There let us see and love you face to face,  
Gathered once more in everlasting light. **Ref.**

**Final Give thanks**

Give thanks  
with a grateful heart  
Give thanks  
to the Holy One  
Give thanks  
because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son  
(repeat)

And now  
let the weak say,  
"I am strong"  
Let the poor say,  
"I am rich"  
Because of what  
the Lord has done  
for us" (repeat)

Give thanks  
(give thanks) 2x  
Give thanks



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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> 3rd December 2016 (Vigil) Year "A" 2nd Sunday of Advent	<i>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."</i>	Ogni Sabato 10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne Street Carlton. <i>Si cercano volontari.</i>	6.00pm Nikolaj PREZELJ Antonija KOSMAC  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for Matthew Etienne &amp; Juan Esteban GONZALEZ VELDERRAMA Estelle CUCCHIARA Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 4th December 2016 2nd Sunday of Advent Year "A"	<i>"Convertitevi, perchè il regno dei cieli è vicino!"</i>	8.30am Rocco D'ALESSANDRI Dec. members of the REBESCHINI family	9.45am Rita CASSAR (2nd annv) 11.00am Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	<b>Baptism Celebration for Aidan GONCALVES Rafael RIO Congratulations!</b> 
Monday 5th December 2016 2nd week of Advent Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm Our God will come to save us!</i>	8.00am Netty RUSSO Special Intentions	9.15am	
Tuesday 6th December 2016 2nd week of Advent Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>	8.00am Netty RUSSO Special Intentions	9.15am Cristoforo FIORE Giuseppina CALANDRA	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 7th December 2016 S. Ambrogio, vescovo, dottore Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sei stato fedele, Signore, con il tuo servo. O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>	8.00am Frank CRANAGE Special Intentions	9.15am Festa di Sant'Ambrogio 7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Candle Mass in honour to the Immaculate Conception	7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Convent Chapel) Filipino Chaplaincy
Thursday 8th December 2016 Immaculate Conception BVM Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.</i>	8.00am <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Frank CRANAGE Special Intentions	9.15am <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	
Friday 9th December 2016 2nd week of Advent Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.</i>	8.00am Jacob PILMORE Special Intentions	9.15am Giuseppina CALANDRA	

**VIATOUR 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.**

**St. Patrick's Cathedral – 1 Cathedral Place E. Melb.**  
Christmas Sound Recital for Organ & Trumpet  
6.30pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 13 December 2016  
Musicians: Mr Anthony Halliday - Organ  
Mr Geoffrey Payne - Trumpet  
Admission \$20 (no concessions) children under 15-free  
Bookings not required.

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 10th & 11th Dec. 2016	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	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso	T. Toscano	
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	E. Mascia	Lucy & Lina Butera		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	M. Lauria	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016"**  
WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS. Envelopes are available in church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation by next Sunday. Thank you!  
**APPELLO NATALIZIO 2016**  
Buste della Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli per l'Appello Natalizio si trovano in chiesa. Vi preghiamo di prenderne una e portarla indietro con la vostra offerta domenica prossima Grazie!

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL**  
Next Weekend 10th & 11th December  
Since its inception by Cardinal Knox in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. 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**  
**Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 24 December**  
6.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)  
8.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)  
10.30-11.30pm Carols / Canti di Natale  
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)  
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual  
**Sunday / Domenica 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)  
Confessions / Confessioni  
**Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 24 December**  
5.00pm to 8.00pm

**PROGETTO CORELLI CONCERT, CLIFTON HILL: A SHADOW OF TIME** Next Saturday 10 December, 4pm St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill Phone: 0449 870 528

**48TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF READINGS, PRAYERS AND CAROLS ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**  
Friday 9 December, 7.30pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: FESTA DELLA MADONNA**  
Sunday 11 December, from 1.45pm  
St Monica's Church, 820 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. All are invited.

St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen Welcomes you to a very special Christmas concert a "PRESEPIO MUSICALE" To honour the birth of Christ and help with the recent earthquakes in Italy. Next Friday 9th December, 6.45pm St. Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen. Donation: \$20 pp For bookings: Oriella 9850 1819, Giorgio 0411 662 932 or Ines 9850 7324

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1st Collection \$500 - 00  
2nd Collection \$280 - 00  
Envelopes \$192 - 00

**LENTEN REFLECTION FROM CATHOLIC VOCATIONS**  
Week 2 4 December "GLORY" The coming of the Lord gives us a glimpse of glory in this world, and helps us on our pilgrimage to the next world. Where do I find these moments of 'glory' in my daily life? Please pray for more priests and religious who will help us to see the glory of the Lord in the sacraments and in ministering to each other.

Ingresso:	Offertorio:	Comunione: DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI	Fine:
<b>OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID</b>  <i>Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!</i>  Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno è il suo poter. <b>Rit.:</b>  O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. <b>Rit.:</b>  O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! <b>Rit.:</b> 	<b>VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI</b>  Vieni, Gesù, vieni, vieni in mezzo a noi E spezza ancora il pane come facesti un dì.  Vieni tu che preghi, vieni tu che soffri: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.  Vieni tu che piangi, vieni tu che servi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.  Vieni tu che canti, vieni tu che spera: il pane è sulla mensa manchi solo tu. 	Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui. <b>Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!</b> Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. <b>Rit.</b>  Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. <b>Rit.</b> Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. <b>Rit.</b> Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. <b>Rit.</b> Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. <b>Rit.</b> Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. <b>Rit.</b> Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: Resta con noi per sempre. <b>Rit.</b> 	<b>O BELLA REGINA</b>  O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all'Angiol t'inchini, ancella fedel.  <b>Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.</b>  Di grazia sei piena e t'ama il Signor; Tuo Figlio è Dio, uman Redentor.  O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò al mondo in peccato che egli salvò. 