

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

**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.*

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

**ENTRANCE**

**PRAISE MY SOUL  
THE KING OF HEAVEN**

Praise, my soul,  
the King of Heaven;  
To His feet Thy tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed,  
restored, forgiven,  
Ever more His praises sing;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace  
and favour,  
To his children in distress!  
Praise Him still  
the same as ever,  
Slow to chide,  
and swift to bless!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!

**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-  
**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 BEYOND THE  
MOON AND STARS**

*Beyond the moon and stars,  
as deep as night,  
so great our hunger,  
Lord, to see your light.  
The sparrow finds her home  
beneath your wing,  
so may we come to rest  
where angels sing.*  
Our eyes have long to see  
your loving face,  
to live within your courts  
for all our days (ref)  
Your roads have led us Lord,  
"cross desert sand  
We place our hopes and dreams  
within your hand (ref)  
Upon our darkness, Lord,  
a light has shone.  
You came to dwell with us  
in flesh and bone (ref)

**FINAL**

**COME, THOU LONG  
EXPECTED JESUS**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.



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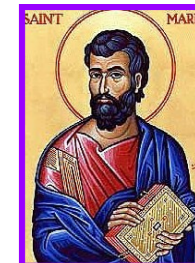
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

## Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Parish Community of St. Brigid and St. Mark

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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.*



**REJOICE, FULL OF GRACE:** In the liturgy of this second Sunday of advent the prophet Isaiah announces that from the stump of Jesse a shoot will come forth in whom the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon. Likewise, in the Gospel John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the

Lord making our paths straight. Advent is indeed a time of conversion and preparation striving to live in the grace of God.

Having in mind the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Mother becomes a great source of inspiration for this advent period. She was greeted by the angel as "full of grace" called to be the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. It was God's initiative to call her and it was her generosity and faith guiding her to say: "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done according to your word". Indeed, She is the model of our faith. As we look at our mother as an example to follow, we thank her for her faith, courage and obedience. These virtues can become for us an advent journey as we trust in the plan of God for us and respond with generosity to his will. Our Mother said yes to the calling. Are we ready to say yes to the coming our Jesus Christ in our lives? Advent is an opportunity we have to say: behold the servants of the Lord.

**RALLEGRATI, PIENA DI GRAZIA:** Nella Liturgia della seconda Domenica di avvento il profeta Isaia continua a descrivere l'Emmanuele che verrà come un germoglio dal tronco di Jesse pieno dello Spirito Santo. Nel Vangelo, Giovanni il Battista ci chiede conversione: "preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri". L'invito a vivere una vita di grazia diventa una sfida di avvento.

Avendo in mente la solennità della Immacolata Concezione, la nostra Madre del Cielo diventa fonte di grande ispirazione per questo tempo di avvento. Maria viene salutata dall'Angelo come «piena di grazia». «Hai trovato grazia presso Dio». Dio colma Maria del suo favore chiamandola a diventare madre di suo Figlio. L'iniziativa è di Dio. È lui che l'ha scelta e preparata per questa vocazione che ora le propone. Maria resta turbata, fa le sue domande, vuole discernere prima di dare il suo assenso. Cerca di capire quanto può, poi si arrende, si getta in questa avventura che Dio le propone, perché crede che «nulla è impossibile a Dio». Dio sarà davvero con lei e compirà in lei e per mezzo suo le sue meraviglie. Maria si abbandona a Dio, piena di fiducia e dà una risposta fervorosa: "Sono la serva del Signore, avvenga di me quello che hai detto". Ecco una grande ispirazione per questo tempo d'avvento. L'esempio della nostra madre ci chiede di aprirci alla volontà di Dio con fiducia e generosità. Possiamo dire anche noi: Eccoci i servi del Signore?



**Prayer: Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

*Almighty and loving God, You Who dwell within our hearts at every waking moment, keep us always close to You. Help us to recognize and appreciate the gifts and talents You have given us. Teach us to use our energies for the good of others and the glory of Your Son Jesus, Whose promise is too precious to ignore. Keep our hearts and minds ever alert to Your personal and loving Touch in every prayer, in every act of worship. Amen.*

**ST. BRIGID'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE: A 20 Day Pilgrimage Journey to the Holy Land and Rome organized by Fr. Delmar departing Sunday 11th May 2014. Brochures available at the entrance to the church. If interested please see Fr. Delmar or ring the parish office. (Limited places available)**

**PELLEGRINAGGIO PARROCCHIALE: Partenza domenica 11 maggio 2014 per un Pellegrinaggio di 20 giorni visitando i luoghi di Gesù nella Terra Santa e Roma organizzato da Padre Delmar Silva. Brochure con tutti I dettagli ottenibili all'entrata della chiesa, se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Delmar o telefonate in ufficio. (Posti limitati)**



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## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY SABATO</b> 7th December 2013 Year "A"	"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."	<b>Baptism Celebrations for Raiquen Alborida</b> Dean Carri Julius Alleri Diego Molina - Ramos <b>Congratulations!</b>	6.00pm  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Wedding Celebrations for Monica CORDINA &amp; Christian MAGLIOLO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY-DOMENICA</b> 8th December 2013 Year "A" Second Sunday of Advent	"Convertitevi, perchè il regno dei cieli è vicino!"	8.30am 	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am In Onore della Immacolata Concezione Flora PETRINI (1st annv) Giovanni DI FRANCO Giovanni VIGLIAROLO Alfredo BERNAR	<b>Wedding Celebrations for Abbey BAUTISTA &amp; Eddie TRINH</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Monday/Lunedì Immaculate Conception 9th December 2013 Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wonderful deeds.</i>	8.am 	9.15am Giuseppina Maria CALANDRA	<b>7.30pm CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE</b> In Church  <b>PROVE DI CANTI PER IL SANTO NATALE</b> In Chiesa
Tuesday/Martedì 2nd week of Advent 10th December 2013 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>The Lord our God come in strength.</i>	8.00am Armando REBESCO	9.15am	
Wednesday / Mercoledì 2nd week of Advent 11th December 2013 Is 25:6-10 Mt 15:29-37	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.</i>	8.00am Mary Elizabeth BROWN	9.15am End of year special celebration Mass for the Italian Charismatic Prayer Group. Everyone welcome!	<b>Il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico chiude l'anno con la celebrazione della Santa Messa alle 9.15 am. Tutti benvenuti.</b>
Thursday/Giovedì 2nd week of Advent 12th December 2013 Is 40: 25-31; Mt 11:11-15	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger; and rich in compassion.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì Santa Lucia - St. Lucy 13th December 2013 Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Sei tu, Signore, il nostro rifugio.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Mario MICHELI <i>(In ricordo del suo 85° compleanno)</i>	

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 14th & 15th Dec. 2013	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	J. Perrett	M. O'Reilly	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	J. Smith	P. La Marca	G. De Bellis / J. Vaccari		
II Reading	Volunteer	R. Simoncini	R. Kircher	A. Bernar	D. Polla / C. Pitisano		

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**"CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2013"**  
WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS. Envelopes are available in the church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation by Next Sunday. Thank you!

**APPELLO NATALIZIO**  
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!

**PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI**  
*(Messa di mezzanotte)*  
Questo lunedì 9 Dicembre alle 7.30pm in chiesa con P. Raffaele. Tutti benvenuti.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE**  
*(Midnight Mass)*  
This Monday 9th December at 7.30pm in church with Fr. Raffaele Everyone welcome.

Carols in the Cathedral  
Friday 13 December 2013 8.30pm  
The Tudor Choristers present their annual Christmas concert, featuring a selection of traditional and less well-known carols from across the centuries.  
**Cost:** \$30 full, \$20 concession, \$60 family  
**Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.  
**More info:** <http://tudorchoristers.org.au/>

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE**  
**ORARIO DELLE MESSE DI NATALE**  
**Tuesday / Martedì Dicembre 24 December**  
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)  
8.30pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)  
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)  
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual  
**Wednesday / Mercoledì 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 - LOTTERIA NATALIZIA**  
Tickets are available after mass for the parish Christmas Raffle. There are two beautiful hampers. Cost \$1-00 per ticket. The draw will take place Sunday 22nd December after 11am mass.

Biglietti per la lotteria natalizia sono in vendita oggi dopo le Sante Messe. In palio due bellissimi e ricchi cestini. Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà domenica 22 dicembre dopo la messa delle 11am.



**Melbourne Overseas Missions**  
Annual Appeal will take place THIS Weekend 7th & 8th December 2013.  
Envelopes available at all Masses. Please give generously.

**Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response.**  
Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and caused significant damage in Vietnam and China. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines. Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets. Give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. To donate: Call the Melbourne Office (03) 9926 5706 or 1800 024 413, donate online at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or send your donation to Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002 or GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City. If anyone wishes to donate through the parish you can do so and we will send the money in to Caritas.

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

1 Collection	\$ 550 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 314 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 248 - 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. *Rit.*

**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.