

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia. (Acts 1:11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R./**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R./**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (1:17-23)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which is accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the close of the age. **Alleluia!** (Mt 28:19-20)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (28:16-20)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Entrance: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory,
great things He hath done,
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory;
great things He hath done.**

Oh, perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives. **(Ref)**

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see. **(Ref)**

Offertory:

TAKE AND RECEIVE

Take and receive,
O Lord, my liberty
Take all my will,
my mind, my memory
All things I hold
and all I own are Thine
Thine was the gift,
to Thee I all resign

Do Thou direct
and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt,
command, and I obey
Only Thy grace,
Thy love on me bestow
These make me rich,
all else will I forego.



Communion:

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words
in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face
of God and live.

**Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side, know that
I am with you through it all. **Ref.**

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult
and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! **Ref.**

Final:

BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His son,
they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
my Savior lives!

**Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives,
all fear is gone;
Because I know
He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**

And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death
gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know He lives!

**Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives,
all fear is gone;
Because I know
He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**



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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.*

L'ASCENSIONE: L'Ascensione è parte cruciale del messaggio e la missione di Cristo. Il Risorto ricorda ai discepoli che Lui è venuto per offrirvi vita in abbondanza. Le sue sofferenze, morte e risurrezione sono fonte di vita eterna. Nel Risorto c'è vita per sempre. Lui lascia una missione ai suoi discepoli. Lui chiede loro di diventare testimoni della Buona Novella. Ci lascia pure un grande aiuto: la forza dello Spirito Santo. Da soli non è possibile continuare la missione di Gesù. La promessa è che saranno vestiti col potere dall'alto. Loro devono andare a "tutte le nazione" come testimoni della nuova vita. Per questo diciamo che nel mistero dell'Ascensione troviamo la grande sfida missionaria della Chiesa: Il messaggio di salvezza deve essere trasmesso al mondo attraverso la nostra testimonianza della Buona novella. Oggi, quando la Chiesa ci ricorda la nostra missione e ci incoraggia per riprenderla con rinnovato entusiasmo, chiediamo la grazia di rimanere vicino a Gesù Cristo. Rinnoviamo il nostro compromesso della preghiera odierna. Rinnoviamo il desiderio di meditare la Parola di Dio e lasciarci guidare da essa. Rinnoviamo la voglia di rimanere vicini a Gesù nei sacramenti. Il Signore ci manda oggi come missionari nel mondo così come ha inviato i suoi discepoli più di duemila anni fa. Questo con la certezza che il Signore è fedele e rimarrà con noi: "io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo". Dunque, l'Ascensione non è essere lasciati orfani, invece si tratta di rimanere col Risorto nei nostri cuori e di portarlo dovunque noi andiamo. Non è una dipartita ma l'inizio di una nuova presenza nella nostra vita con la sfida di portare la missione di Gesù a tutto il mondo. Perché state a guardare il cielo? Diamoci da fare.



THE ASCENSION: The Ascension is a crucial part of Christ's message and mission. He reminds his Apostles that he had come to earth in order to offer life in abundance. His suffering, death, and resurrection are source of eternal life. In the Risen Lord there is Life. He also gives his followers a mission. He calls upon them to be witness of the good news. He even promises the help of the Holy Spirit. They will not be able to carry out their witness all by themselves, they will need the Holy Spirit, and so he promises that at Pentecost they will be "clothed with power from on high." They are to go to "all the nations" as Christ's witnesses. So, in the Ascension of our Lord, we come face to face with the missionary challenge of the Church: Christ's saving message being transmitted to all people through our witnessing to the Good News. Today, as the Church reminds us of our mission and encourages us to take it

up with renewed enthusiasm, let's renew our commitment to stay close to Christ. Let's renew our commitment to daily, heartfelt prayer. Let's renew our commitment to never stop studying the treasure of the Holy Scriptures. Let's renew our commitment to make frequent and sincere use of the sacraments. On Ascension Day, Christ is sending us out into today's world to be his witnesses, just as he sent out his Apostles more than two thousand years ago. The assurance is that The Risen Lord will remain with us always: "I am with you always, until the end of times". The Ascension therefore is not being left orphans, it is about remaining with the Risen Lord in our hearts. It is not a departure but the beginning of a new presence in our hearts challenging us to continue Jesus' mission in the world. Why are you standing there looking at the sky? Let us begin doing something.



FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA In Ricorrenza del 68mo ANNIVERSARIO DELLA FONDAZIONE

Auguri e benvenuti a tutti a questa celebrazione della Santa Messa in ricorrenza del 68mo Anniversario Della Fondazione Della Repubblica Italiana

PREGHIERA AL BEATO GIOVANNI BATTISTA SCALABRINI

O Beato Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, missionario della Parola, ministro dell'Eucaristia e della Chiesa, uomo di carità e di comunione, figlio devotissimo di Maria, apostolo del catechismo e padre dei migranti, ricorriamo alla tua intercessione per ottenere la benedizione di Dio su noi e sui nostri cari, su coloro che vivono i disagi delle migrazioni e sull'intera umanità. Ottienici dalla Santissima Trinità la grazia che con fiducia ti chiediamo. Amen.



PRAYER TO BLESSED JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI

O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism and father to the migrants, we rely on your intercession to receive God's blessing on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace.....that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia. (Mt 28:20)



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Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 31st May 2014 Year "A" (Vigil) THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	<i>"I am with you always, to the close of the age."</i>	Baptism Celebrations for Margaux CALDERON Congratulations!	6.00pm Antonietta FABRIS 7.00pm Spanish Mass	3pm Filipino Community Celebrations in Church Flores De Mayo Fr. Joselito Asis
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 1st June 2014 Year "A" THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 	<i>"Ecco io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo"</i>	8.30am Rocco D'ALESSANDRI	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Ascenzina PETRUCCI Eida DALLA ZUANNA Giovanni VIGLIAROLO Filomena CALABRÒ Antonino e Giuseppa CALABRÒ Maria CHIRICOSTA	SANTA MESSA PER LA FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA 
Monday of the 7th week of Easter Lunedì 6a settimana di Pasqua 2nd June 2014 Acts 19- 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA	
Tuesday / Martedì 3rd June 2014 St. Charles Lwanga & Comp. mart. Acts 20: 17 -27; Jn 17: 1-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Charles Lwanga & Companions	9.15am In honour to St. Charles Lwanga & Companions	
Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter Mercoledì 7a settimana di Pasqua 4th June 2014 Acts 20: 28- 38; Jn 17: 11-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm. La potenza di Dio è l'amore. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA 7.30pm Angelo TRICARICO 1 ^{mt}	Dopo la S. Messa delle 9.15am segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico.
Thursday/ Giovedì 5th June 2014 St. Boniface, bishop, martyr Acts 22: 30, 23:6-11; Jn 17: 20-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm Keep me safe O God: you are my hope.</i>	8.00am In honour to St. Boniface	9.15am In honour to St. Boniface	
Friday of the 7th week of Easter Venerdì 7a settimana di Pasqua 6th June 2014 Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm Il tuo regno, Signore si estende al mondo intero The Lord has set his throne in heaven.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Cristoforo FIORE 7.30pm First Friday Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for: Hannah LAMONT & Dean LONEY Congratulations! 

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777 Fax: (03) 9489-9926	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0411 206 858	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS Tel: 0419 392 343 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0410 001 462	Chaplain Fr. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0404 261 228

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Liturgy of the Word 7th & 8th June 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	L. Murphy	Sisters of Charity	E. Mascia	N. Ieraci/G. Moretti	M. Alessi	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	J. Perrett	Sisters of Charity	L. Colosimo	Capodanno Family		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Sisters of Charity	M. Lauria	Colosimo Family		

We warmly welcome back Fr. Delmar and the pilgrimage group from the Holy Land and Rome. We trust they have had a wonderful spiritual experience.

SANTA MESSA IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DELLE GRAZIE
Sabato prossimo 7 Giugno qui a Santa Brigida alle ore 4.00pm.
Celebrante: Padre Delmar Silva, cs
Eseguirà i canti il coro di Sant'Antonio.
Tutti benvenuti.

Today Sunday 1st June
during the Eucharist celebration we will join in prayer with the Scalabrinian Missionaries in gratitude to our loving God for their founder **Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini**

Oggi Domenica 1° giugno, durante la celebrazione dell'Eucaristia ci uniamo in preghiera con i Missionari Scalabriniani in gratitudine a Dio per il loro fondatore **Benedetto Giovanni Battista Scalabrini**

PENTECOST VIGIL
The Spanish Community will hold a Pentecost Vigil NEXT Saturday 7th June with the 7.00pm Mass followed by vigil with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.30pm with prayers and songs.

Domenica prossima 8 Giugno celebrazioni in onore della **Madonna Della Portella** durante la Santa Messa delle 11.00am. Tutti i devoti sono invitati a partecipare.

St. Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL This year the appeal is held the **WEEKEND of the 28th/29th June 2014**

The Society is asking for non perishable food, canned groceries, pasta, rice, oil, etc. There are boxes at the entrance to the church and also envelopes for your cash donation. **Your "GIVING" makes the difference to the needy.**

Società San Vincenzo de Paoli "WINTER APPEAL" Quest'anno l'Appello sarà tenuto il **WEEKEND 28/29 giugno 2014**

La Società ha bisogno di cibo in scatola non deperibile, pasta, riso, olio, etc. Potete depositare i vostri doni all'ingresso della chiesa. Troverete anche delle buste per la vostra offerta. **Il vostro "DARE" fa la differenza ai più bisognosi.**

ONE Pentecost - Sunday 8 June, 5pm
Join us for Pentecost Mass celebrated by Fr Ken Maker MGL, Founder of the Missionaries of God's Love. A Youth Worship Rally featuring songwriter, author and leader of *emmanuelworship*, Pat Keady will follow.
Cost: \$10 (for youth worship rally)
Where: St Brigid's 78 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North (parking on site)
Contact: onespiritaustralia@gmail.com

Next Sunday 8th June, the Spanish Community will celebrate the Feast in honour to "**Virgen Del Rocio (The Virgin of the Dew - Vergine della Rugiada)**" with a Mass at 2.00pm here at St. Brigid's celebrated by Fr. Luciano Toldo. All welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th June at 6.00pm** in the Welcome In Room. Interested parishioners most welcome.

Pope Francis' Vision of Faith Part of the ACU Pope Francis Conference Tuesday 1 July, 7pm - 9pm
An evening forum of the Engaging the World: Living the Gospel Conference. All welcome.
Where: Australian Catholic University Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy, Melbourne **Registration & more info:** www.acu.edu.au/popefrancis
Contact: 02 9701 4176 or iace@acu.edu.au

Relics of St Anthony of Padua Thursday 19 June, 9:30am - 7pm
Fr Mario Conte OFM Conv, from the Messenger of St Anthony in Padua, is visiting with the major relics of St Anthony. Mass will be held at 9:30am. Veneration of the relics will then take place all day. Evening Mass at 7pm will conclude with novena prayers and the blessing of St Anthony bread.

Where: St Joseph's Parish, Springvale (corner Buckingham Ave & St James Ave).
Contact: Parish Office 9547 4877.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$ 629 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 374 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 237 - 00

Canto:
Signore pietà (Buttazzo)
Signore, che sei venuto a perdonare, abbi pietà di noi, abbi pietà di noi.
Signore pietà, Signore pietà.

Cristo, che fai festa per chi ritorna a te, abbi pietà di noi, abbi pietà di noi.
Cristo pietà, Cristo pietà.

Signore, che perdoni molto a chi molto ama, abbi pietà di noi, abbi pietà di noi.
Signore pietà, Signore pietà.



Canto:
Gloria (Buttazzo)
Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli, pace in terra agli uomini.
Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli, pace in terra agli uomini.

Ti lodiamo, ti benediciamo, Ti adoriamo, ti glorifichiamo, Ti rendiamo grazie per la tua gloria immensa.
Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli....

Signore Dio, Re del Cielo, Dio padre onnipotente. Gesù Cristo, Agnello di Dio, tu, Figlio del Padre.



Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli....
Tu che togli i peccati del mondo la nostra supplica ascolta, Signore. Tu che siedi alla destra del Padre, Abbi pietà di noi.
Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli....
Tu solo il Santo, Tu solo il Signore tu, l'Altissimo, Gesù Cristo Con lo Spirito Santo Nella Gloria del Padre.
Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli....

