

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:

Response: 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/**

ENTRANCE:
Come with Praise



Refrain:
**Come with Praise
People of God
Come with your hearts
thanksgiving
Sing for joy,
house of the Lord
Sing of your bounteous
blessing.**

Come you poor of the land
All who live with hearts of hunger
Come and taste
the love of the Lord
And you will be filled. *(ref.)*

Come you captives of fear
All who bear the yoke of hatred
God has heard
the cry of your soul
And broken your chains. *(ref.)*

OFFERTORY:
Take our Bread



**Take our bread,
we ask you,
Take our hearts,
we love you,
Take our lives, oh 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 signs
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)

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 Luke (24:46-53)
Jesus said to his disciples, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

COMMUNION:

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send? *(Ref)*

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send? *(Ref)*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied
.I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send? *(Ref)*



FINAL: Go tell everyone

God's spirit is in my heart
He has called me
and set me apart
This is what I have to do
What I have to do

Refrain:
**He sent me to give
the good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are
prisoners no more
Tell blind people
that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone
The news that the
kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone
The news that God's
kingdom has come**

Just as the Father sent me
So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses
throughout the world
The whole of the world *(Ref)*



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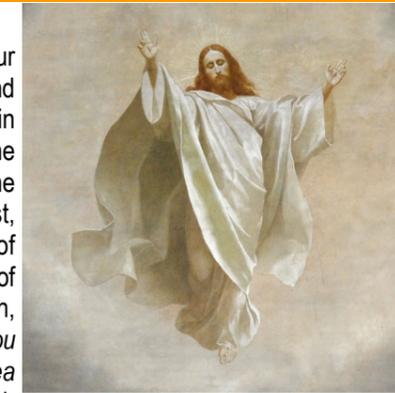


*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

Sent to be witnesses

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. His life on earth in his physical and glorified state is completed. He will be seen again when he will come in glory at the end of time. The Ascension of the Lord was a defining moment in the lives of the Apostles. Ten days later, at Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, they began the mission of being witnesses of the person and saving mission of Jesus. As Jesus was about to "depart" from this earth, he commissioned his apostles with these words: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" to preach repentance and the good news of salvation by believing in Jesus resurrected. It is interesting to know that the word for witness in Greek is "martyr". All the apostles witnessed to Christ to the point of martyrdom, following the example of Jesus. The Disciples of Jesus were commissioned to be living witnesses of his life, teaching, death, resurrection and ascension. So are we, by reason of our baptism. The second Vatican Council pointed this out in the document on the Constitution of the Church: "Each lay person must stand before the world as a witness to the resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and as a sign that God lives. As a group and as individuals, the laity must do their part to nourish the word with spiritual fruits, and to spread it abroad" (n.38). All this means that to witness to Christ is to take risks as the first disciples did. The person who is unwilling to take risks has forfeited freedom.

Janet Rand wrote: *To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out to another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk to exposing your true self. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To try is to risk failure. To hope is to risk despair.* Enslaved by fears, the person who risks nothing does nothing – doesn't change, doesn't grow, doesn't love! We take comfort in today's second reading: "Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for He who made the promise is trustworthy".



Mandati a testimoniare Gesù.

L'Ascensione di Gesù come descritta da S. Luca nel Vangelo presenta il momento finale della missione di Gesù in terra, mentre negli Atti degli Apostoli lo stesso S. Luca la presenta come l'inizio della missione degli Apostoli e della Chiesa. Quel Gesù con il quale i discepoli hanno "mangiato e bevuto" continua la sua permanenza invisibile nella Chiesa secondo le sue stesse parole: "Ecco io sono con voi tutti i giorni sino alla fine del mondo". In questa realtà la Chiesa è chiamata a continuare la missione e la predicazione di Cristo,

annunciare il Regno di Dio e rendere testimonianza al mistero della salvezza operata da Cristo. Dalla Ascensione prende via nella Chiesa un dinamismo universale e missionario di salvezza che sarà animato dallo Spirito Santo. I credenti, consapevoli di aver ricevuto un potere divino e un messaggio di salvezza, sono pieni di slancio missionario e di gioia pasquale nel farsi nel mondo testimoni di una nuova vita realizzata in fedeltà alla vita di Cristo.

Nei nostri tempi il Signore è presente in forma sacramentale e nella riunione comunitaria. L'assemblea che si riunisce in preghiera e ascolto della parola, è già una testimonianza e un annuncio del Signore Gesù : egli è presente con la Parola e l'Eucarestia. La parola proclamata suscita la risposta di fede. La celebrazione eucaristica realizza la presenza di Cristo come Capo-Guida-Sostegno dei suoi fedeli. La sua presenza in noi e tra noi è pegno che noi partecipiamo già con Gesù alla vita presso il Padre. Una assemblea liturgica che celebra con sincera adesione questi aspetti del mistero, diventa testimonianza viva dell'azione di Cristo nella sua Chiesa e dell'umanità nuova da lui inaugurata con la sua "ascensione" presso il Padre.

Mother's Day



St. Brigid's Community wishes to extend to all mothers best wishes for their important role in the family. We owe you gratitude for the life we enjoy and the love with which you shaped our person. For such great gift we thank you with a little prayer that God may fill your heart with joy. Happy Mother's Day!

La Comunita' di S. Brigida desidera esprimere a tutte le mamme i migliori auguri per il vostro compito importante nella famiglia. A voi dobbiamo il dono della vita e l'amore che ci ha formati . Per questo grande dono vi ringraziamo con una umile preghiera che il Signore riempia il vostro cuore di gioia. Buona Festa!

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 2016 Next Sunday 15 May The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will conduct the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains in hospitals, prisons, youth detention centres and seafarers. The Appeal will be held in parishes on or around Sunday 15 May. Chaplaincy Sunday, in this Year of Mercy, is an opportunity for all of us to commit ourselves to the words of Pope Francis: 'The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel'. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to families facing illness, pain, grief and death.



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 7th May 2016 Year "C" (Vigil) THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	<i>"I send the promise of my Father upon you"</i>	Ogni Sabato 10.30am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Kian Hartley CASTILLO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY 8th May 2016 Year "C" THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	<i>"Io mando su di voi colui che il Padre mio ha promesso"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am The Ascension of Our Lord 11.00am (Vedere elenco)	2.30pm Feast of St. Peregrine 
Monday of the 7th week of Easter 9th May 2016 Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Giuseppina CALANDRA 7.30pm Maria Antonietta D'ALESSANDRI (1st ann.)	
Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter 10th May 2016 Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	6.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Welcome In Room
Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter 11th May 2016 Mercoledì della 7a settimana di Pasqua Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm. La potenza di Dio è l'amore.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Dopo la S. Messa segue il gruppo di Preghiera. Maria MONACO (55th annv.) 11.00 am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for the late Sileno MATTIUZZI	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sileno Mattiuzzi. May the Lord of mercy grant him eternal rest and give peace and comfort to his loved ones.</i>
Thursday of the 7th week of Easter 12th May 2016 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	9.15am	
Friday of the 7th week of Easter 13th May 2016 Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21: 15-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord has set his throne in heaven.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Lord, Bless my Mother:
her silent sacrifices and her joys,
her tears and her smiles, her toils and
her rest. Keep her close to Your heart,
So that in following her example I may
love You in my journey through life.
Amen.*



PREGHIERA ALLA MAMMA
*Signora, benedici la mia mamma:
i suoi sacrifici e le sue gioie,
le sue lacrime e i suoi sorrisi, il suo
sudore e il suo riposo.
Tienila stretta, vicina al Tuo cuore,
cosicché anch'io seguendo il suo esempio,
possa amare Te nel cammino della vita.
Amen.*

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 14th & 15th May 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	Lina Butera	L. Colosimo	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Lucy Butera	E. Mascia	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	A. Smyth	M. Lauria	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		



11.00am Intenzioni

Franco ZAFFINO
Domenico e Assunta ZAFFINO
Rachele COLOSIMO - Veneranda RUSSO
Grazia CAPITO - Vincenza STRANO
Pina CARBONE - Maria BANDIERA
Giuseppe BANDIERA
Domenica BELLISSIMO
Ascenzina PETRUCCI - Irene PALOMBO
Giovannina MARINELLI
Maria e Giuseppina FRATANGELO
Maria e Vittoria FERRANTE
E per tutte le mamme defunte.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY

You are all invited to come to St. Brigid's Church on Saturday 21st May, 2016 at 2.00pm for a Musical Tribute to Our Lady presented by various multicultural communities. **Free entry.**
TRIBUTO MUSICALE ALLA MADONNA
Siete tutti invitati nella Chiesa di Santa Brigida, Sabato 21 Maggio, 2016 alle 2.00pm per un Tributo Musicale in onore alla nostra Madre celeste presentato da diverse comunità multiculturali. **Entrata gratis.**



MAY - MONTH OF MARY: We are all invited and encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary in honour to our mother Mary before or after Mass, or in our own homes with members of our family.
MAGGIO - MESE DI MARIA: Siamo tutti invitati ed incoraggiati a recitare il S. Rosario in onore alla nostra Madre Celeste in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa, oppure in casa insieme alla nostra famiglia.

Triduum to Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini

Wednesday 1st June 7.30pm Mass (Filipino)
Thursday 2nd June 7.30pm Mass (Italian)
Friday 3rd June 7.30pm (Spanish)
Concluding Saturday 4th June with a concelebrated Mass at 10.30am
After the multicultural Mass there will be a get together in the hall to share our friendship and some refreshments. All invited.

FEAST IN HONOUR TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Portuguese Community invites everyone to come and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima in Melbourne next weekend 14th & 15th May in St. Mark's Church, 543 Lygon St. Nth. Carlton
Saturday 7.00pm Mass and Procession
Sunday 10.00am Mass and Procession

PENTECOST VIGIL - INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Next Saturday starting with the 7.00pm Spanish Mass here in St. Brigid's. All invited.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$ 540 - 00
2 Collection \$ 380 - 00
Envelopes \$ 239 - 00

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS and their families.

Sunday 5th June 2016, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.
The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition. Registrations close Friday 27 May 2016 Reg. www.cam.org.au/ lifemarriagefamily or lmf@cam.org.au Details: 9287 5587

PENTECOST 2016: 'AWAKEN'

Next Sunday 15 May, 3-7pm St Brigid's Church and hall, 378 Nicholson St, Nth Fitzroy
All are invited to this special gathering of the Catholic Church in Melbourne! Join us at one of Melbourne's Shrines of Mercy, where Bishop Mark Edwards will celebrate mass followed by a BBQ and concert featuring music by ONE Worship and inspiring preaching from Tim Kirk. This event is open to people of all ages! 3pm: Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards; 4.30pm: food and festivities; 6pm: Pentecost rally (live music and preaching).
Details: team@onespiritaustralia.org

Canto D'Ingresso TERRA TUTTA <i>Terra tutta, dá lode a Dio</i> Canta al tuo Signore Servite Dio nell'allegrezza, con canti di gioia andate a Lui. Rit. Poiché il Signore é nostro Dio, da lui siamo creati, e siamo suoi. Rit. Noi siamo il gregge che egli pasce, Il popolo suo; gloria al Signor. Rit. Gloria al Signore, Padre e Figlio, e Spirito Santo. Lode al Signor. Rit.	Canto D'Offertorio UNA SPIGA DORATA <i>Una spiga dorata dal sol</i> Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor. Comunione formiamo insiem, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor, Dio ci fa eucharistia nell'amor. Come grano che forma il pan, Come note tessute nel cantar, Come gocce raccolte tra le sponde del mar. I cristiani un solo corpo formeran. Una spiga dorata dal sol Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor.	Canto di Comunione DOV'É CARITÀ E AMORE <i>Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio</i> Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore: godiamo esultanti nel Signore! Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente, e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero. Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo: evitiamo di dividerci tra noi: via le lotte maligne, via le liti, e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio. Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte e dall'ombra della morte non risorge; ma se noi camminiamo nell'amore, noi saremo veri figli della luce. Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra.	Canto Finale MIRA IL TUO POPOLO Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora, che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora. Anchio festevole corro ai tuoi pie' O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me. Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore Porta e rifugio del peccatore. Tesori e grazie racchiude in sé. O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me. In questa misera valle infelice, tutti t'invocano: Soccorritrice. Questo bel titolo conviene a te. O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.
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