

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." **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.

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.**

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



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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.

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.



L'ASCENSIONE: L'Ascensione è parte cruciale del messaggio e la missione di Cristo. Il Risorto ricorda ai discepoli che Lui è venuto per offrirci 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 vicini 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.

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.

Refrain:

**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.**

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:

Blessed are you Lord

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.
Ref.

Communion:

Be Thou my Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sov'reign of heaven my treasure thou art

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection \$615 - 00
2nd Collection \$ 320 - 00
Envelopes \$ 172 - 00

Thank you

Final:

Bring forth the Kingdom

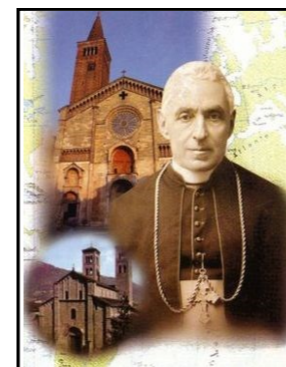
You are salt for the earth,
O people,
salt for the city of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the kingdom
of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom
of peace.**

**Bring forth the kingdom
of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

You are a seed of the word,
O people,
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy
and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the kingdom
of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom
of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom
of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**



BEATO GIOVANNI BATTISTA SCALABRINI

Next Sunday 4th June 2017 St. Luke's Church, 1A David St. Lalor






We are all invited to join in prayer with the Scalabrinian Missionaries in gratitude to our loving God for their founder **Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini during the 6.00pm Eucharist celebration.**

Light refreshments will follow.

Domenica prossima 4 giugno, nella Chiesa di San Luca, 1A David St. Lalor
siamo tutti invitati ad unirci in preghiera con i Missionari Scalabriniani in gratitudine a Dio per il loro fondatore **Benedetto Giovanni Battista Scalabrini** durante la celebrazione Eucaristica alle 6.00pm.
Seguirá un rinfresco.



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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 27th May 2017 Year "A" The ASCENSION of the LORD "VIGIL"	<i>"I am with you always, to the close of the age."</i> 	10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton.	2.30pm Flores de Mayo Celebrations organized by the Filipino Chaplaincy 4.15pm S. Messa in Onore della Madonna Delle Grazie 6.00pm Virginia e Mario PERTILE 7.00pm Mass in Spanish	Baptism Celebration for Daniel & Matthew PERDOMO TRIANA Wedding Celebration for Rita FASONE & Francesco CATALANO Congratulations!
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 28th May 2017 Year "A" The ASCENSION of the LORD	<i>"Ecco io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Antonio PETRUCCI Ascenzina PETRUCCI 3.00pm Spanish Community Celebration in honour to Virgen Del Rocio" (The Virgin of the Dew) 	Wedding Celebration for Con FROSSYNOS & Natasha WILLIAMS Congratulations!
Monday of the 7th week of Easter - 29th May 2017 Lunedì 7a settimana di Pasqua Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA	7.30pm Baptism Preparation in the church. Parents and God parents invited to attend.
Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter - 30th May 2017 Martedì 7a settimana di Pasqua Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Nicoletta & Ermanno IEZZI Giuseppe MACCARONE	
Wednesday/ Mercoledì 31st May 2017 La Visitazione di Maria The Visitation of the BVM Zeph 3:14-18 Lk 1:39-56	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>La tua visita, Signore, ci colma di gioia.</i> <i>Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.</i>	8.00am Feast of the Visitation	9.15am Feast of the Visitation 	
Thursday/Giovedì 1st June 2017 St. Justin, martyr Acts 22:30, 23:6-11: Jn 17:20-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.</i>	8.00am Feast of St. Justin	9.15am Feast of St. Justin Ascenzina PETRUCCI 	
Friday of the 7th week of Easter - 2nd June 2017 Venerdì 7a settimana di Pasqua Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord has set his throne in heaven.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 	
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Liturgy of the Word 3rd & 4th June 2017	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	Children	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni/M. Villani		
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Children	P. La Marca	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	R. Simoncini	Children	T. Toscano	Lauria Family		



La comunità di Santa Brigida dà un caro benvenuto a tutti i devoti della Madonna Delle Grazie



MAGGIO - MESE DI MARIA:
Siamo tutti invitati a recitare Il S. Rosario in onore alla Nostra Madre Celeste

MAY - MONTH OF MARY:
We are all invited to pray the Holy Rosary in honour to our Mother Mary.

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal was held last weekend. If you took an envelope home, please bring it back with your donation as soon as possible.
Total donated \$220

Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach – A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 03 5987 2692

Canto D'Ingresso

NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE

Noi canteremo gloria a Te,
Padre che dai la vita,
Dio d'immensa carità,
Trinità infinita.

Tutto il creato vive in Te,
segno della tua gloria;
tutta la storia ti darà
onore e vittoria.

La tua Parola venne a noi,
annuncio del tuo dono;
la tua Promessa porterà
salvezza e perdono

Cristo il Padre rivelò,
per noi aprì il suo cielo;
egli un giorno tornerà
glorioso, nel suo regno.

Canto D'Offertorio

O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO

O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo pane;
è il frutto della terra
e dell'uomo che lavora.
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;
questo pane che mangiamo
è un dono del tuo amore
è un segno di bontà.

O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo vino:
è il frutto della vite
e dell'uomo che lavora
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;
questo vino che beviamo
è un dono del tuo amore
è un segno di bontà.

Canto di Comunione

TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE

Ti ringrazio, o mio Signore,
per le cose che sono nel mondo,
per la vita che tu mi hai donato,
per l'amore che tu nutri per me.

Alleluia, O mio Signore!
Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo!
Alleluia, O mio Signore!
Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!

Come il pane che abbiamo spezzato
Era sparso in grano sui colli,
così unisci noi, sparsi nel mondo,
in un Corpo che sia solo per te. *Rit.*

Quell'amore che unisce te al Padre
Sia la forza che unisce i fratelli
ed il mondo conosca la pace:
la tua gioia regni sempre tra noi. *Rit*

PLEASE NOTE!
CONFIRMATIONS Sunday 11th June the will be only ONE combined mass at 10.30am. Main celebrant: Bishop Terence Curtin.
CRESIME Domenica 11 Giugno ci sarà soltanto un UNICA messa alle 10.30am.
Celebrante principale: Vescovo Terence Curtin.

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE 2017
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When Life is Ending – Discussing Dying, Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia
The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. To help inform parishioners about the key issues involved, Archbishop Hart recently launched a resource titled – *When Life is Ending*. Written by a religious sister who is also a GP and bioethicist, it seeks provide information that will be helpful to all seeking to oppose the proposed legislation. Please take copies home and pass it onto family and friends. For additional copies contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587.

2018 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS
2018 Foundation enrolments are now open. If your child turns five by April 30 2018 and you are seeking a Catholic education for your child, then I encourage you to take the next tour of our Parish school. Enrolment vacancies for next year are quite limited so I would encourage you to move quickly. Our Lady Help Of Christians School, East Brunswick ranks in the top 6% of NAPLAN schools in Victoria. We aim to develop the academic, social and spiritual skills in each child so that our students are ready for secondary schools and future life. For details of our next school tour and promo pack, please phone our school registrar Cathy on 9380 5050.

Canto Finale DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA

Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella,
coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra,
e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra
non vi è stella più bella di Te.

Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te. (X 2)

Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare
La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio,
Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio,
son due rose, e le labbra son fior.

Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te. (X 2)