

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (35:1-6a,10)
 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

It is he who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R./**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R./**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St James (5:7-10)
 Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

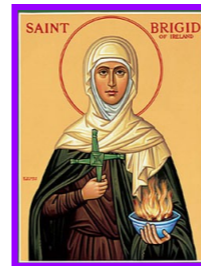
Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He has sent me to preach good news to the poor. **Alleluia! (Lk 4:18)**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew(11:2-11)
 When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in king's houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.' Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. (Is 35:4)

ENTRANCE	OFFERTORY - BLESSED BE GOD	COMMUNION	FINAL
<p>COME, O COME, EMMANUEL</p> <p>O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.</p> <p>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> <p>O come, Thou Wisdom from on high Who ord'rest all things mightily To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.</p> <p>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> <p>O come, O come, Thou Lord of might Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud and majesty and awe.</p> <p>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>JESUS COME TO US</p> <p>Jesus come to us Lead us to your light Jesus be with us For we need you.</p> <p>Lord we come before you: listen to our prayer fill us with hope and your love. Ref.</p> <p>Lord we come to praise you for your faithfulness through night. You will be with us this we know. Ref.</p> <p>Lord you give us wonders, your glory to all. We believe in you come to us. Ref.</p>	<p>CITY OF GOD</p> <p>Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep A new day is dawning for all those who weep The people in darkness have seen a great light The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.</p> <p>Let us build the city of God May our tears be turned into dancing For the Lord our light and our love Has turned the night into day</p> <p>We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day The one who has loved us, has brightened our way The Lord of all kindness has called us to be A light for his people to set their hearts free.</p>



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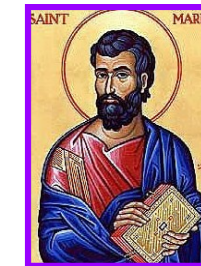
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 ALWAYS IN THE LORD:The third Sunday of advent is the traditionally known as "Gaudete", the Sunday of Joy. The entrance antiphon welcomes us with a clear invitation: "rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near". In the Gospel we hear today: "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them". It is joyful Gospel describing the joy of the blind, the lame, the deaf and the dead because they can see, walk, hear and live. The first reading also describes the creation rejoicing: "the desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song... Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee". All of us search happiness in life. We are mindful that those who seek God find joy as well. Sometimes we may be tempted to think that seeking joy means seeking God and it is not always true. Instant joy can be very deceiving. Only God is complete happiness and gives lasting happiness to those who seek Him. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves to receive such a great joy. It is time to patiently wait in joyful hope like a farmer waits for the crops or a pregnant mother waits for the birth of her baby. Christmas is indeed good news for all of us. The source of true joy is making his dwelling place in the manger of our lives if we open our hearts to him. Let us take the words of the second reading as a prayer spite of darkness, scandals, disappointments and our own limitations: "you also be patient and do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming is near". Let us not miss the joy we can receive in the child Jesus.



RALLEGRATEVI SEMPRE NEL SIGNORE: Tradizionalmente il tema predominante in questa terza domenica di Avvento è quello della gioia. Il motivo della gioia è indicato dall'antifona d'ingresso, da cui prende il nome questa domenica (Gaudete): "Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore: ve lo ripeto, rallegratevi, il Signore è vicino". E' la gioia di chi attende con speranza il Signore. Partiamo per la nostra riflessione dalla frase di Gesù: "Ai poveri è annunciato un lieto messaggio". Il vangelo è un messaggio di gioia. Anche la prima lettura è tutto un inno alla gioia: "Si rallegrino il deserto e la terra arida... Si canti con gioia e con giubilo... Felicità perenne splenderà sul loro capo; gioia e felicità li seguiranno e fuggiranno tristezza e pianto". Tutti vogliamo essere felici. Chi cerca Dio trova la gioia, mentre chi cerca la gioia non sempre trova Dio. Solo Dio è felice e fa felici. Con lui anche le gioie della vita presente conservano il loro dolce sapore e non si trasformano in angosce. Non solo le gioie spirituali, ma ogni gioia umana onesta: la gioia di veder crescere i propri figli, del lavoro felicemente portato a termine, dell'amicizia, della salute ritrovata, della creatività, dell'arte, della distensione a contatto con la natura. È ora di cominciare a proclamare con più coraggio il "lieto messaggio" che Dio è felicità, che la felicità - non la sofferenza, la privazione, la croce - avrà l'ultima parola. Che la sofferenza serve solo a rimuovere l'ostacolo alla gioia, a dilatare l'anima, perché un giorno possa accoglierne la misura più grande possibile. Facciamo preghiera l'invito di San Giacomo nella seconda lettura: "siate costanti, rinfrancate i vostri cuori, perché la venuta del Signore è vicina". Pure davanti al buio, agli scandali, ai nostri peccati, ai nostri disagi, alle nostre sofferenze, non lasciamo sfuggire la gioia che ci porta il bambino Gesù.

Prayer: Lighting of the Third Advent Candle
Almighty and loving God, Your Son has taught us the way to live as Your children. We were blessed in our baptisms with special gifts and graces, and still there are times when we find it hard to be all that we should be. We ask for an increased awareness of the needs of others and for the courage to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Please, God, help us to live in Your grace that all who know us will know You and Your love. 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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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY SABATO 14th December 2013 Year "A"	<i>'Behold, I send my mes- senger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'</i>	Baptism Celebrations for Santiago ROLDAN Congratulations! 	6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for Joseph FALSO & Stephanie FARCHIONE Congratulations! 
SUNDAY DOMENICA 15th December 2013 Year "A" THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>"Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il mio messaggero, davanti a te egli preparerà la tua via".</i>	8.30am 	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	Baptism Celebrations for Amelia Eve LAGANA Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 3rd week of Advent 16th December 2013 Num 24:2-7,15-17; Mt 21:23-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i>	8.am	9.15am	7.30pm CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE In Church PROVE DI CANTI PER IL SANTO NATALE In Chiesa
Tuesday/Martedì 3rd week of Advent 17th December 2013 Gen 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17	<i>Responsorial Psalm Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	6.00pm Last Parish Pastoral Council Meeting for 2013 in the Welcome In Room. Followed by a get-together.
Wednesday / Mercoledì 3rd week of Advent 18th December 2013 Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm Vieni, Signore, re di giustizia e di pace.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Thursday/Giovedì 3rd week of Advent 19th December 2013 Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Lk 1:5-25	<i>Responsorial Psalm Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 3rd week of Advent 20th December 2013 Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38	<i>Responsorial Psalm Gioia e benedizione vengono dal Signore.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Alfredo BERNAR 7.30pm Francesco PUTARO (1mese)	

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2013" If you wish to donate to this special appeal, envelopes are still available. Please take one and return it by Next Sunday. Thank you!

APPELLO NATALIZIO PER LA SOCIETÀ' DI SAN VINCENZO DE PAOLI
Se volete contribuire a questo importante appello, vi preghiamo di prendere una busta e portarla indietro con la vostra offerta domenica prossima Grazie!

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 21st & 22nd 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	L. Murphy	L. Omenihu	E. Mascia	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	E. Mascia	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	J. Perrett	B. Capodanno	L. Colosimo	M. O'Reilly / R. Kircher		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	G. Troup	M. Lauria	Colosimo Family		

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2014
FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT
Saint BRIGID of Kildare**
The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.00am** with Procession. The traditional parish BBQ will follow.

**PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO
DIARIO - DOMENICA 9 FEBBRAIO 2014
FESTA DELLA NOSTRA PATRONA
SANTA BRIGIDA di Kildare**
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.00am** con Processione e Santa Messa. Dopo la Messa ci sarà il tradizionale BBQ parrocchiale.
Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa messa in parrocchia.

**PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI
(Messa di mezzanotte)**
Questo lunedì 16 Dicembre alle 7.30pm in chiesa con P. Raffaele.
**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE
(Midnight Mass)**
This Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in church with Fr. Raffaele

**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
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.
LOTTERIA NATALIZIA
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 took place last
Weekend. Envelopes are still
available if you wish to donate
to this very important appeal.
Thank you.**

Typhoon Haiyan
**A PROJECT OF THE
SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES
IN EASTERN SAMAR, PHILIPPINES**
After the initial emergency phase, help is needed in Eastern Samar for reconstruction. Considering that larger cities are already attracting the attention of the government and the international community, the Scalabrinian Missionaries have decided to focus on two small places which might go forgotten: Manicani Island and Salcedo Village. The initiative aims to provide families in those places with materials for rebuilding their houses, in particular corrugated metal for the roofing and plywood for the walls. Au\$200 can help a family with a new roof or with material for the walls.
For \$200, adopt a family.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections	
1 Collection	\$ 357 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 252 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 290 - 00

**Canto D'Entrata
OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID**
*Osanna al figlio di David,
Osanna al Redentor!*

Apritevi, o porte eterne,
avanzi il re della Gloria;
Nei cieli e sulla terra
Eterno è il suo poter. **Rit.:**

O monti, stillate dolcezza:
Il re d'amor si avvicina;
Si dona pane vivo,
Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**

O luce e splendor del Padre,
Illumina le menti
Accogli i nostri cuori,
O Cristo Redentor! **Rit.:**

**Canto D'Offertorio
MISTERO DELLA CENA**
Mistero della Cena
è il Corpo di Gesù.
Mistero della Croce
è il Sangue di Gesù.
È questo pane e vino
è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi.
Gesù risorto e vivo
sarà sempre con noi.

Mistero della Chiesa
è il Corpo di Gesù.
Mistero della pace
è il sangue di Gesù.
Il pane che mangiamo
fratelli ci farà.
Intorno a questo altare
l'amore crescerà.

**Canto di Comunione
FRATELLO TORRENTE**
Acqua che scendi dai monti
Tocchi la terra tra noi
Impetuoso torrente Dio tra noi.
Nata nel cielo infinito
Sparsa su tutta la terra
Dentro di noi la tua vita sempre sarà.
**In mezzo alle nostre case,
in mezzo ai nostri campi
tu scorri, Signore, fratello tra noi. (2v.)**

Penetri tutta la terra
E la fecondi ogni giorno,
canti felice la vita, o mio Signore.
Madre che un giorno hai sentito,
nascere Dio nel tuo seno,
donaci l'acqua che vive: Cristo in noi. **Rit.**

**Canto Finale
SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO**
Mentre trascorre la vita,
solo tu non sei mai
Santa Maria del cammino,
sempre sarà con te.
**Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi
vieni Maria quaggiù
cammineremo insieme a te
verso la libertà.**

Quando qualcuno ti dice:
"Nulla mai cambierà"
lotta per un mondo nuovo,
lotta per la verità. **Rit.**

Lungo la strada la gente,
chiusa in se stessa va:
offri per primo la mano
a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**

