

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (61:1-2a,10-11)
The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: My soul shall exult in my God.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold hence forth all generations will call me blessed. **R/**

For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. **R/**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy. **R/**

ENTRANCE
O Come Divine Messiah

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.
Dear Saviour haste;
Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night
and show your face,
And bid us hail
the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence
waits the day
When hope shall
sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
Whom priest and prophet
long foretold,
Come break the captive's fetters;
Redeem the long-lost fold. **(ref)**

OFFERTORY
We are an offering

We lift our voices
we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives
They are Yours
We are an offering

CHORUS
All that we have
All the we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering,
we are an offering

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5:16-24)
Brethren, rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (1:6-8,19-28)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No." They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION **Mary's song**

My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you gazed on your servant
with compassion,
And you reached out
and took me by the hand.



Great are you, God,
and holy is your name.
Your mercy reaches to the end of time.
Ah, the lowly you raise to the heavens,
And the proud-hearted have
no part with you.

Ah, how you fill the hungry with your love.
With empty hands the rich are sent away.
You will always be mindful of your mercy,
As you promised your people long ago.

My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you smiled on your servant
with compassion,
And you reached out
and took me by the hand.

FINAL **The Voice of God**

The Lord has said,
"Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world,
my pledge made flesh
a lamp to every nation, light from light:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"

"Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort
all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"

"His touch will bless the eyes
that darkness held,
the lame shall run,
the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"



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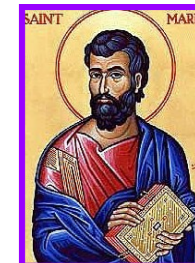
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

REJOICE: Among the most neglected of all our Christian obligations is the obligation to rejoice. Just as the word of God commands us to believe and to love, so does it command us to rejoice. On the third Sunday of Advent, the church reminds us of this often forgotten obligation. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice." It is a command taken directly from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, as in today's second reading: "Rejoice always". It is a positive command, one that we are supposed to keep at all times and in all circumstances.



It is not a conditional command that we keep only when things are going well with us. The command to rejoice, like every other command, is demanding. Paul begins by telling us what we must do at all times. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". At all times and in all circumstances we must rejoice, pray and give thanks. He adds that this command reflects the will of God for those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. Next, Paul tells us what we must never do, what we have to avoid at all costs. "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil". We must not stifle the Spirit, despise the word of prophets or indulge in any form of evil. Paul is asking us to activate and nourish the spiritual part of our lives. As humans we have a material and a spiritual life. Some of us pay all attention to the material, neglecting the spiritual dimension. We can see it in the way we prepare for Christmas. We take more care to decorate our homes more than we do to clean up our souls. We are more concerned with the gifts we give to family and friends than we are with the gift of self we should make to God. Advent is a time to prepare not only materially but also spiritually for the coming of the Lord. Finally, Paul tells us how to achieve the ideal life of God's children to which he calls us. It is not something we achieve by will power or human effort alone. It is something that God Himself accomplishes in us. "May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this". The life of holiness to which Paul invites us this Advent is the life of God in us. It is God in us who makes it happen. Our part is mainly to say yes to God, to surrender totally to Him. It is hard for us to live a life of rejoicing always, but the One who calls us to this life is one who always gives us what He commands. He is faithful, and He will do it in our lives. Therefore, the source of our joy is Jesus Christ himself, the one who came to "bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favour from the Lord". Indeed his coming is good news and we should rejoice.

RALLEGRATEVI: Nelle prime due Domeniche del tempo di Avvento, le letture della liturgia erano un invito alla vigilanza e ad ascoltare la voce che, nel deserto, ci invitava a predisporre quelle che il Vangelo di oggi chiama le vie del Signore. La terza Domenica di Avvento ruota intorno al tema della gioia cristiana. In che consiste questa gioia, che sana senza distruggere, che porta la pace senza dover ricorrere alla guerra, che ristabilisce la giustizia nel segno e nel nome della verità? Lo spiega san Paolo nella prima lettura di oggi quando dice: "Guardatevi dal rendere male per male ad alcuno, ma cercate sempre il bene tra voi e con tutti. Siate sempre lieti, pregate incessantemente, in ogni cosa rendete grazie. Questa infatti è la volontà di Dio in Cristo Gesù verso di voi. Non spegnete lo Spirito, non disprezzate le profezie; esaminate ogni cosa, tenete ciò che è buono, astenetevi da ogni specie di male". La rivoluzione annunciata, i cieli nuovi e la terra nuova, è la rivoluzione dell'amore, annunciata da Giovanni Battista.

Giovanni il Battista ha reso testimonianza a Gesù fin dal momento del loro primo incontro, quando ha sussultato nel grembo di sua madre Elisabetta, nell'udire le parole di saluto rivolte a lei da Maria. Quel giorno Giovanni ha cominciato la sua missione con gioia. Con la sua vita austera, coerente e coraggiosa ha spianato la via. Grazie a lui, tanti hanno riconosciuto il Signore e sono stati più pronti ad accogliere la sua Parola. Gesù è annunciato come la presenza di Dio in persona, attraverso l'immagine della luce che viene a vincere sul buio di un mondo in balia di se stesso; egli è il volto visibile di un Dio che si fa prossimo prima di tutto a coloro che sono piagati nel corpo e nel cuore. Chi accoglie la testimonianza alla luce di Giovanni si ritrova egli stesso avvolto di luce e diventa, a sua volta, testimone di luce e di gioia grande. Il cristiano non è un profeta di sventura, ma un testimone e un araldo della gioia che viene da Dio. La nostra missione consiste nell'avere coscienza di questa Presenza nuova di Cristo e di aiutare gli altri a scoprirla. Quindi, la sorgente della nostra gioia è Gesù Cristo, inviato dal Padre per "portare il lieto annuncio ai miseri, a fasciare le piaghe dei cuori spezzati, a proclamare la libertà degli schiavi, la scarcerazione dei prigionieri, a promulgare l'anno di grazia del Signore". Veramente la venuta del Signore è Buona Novella, rallegriamoci.

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



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 13th December 2014 Year "B" Third Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'".	4.00pm Convent Chapel Ernestina MARQUEZ DE FLOREZ	6.00pm Mario Lucio MICIELI Giuseppina CALANDRA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations for Sofia Rose AGUILERA - McGRATH Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 14th December 2014 Year "B" Third Sunday of Advent	"Io sono voce di uno che grida nel deserto: Rendete diritta la via del Signore".	8.30am 	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am Battesimo per Gabriele PERIN Auguri!	Wedding Celebrations for Joe MONTALTO & Elena TUMANIS Congratulations Baptism Celebrations for Sebastian PATINO PORTELA Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 15th December 2014 3rd week of Advent Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i>	8.00am Elena BUCRAVAC	9.15am Francis CHAN	<i>Prove di canti per il Santo Natale, questa sera alle 8.00pm in Chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.</i>
Tuesday/Martedì 16th December 2014 3rd week of Advent Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>	8.00am Hamish PILMORE <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am	6.00pm Last Parish Pastoral Council Meeting for 2014 In the Welcome In Room.
Wednesday/Mercoledì 17th December 2014 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Vieni, Signore, re di giustizia e di pace.</i>	8.00am Xavier & Samantha <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena Filipino Community	7.30pm Installation of new Bishops at St. Patrick's Cathedral
Thursday/Giovedì 18th December 2014 3rd week of Advent Jer: 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am Mary <i>Special Intentions</i>	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 19th December 2014 3rd week of Advent Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Canterò senza fine, Signore, le tue meraviglie.</i>	8.00am Mark HENNESY (Died recently)	9.15am <i>Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!</i>	

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 8th February 2015 - 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 **10.30am** with Procession. The traditional parish BBQ will follow.

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 8 FEBBRAIO 2015 FESTA DELLA NOSTRA PATRONA SANTA BRIGIDA di Kildare. Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** 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.

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 20th & 21st Dec. 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	R. Kircher	M. Lauria	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	M. O'Reilly	L. Colosimo	J. Vaccari / Volunteer		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	J. Smith	M. Lauria	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		

PROVE DI CANTI NATALIZI
Se avete un pó di voce perché non venite a metterla in prova Domani lunedì 15 e 22 dicembre alle 8.00pm in chiesa con il nostro organista/cantante Rocco.
Tutti benvenuti!
CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE
Monday 15th & 22nd December at 8.00pm in church with our organist/singer Rocco.
Everyone welcome!

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL
THIS Weekend 13th & 14th December Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. Archbishop Denis Hart comments the fund to your continuing support.
Envelopes available at all Masses. Please give generously. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

MASS FOR THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY
NEXT SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER at 5.00pm. St. Brigid's Church.
All welcome.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$ 485 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 294 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 161 - 00

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
Wednesday / Mercoledì Dicembre 24 December
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual
Thursday / Giovedì 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 three beautiful hampers. Cost \$1-00 per ticket. The draw will take place on Next Sunday 21st December after the 11am Mass.
We thank you for your continued support.
LOTTERIA NATALIZIA
Biglietti per la lotteria natalizia sono in vendita oggi dopo le Sante Messe. In palio tre bellissimi cestini. Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà Domenica prossima 21 Dicembre dopo la S. Messa delle 11.00am. Grazie per il vostro continuo supporto.


NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Friday 2nd January & Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7.30pm in church.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS
The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060
Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
Web: www.broomedioocese.org
Mail: O Box76, BROOME WA 6725

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-elect Terence Curtin and Mark Edwards OMI will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, E. Melbourne, this Wednesday 17 December 7.30pm. All are invited to this significant diocesan occasion and are asked to keep the bishops in their prayers.

Communion Song:
Lord Prepare Me
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true...
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you...

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

Canto D'Offertorio
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.**


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
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.**
