

**A reading from the Book of Zephaniah (3:14-18)**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Shout and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R./**

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. **R./**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R./**

**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)**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**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 Luke (3:10-18)**

The multitudes asked John, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

# Weekly Parish Newsletter

*Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale*

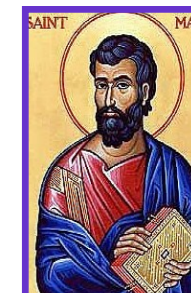
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 in the Lord always**

The best way to reflect on the readings of today, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, is to let Pope Francis speak to us through his Exhortation entitled "The joy of the Gospel" given on 24 November, 2013.

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. I wish to encourage Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come" (n.1).

"The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. This is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ" (n.2).

"The Gospel offers us a chance to live on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: "Life grows by being given away, and weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others"... Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!.. And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ" (n.10).



**Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore**

Per meglio riflettere sulle letture di oggi, 3.a Domenica di Avvento, lasciamo che ci parli Papa Francesco con le parole della Esortazione intitolata: "La gioia del Vangelo" del 24 novembre 2013. "La gioia del Vangelo riempie il cuore e la vita intera di coloro che si incontrano con Gesù. Coloro che si lasciano salvare da Lui sono liberati dal peccato, dalla tristezza, dal vuoto interiore, dall'isolamento. Con Gesù Cristo sempre nasce e rinasce la gioia. In questa Esortazione desidero indirizzarmi ai fedeli cristiani, per invitarli a una nuova tappa evangelizzatrice marcata da questa gioia e indicare vie per il cammino della Chiesa nei prossimi anni" (n.1).

"Il grande rischio del mondo attuale, con la sua molteplice ed opprimente offerta di consumo, è una tristezza individualista che scaturisce dal cuore comodo e avaro, dalla ricerca malata di piaceri superficiali, dalla coscienza isolata. Quando la vita interiore si chiude nei propri interessi non vi è più spazio per gli altri, non entrano più i poveri, non si ascolta più la voce di Dio, non si gode più della dolce gioia del suo amore, non palpita l'entusiasmo di fare il bene. Anche i credenti corrono questo rischio, certo e permanente. Molti vi cadono e si trasformano in persone risentite, scontente, senza vita. Questa non è la scelta di una vita degna e piena, questo non è il desiderio di Dio per noi, questa non è la vita nello Spirito che sgorga dal cuore di Cristo risorto" (n.2).

"La proposta è vivere ad un livello superiore, però non con minore intensità: 'La vita si rafforza donandola e s'indebolisce nell'isolamento e nell'agio. Di fatto, coloro che sfruttano di più le possibilità della vita sono quelli che lasciano la riva sicura e si appassionano alla missione di comunicare la vita agli altri'... Di conseguenza, un evangelizzatore non dovrebbe avere costantemente una faccia da funerale... Possa il mondo del nostro tempo – che cerca ora nell'angoscia, ora nella speranza – ricevere la Buona Novella non da evangelizzatori tristi e scoraggiati, impazienti e ansiosi, ma da ministri del Vangelo la cui vita irradia fervore, che abbiano per primi ricevuto in loro la gioia del Cristo" (n.10).

**Entrance:**

**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Offertory: TAKE OUR BREAD**

*Take our bread, we ask you  
Take our hearts,  
we love you take our lives,  
O 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 sign  
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.)

**Communion:**

**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

*One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing  
which we bless.*

*And we though many,  
throughout the earth,  
We are one body  
in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more. Ref.:

Many the gifts, many the works  
One in the Lord of all. Ref.:

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all. Ref



**Final**

**IMMACULATE MARY**

Immaculate Mary,  
we praise God in you:  
His power and his Mercy,  
His grace given to you.  
**Ave, ave, ave, Maria!  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**



Predestined for Christ  
by eternal decree,  
God willed you both virgin  
and mother to be.

**Ave, ave, ave, Maria!  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**

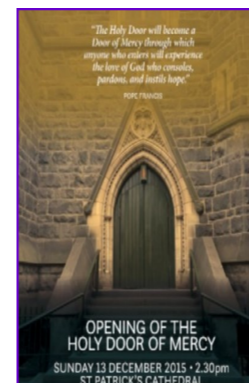
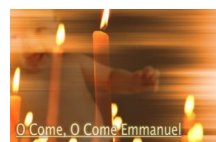
To you, by an angel,  
the Father made known,  
The grace of his Spirit,  
the gift of his Son.

**Ave, ave, ave, Maria!  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1 Collection \$ 500 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 300 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 172 - 00

**PILGRIMAGE: 23 Days Holy Pilgrimage** starting on August 11, 2016 with Fr. Emmanuel-tv (Spiritual Director). Contact us ASAP: 0893413079, 089341131, 0417999553, [fremmanueltv@hotmail.com](mailto:fremmanueltv@hotmail.com)



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY 8th December 2015 to 20th November 2016**

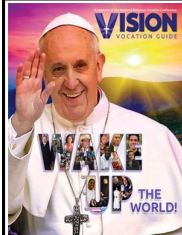
To mark the opening of the Jubilee in Melbourne, Archbishop Denis Hart will open a special Holy Door of Mercy at St. Patrick's Cathedral TODAY Sunday 13 December at 2.30pm. As a Parish Community you are all invited to gather here at St. Brigid's at 12.45pm for a Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral. Please see program on church notice board.

**NEXT Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. Archbishop Denis Hart will preside the special ceremony with Mass for the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Brigid's. For the whole Year of Mercy, St. Brigid's will become a Shrine for all Ethnic Groups. Please come along to this special celebration.**

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians [www.Scalabrini.org](http://www.Scalabrini.org)  
Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

# Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 12th December 2015 Year "C" "Vigil" <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<i>"I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire"</i>	Sabato prossimo 10.30am S. Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton.	6.00pm <b>PRO - POPULO</b>  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Makayla MIRABELLI</b> <b>Luca MONEBELLO</b> <b>Daniel VILLATORO NAVARRO</b> <b>Wedding Celebration for:</b> <b>Nicole CESARIO &amp; Lucas GUGLIELMI</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 13th December 2015 Year "C" <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<i>"Io vi battezzo con acqua; ma viene colui che è più forte di me e vi battezerà in Spirito Santo e fuoco"</i>	8.30am 	9.45am Antonio TIGANI (2nd annv.) 11.00am Felice ALESSI Pasquale PAOLETTI (1mese) Ulisse FURLANETTI (6mesi) Angelo POLLA Antonio e Lucia ZAGAR Antonino e Giuseppa CALABRÓ	<b>Baptism Celebration for</b> <b>Alexis Tina GARKINIS</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>  <b>12.45pm Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Mercy Door by Archbishop Denis Hart at 2.30pm</b>
Monday / Lunedì 14th December 2015 St. John of the Cross, priest Num 24:2-7,15-17;Mt 21: 23-27	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i>	8.00am Kerry MULCAHY (Healing Intentions)	9.15am <b>In honour to St. John Of The Cross</b>	
Tuesday / Martedì 15th December 2015 3rd week of Advent Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>	8.00am Nola FAY (R.I.P)	9.15am	
Wednesday / Mercoledì 16th December 2015 3rd week of Advent Is 45:6-8,18, 21-26; Lk 7:19-23	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Vieni Gesù, re di giustizia e di pace.</i>	8.00am Xavier BREEN (Special Intentions)	9.15am	<b>7pm Prove di Canti Natalizi</b> 
Thursday/Giovedì 17th December 2015 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever</i>	8.00am Elena BUCOVAZ (R.I.P)	9.15am	
Friday/ Venerdì 18th December 2015 3rd week of Advent Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever</i>	8.00am MARY (Special Intentions)	9.15am <b>7.30pm</b> <b>Mass with Archbishop Hart and Ethnic Chaplains</b>	<b>7.30pm tonight St. Brigid's Parish celebrates the Opening of the Door of Mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy</b>



**Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" Pope Francis.**  
**Prayer for Vocations**  
**O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.**

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 19th & 20th December 2015	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	Lucy Butera	E. Mascia	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	T. Toscano	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	C. Goodson	M. Lauria	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	R. Simoncini	Lina Butera	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
**SUNDAY 20th December 7.00pm in the church. Multicultural Christmas Carols presented by various Ethnic Communities. Please come along and enjoy this wonderful time in preparation to welcome the birth of Our Lord.**



**PROVA DI CANTI NATALIZI**  
Mercoledì 16 dicembre alle 7.00pm con P. Raffaele Rossi *Tutti benvenuti!*  
**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE (Italian)**  
Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm in church with Fr. Raffaele Rossi. *Everyone welcome!*

**DON BOSCO ANNUAL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP, SAFETY BEACH**  
Junior camp 1: 4 to 7 January  
Senior camp: 11 to 15 January  
Junior camp 2: 18 to 21 January  
Don Bosco Camps are running their annual Summer Holiday Camp for young people, 9 to 13-year-olds (Junior) and 13 to 16-year-olds (Senior), in the upcoming January school holidays. We would like to invite all young people aged 9 to 16 in the Melbourne Archdiocese to come along. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. **Details:**  
[www.donboscocamp.org.au](http://www.donboscocamp.org.au) or 5987 2692

**CONFESSIONS AT ST BRIGID'S DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY**  
Every Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm  
Time for individual confession in church.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE**  
**ORARIO DELLE MESSE DI NATALE**  
**Thursday /Giovedì Dicembre 24 December**  
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)  
8.30pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)  
12.00 am Messa di Mezzanotte  
12.00 am Mid-night Mass (Bi-lingual)  
**Friday /Venerdì 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)  
**Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th December**  
Masses as usual

**New Year's Day Friday 1st January 2016**  
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)  
**CONFESSIONS**  
Regular:  
Saturday 4.30 to 5.30pm  
Christmas Time:  
Tuesday 22nd December 5.00 to 7.00pm

*Ricordiamo nelle nostre preghiere, Padre Giuseppe Visentin, in cui al momento stá facendo degli accertamenti all'ospedale di Brisbane. Preghiamo a Gesù Bambino di stargli vicino in questi momenti difficili, e ci auguriamo che possa essere dimesso e tornare presto a casa.*

**Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal** will take place at all masses **THIS Weekend** 12th & 13th December 2015. Archbishop Denis Hart comments the fund to your continuing support. Envelopes available on seats or on the table. Please give generously. *Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"** there are still envelopes are available in church if you wish to donate to this important appeal. Thank you!  
**APPELLO NATALIZIO PER SAN VINCENZO DE PAOLI** ci sono ancora buste in chiesa se volete contribuire a questo importante appello per aiutare i più bisognosi durante questo tempo natalizio. Grazie!

**Entrata: CANTO PER CRISTO**  
Canto per Cristo che mi libererà  
Quando verrà nella gloria;  
Quando la vita con lui rinascerà,  
Allelu, alleluia.  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!**  
Canto per Cristo: in Lui rifiorirà ogni speranza perduta. Ogni creatura con Lui risorgerà. Allelu, alleluia.  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!**  
Canto per Cristo: un giorno tornerà! Festa per tutti sarà. Festa sul mondo che più non morirà. Allelu, alleluia.  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!**

**Offertorio: VIENI O SIGNORE**  
**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 R.  
O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. R.  
**Pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year of Mercy organised by VIATOUR**  
**Departure 6th May 2016**  
**Portugal - Spain - France - Italy**  
**Price from \$6,390pp. twin/dbl/tripl.**  
Further info. Antonio Insera (03) 9495 0653 - 0407 056 021

**Comunione: VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI**  
**VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI**  
Vieni, Gesù, vieni, vieni in mezzo a noi E spezza ancora il pane come facesti un dì.  
Vieni tu che preghi, vieni tu che soffri: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.  
Vieni tu che piangi, vieni tu che servi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.  
Vieni tu che canti, vieni tu che sper: il pane è sulla mensa manchi solo tu.

**Fine: O SANTISSIMA**  
O santissima, o piissima, Madre nostra Maria!  
Tu, preservata immacolata, prega, prega per i figli tuoi.  
Tu confortaci, tu difendici, Madre nostra, Maria!  
Con te chiediamo, con te speriamo: prega, prega per i figli tuoi.  
Nei pericoli, nelle lacrime, Madre nostra, Maria, tu sei la luce, tu sei la pace: prega, prega per i figli tuoi  
**Pilgrimage organised by VIATOUR**  
**Departing 31. 5. 2016 Tour Leader Fr. Domenico Ceresoli. More info. (02) 9799 3222 - 1300 732 825**  
**Price from \$6,440pp. twin/dbl/tripl.**