## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. (Phil 4:4-5)

A reading from the Book of 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 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 <br> A VOICE CRIES OUT <br> Console my people, | Offertory <br> Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary | Communion: <br> The whole world is waiting for love |
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| the ones dear to me Speak to the heart of Jerusalem The time of your mourning is ended now the Lord of life will come | Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true... | Verse 1 <br> We're waiting for Jesus like Mary, We're waiting for Jesus the Lord. <br> Refrain <br> Come down, Lord Jesus! |
| Refrain: <br> A voice cries out in the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord A voice cries out in the wilderness make straight a highway for God | With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you. | Come quickly, Lord Jesus! <br> The whole world is waiting for Love, The whole world is waiting for Love. <br> Verse 2 <br> We're laying a manger for Mary |
| Every valley is made a plain every mountain is levelled The glory of God shall be revealed and nations will sing your praise (Refrain) |  | A manger for Jesus the Lord. Refrain Verse 3 <br> We're making it lovely for Mary, <br> So lovely for Jesus the Lord. Refrain |

## The voice of God

 goes out to all the world; goes out to all the woGod's glory speaks God's glory speaks across the universe The great King's herald Cries from star to star:
"With power, with justice, Christ will be the way!" Christ will be the way
The Lord has said, "Receive my messenger, my promise to the world, my pledge made fresh, a lamp to every nation, light from light:
"With power, with justice, Christ will be the way!"

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR: NEW CD RELEASEDSt Patrick's Cathedral Choir has just released a new CD
 the organist for the choir, Dion Henman, the CD features a wonderful array of traditional and contemporary classic piety stalls and gift shops. Order now for Christmas. Cost: $\$ 25$ Details and orders: St Patrick's Cathedral Shop, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne or 96652256 or cathedralshop@cam.org.au

## Weekly Parish Newsletter

## Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

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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.
ADVENT: A time of preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the coming of Jesus (Emmanuel - God with us), who has come to prepare and lead us to his second and final coming.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH (3) Serialised presentation from: Compendium of the Catechism PART ONE
CHAPTER TWO: God Comes to Meet Man -
The Revelation of God
The Transmission of Divine Revelation
11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted? (74) God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, "Go forth and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.
2. What is Apostolic Tradition? $(75-79,83,96,98)$ Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness,
institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apos- hear.
tles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.
13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur? (76) Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.
14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture? 80-82; 97) Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.
15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted? $(84,91 ; 94,99)$ The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.
16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the depost of faith? (85-90; 100) The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him. To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.


LA FEDE CATTOLICA (3)

## Dal: Compendio del Catechismo

LA TRASMISSIONE DELLA RIVELAZIONE DIVINA
11. Perché e in qual modo la Rivelazione divina va trasmessa? (74) Dio «vuole che tutti gli uomini siano salvati ed arrivino alla conoscenza della verità» ( 1 Tm 2,4), cioè di Gesù Cristo. Per questo è necessario che Cristo sia annunciato a tutti gli uomini, secondo il suo stesso comando: «Andate e ammaestrate tutte le Nazioni» (Mt 28,19). E quanto si realizza con la Tradizione Apostolica.
12. Che cos'è la Tradizione Apostolica? (75-79,83, 96,98) La Tradizione Apostolica è la trasmissione del messaggio di Cristo, compiuta, sin dalle origini del cristianesimo, mediante la predicazione, la testimonianza, le istituzioni, il culto, gli scritti ispirati. Gli Apostoli hanno trasmesso ai oro successori, i Vescovi, e, attraverso questi, a tutte le generazioni fino alla fine dei tempi, quanto hanno ricevuto da Cristo e appreso dallo Spirito Santo.
13. In quali modi si realizza la Tradizione Apostolica? (76) La Tradizione Apostolica si realizza in due modi: con la trasmissione viva della Parola di Dio (detta anche semplicemente la Tradizione), con la Sacra Scrittura, che è lo stesso annuncio della salvezza messo per iscritto
14. Quale rapporto esiste fra la Tradizione e la Sacra Scrittura? 80-82; 97) La Tradizione e la Sacra Scrittura sono tra loro strettamente congiunte e comunicanti. Ambedue rendono presente e econdo nella Chiesa il mistero di Cristo e scaturiscono dalla stessa sorgente divina: costituiscono un solo sacro deposito della fede, da cui la Chiesa attinge la propria certezza su tutte le verità rivelate. 15. A chi è affidato il deposito della fede? ( 84,$91 ; 94,99)$ deposito della fede è affidato dagli Apostoli alla totalità della Chiesa. Tutto il popolo di Dio, con il senso soprannaturale della ede, sorretto dallo Spirito Santo e guidato dal Magistero della Chiesa, accoglie la Rivelazione divina, sempre più la comprende e a applica alla vita
16. A chi spetta interpretare autenticamente il deposito della fede? (85-90;100) L'interpretazione autentica di tale deposito compete al solo Magistero vivente della Chiesa, e cioè al Successore di Pietro, il Vescovo di Roma, e ai Vescovi in comunione con lui. Al Magistero, che nel servire la Parola di Dio gode del carisma certo della verità, spetta anche definire i dogmi, che sono formulazioni delle verità contenute nella Rivelazione divina. Tale autorità si estende anche alle verità necessariamente collegate con la Rivelazione.


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| Liturgy of the Word 17th \&18th Dec. 2016 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6.00pm Vigil } \\ & \text { St. Brigid } \end{aligned}$ | 8.30am St. Mark | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.45am } \\ & \text { St. Brigid } \end{aligned}$ | 11.00am <br> St. Brigid | Offertory <br> Procession | Special Ministers | Church Cleaning |
| I Reading | Volunteer | L. Murphy | Lina Butera | T. Toscano | B. Rigoni / M. Villani | M. Lauria | D. Lauria |
| Responsorial Psalm | Volunteer | L. Murphy | Lucy Butera | P. La Marca | C. Penitito / R. Omenihu |  |  |
| II Reading | Volunteer | R. Simoncini | A. Smyth | T. Toscano | Lauria Family |  |  |

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016" WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND. 10th \& 11th DECEMBER AT ALL MASSES Envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your kind donation.
APPELLO NATALIZIO
PER SAN VINCENZO DE PAOLI
Si svolge OGGI.

Le buste per l'offerta si trovano in chiesa. Grazie di cuore per la vostra generosità.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL Will take place at all Masses THIS Weekend

10th \& 11th December
Envelopes available in church.
Please give generously.
Donations of $\$ 2.00$ and over are tax deductible.

| St. Brigid \& St. Mark Collections |  |
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| 1st Collection | $\$ 500-00$ |
| 2nd Collection | $\$ 300-00$ |
| Envelopes | $\$ 151-00$ |

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 24 December 6.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass) 8.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass) 10.30-11.30pm Carols / Canti di Natale

## Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)

## Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual

Sunday / Domenica 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)

Confessions / Confessioni
Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 24 December 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. FESTA DELLA MADONNA Sunday 11 December, from 1.45pm St Monica's Church, 820 Mt . Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. All are invited.

LENTEN REFLECTION FROM CATHOLIC VOCATIONS Week 3-11December "JOY" The coming of the Lord gives us a glimpse of glory in this world, and helps us on our pilgrimage to the next world. Where do I find these moments of 'glory' in my daily life? Please pray for more priests and religious who will help us to see the glory of the Lord in the sacraments and in ministering to each other.

Prova di Canti Nataliz (Messa di mezzanotte) questo martedi alle 7.00 pm In chiesa con Padre Raffaele. Tutti benvenuti
Italian Christmas Choir Practice (Midnight Mass) this Tuesday at 7.00 pm in church. Everyone welcome.

## PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY

 SUNDAY 12th February 2017 FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare Our Patron Saint" The parish, ogether with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only ONE combined Mass at 10.30 am with Procession. A light lunch will follow in the hall.PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO-DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2017 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle 10.30 am con Processione e Santa Messa. Dopo la Messa segue un rinfresco in sala. Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

## Ingresso:

CANTO PER CRISTO
Canto per Cristo che mi libererà Quando verrà nella gloria; quando la vita con lui rinascerà allelu, alleluia.
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,


Canto per Cristo: in Lui rifiorirà Ogni speranza perduta
Ogni creatura con Lui risorgerà, allelu, alleluia. Rit.
Canto per Cristo: un giorno tornerà! Festa per tutti sarà
Festa sul mondo che più non morirà.
Allelu, alleluia. Rit.

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| 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. |

Comunione: DIO S'È FATTO COME NO
Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.
Vieni, Dio s'è fatto come noi, per far
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. Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. Rit. Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: Resta con noi per sempre. Rit.

## Fine:

È L'ORA CHE PIA È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel. Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel.

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

Nel piano di Dio
I'eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù. Rit.

A te, Immacolata, la lode, l'amor: Tu doni alla Chiesa il suo Salvator. Rit

