

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. (Ps 24:1-3)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5)

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house, to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R./**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there were set the thrones of Judgement of the house of David. **R/**

For the people of Jerusalem pray, peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace! **R/**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Romans (13:11-14) Brethren: You know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Alleluia!** (Ps 84:8)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (24:37-44) Jesus said to his disciples: "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. (Ps 84:13)



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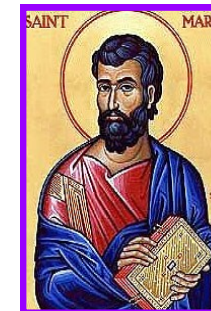
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

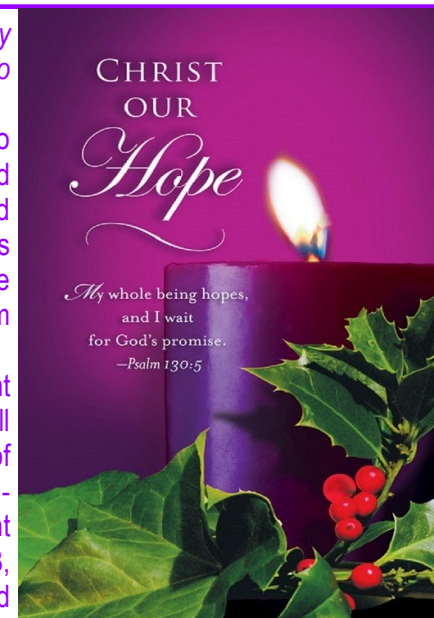
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT – "Stand ready because the Lord is coming at an hour you do not expect".

"Advent" means "coming". It is the Lord who comes to walk with us in our human life and lead it to the final purpose for which God created us: our eternal salvation after this earthly pilgrimage. But, to this "coming" of the Lord we must respond with going to meet him and welcome him.

The Word of God in this 1st Sunday of Advent assures us the "God is coming" and he will teach us the way of justice, of peace and of truth (Isaiah 2, 1-5). St. Paul, even more strongly says: "Our salvation is now near... The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon" (Rm. 13, 12). The invitation is of getting-up and to go and meet the Lord who comes with a heart full of joy in expectation for what he will say and bring.

The Gospel, then, leads us forward to the final coming of the Lord when he will finally embrace us with love at the end of our life on earth. He wants this eternal encounter with us, he deeply wishes it will happen and therefore he exhorts us: "You must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Mt. 24, 42).

To the loving desire of God to come along with us in our earthly journey in order to lead us to our eternal salvation, our response needs be that of welcoming him and letting him guide us. This is well expressed in the Responsorial Psalm: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord". What this really means is: "let us walk in the light of the Lord (Isaiah 2,5). St. Paul uses an even stronger expression: "The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon, wake up!... Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Put on the armour of the Lord Jesus Christ and do not follow the desires of the flesh" (Rm 13, 13-14). In this is the true spirit of Advent: stand vigilant and be ready to welcome Christ who comes and let him guide us today and up to the final moment of our earthly life.



1.ma DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – "Vegliate perche' non sapete in quale giorno il Signore verra".

"Avvento" significa "venuta". E' il Signore che viene per camminare con noi la nostra vita umana e guidarla a quella meta sempre voluta da Dio nel crearci: la nostra salvezza eterna dopo il percorso umano. Ma alla "venuta" del Signore noi dobbiamo rispondere con l'andargli incontro e accoglierlo.

La Parola di Dio in questa prima Domenica di Avvento ci assicura che " Dio viene" e ci insegnera' la via della giustizia, della pace, della verita' (Isaia: 2,1-5). S. Paolo, poi, dice: "La nostra salvezza e' ormai vicina... La notte e' avanzata, il giorno e' vicino" (Rm: 13, 12). L' invito e' quello di alzarci e andare incontro ad accogliere il Signore che viene con un cuore

pieno di gioiosa aspettativa per quello che ci dira' e ci portera'. Il vangelo poi ci fa' fare uno sbalzo in avanti alla venuta finale del Signore, quando egli compira' il suo gesto di abbracciarci con amore nell'incontro dopo questa vita in terra. Egli vuole questo incontro eterno, lo desidera e perciò ci esorta: "Vegliate, dunque, perche' non sapete in quale giorno il Signore vostro verra" (Mt. 24, 42).

All'atteggiamento premuroso di Dio di venirci incontro sulla strada di questa nostra vita terrena per guidarci verso la salvezza eterna, la nostra risposta sara' quella di accoglierlo e lasciarci guidare da lui. Ecco allora l'invito del Salmo Responsoriale: "Andiamo con gioia incontro al Signore". In pratica questo significa "camminare nella luce del Signore" (Isaia 2, 5). S. Paolo, con una espressione ancora piu' forte, ci dice: "La notte e' avanzata, il giorno e' vicino, svegliatevi!... Comportiamoci onestamente; non in mezzo a gozzoviglie e ubriachezze, non fra impurita' e licenze, non in contese e gelosie. Rivestitevi invece del Signore Gesu' Cristo e non seguite la carne nei suoi desideri" (Rm 13, 13-14). Ecco il vero spirito di Avvento: vegliare per andare incontro e accogliere il Signore che viene e lasciarci guidare da lui, oggi e fino al momento finale della nostra vita terrena.

"Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal - NEXT WEEKEND 7th & 8th December 2019"

Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Botswana, Peru and Jerusalem. The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Thousands of children and young people will have access to safe and engaging learning environments thanks to the generosity of the clergy and parishioners of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

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 t he 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)

You come in peace and meekness,
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see. (ref)

Offertory:

LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Lord accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast, Bread and wine to be transformed now, through the action of thy priest, Take us too Lord and transform us, may Thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless, as the host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out like the grape that forms the wine, As we too become partakers in this sacrifice divine

Take our gifts Almighty Father, living God eternal true, Which we give through Christ our Saviour pleading here for us anew Grant salvation to us present and our faith and love renew.



Communion: BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, So great our hunger, Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing, So may we come to rest where angels sing.

Our eyes have longed to see your loving face, To live within your courts for all our days. **Ref.**

Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand. We place our hopes and dreams within your hand. **Ref.**

Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone. **Ref.**

With shining stars at night, and cloud by day, you brought us here to see your love's display. **Ref.**



Final:

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabriniani.org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 30th November 2019 VIGIL 1st Sunday of Advent Year "A"	<i>"Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming".</i>		6.00pm Carmelo CALANDRA 7.00pm Spanish Mass Magaly MENTADO de GAGLIOTTA	Baptism Celebration for: Thomas Robert SIMON Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 1st December 2019 1st Sunday of Advent Year "A"	<i>"Vegliate dunque, perché non sapete in quale giorno il Signore vostro verrà".</i>	8.30am Antonio DEL RASO e defunti membri della famiglia Nicola PAOLUCCI e defunti membri della famiglia	9.45am Ermando IARUSSI 11.00am Vincenza e Vincenzo TRIGILA Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	
Monday/Lunedì 2nd December 2019 1st week of Advent Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i>	8.00am St. John Paul II	9.15am Carmelina CAFARELLA	
Tuesday/ Martedì 3rd December 2019 St. Francis Xavier Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am St. Francis Xavier	9.15am St. Francis Xavier 7.30pm Anna VALLORANI (deceduta Italia) 	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th December 2019 1st week of Advent Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Siederemo con gioia alla mensa del Signore.</i>	8.00am I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.	9.15am 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 5th December 2019 1st week of Advent Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 6th December 2019 1st week of Advent Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>	8.00am 	9.15am Cristoforo FIORE Giuseppina CALANDRA 7.30pm 1st Friday Mass SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Spanish)	Wedding Celebration for: Gabriele GALLUCCI & Antoinette PARAMBOUKIS Kate SCOTT and Royce BEHIM Congratulations!

 **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"** will take place from the weekend 23/24 November to Sunday 15 December. Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance to the church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation by Sunday 15 December. Thank you!

"APPELLO NATALIZIO" Buste della Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli per l'Appello Natalizio si trovano sul tavolo all'entrata della chiesa. Vi preghiamo di prenderne una e portarla indietro con la vostra offerta Domenica 15 Dicembre oppure prima. Grazie!

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm	Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis
Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777	Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Mob: 0481 127 374	Mob: 0410 001 462	Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Mob: 0404 261 228

3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 7th & 8th Dec 2019	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Church Cleaning
I Reading	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	Volunteer	
II Reading	M. de Souza	R. Simoncini	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	Lauria Family	

INTENZIONI PER I CARI DEFUNTI
MESE DI NOVEMBRE: Ci sono ancora bustine per le intenzioni in ricordo dei defunti
NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES: For those who wish to remember their loved ones are still available.

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES
(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
From 15 - 23 December
7.30pm St. Brigid's Church. Each night a different Migrant Community comes together with the celebration of Holy Mass and Christmas Songs in their language, followed by fellowship. This event has been organized by the Filipino Chaplaincy and St. Brigid's Parish. All welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: FESTA DELLA MADONNA NEXT Sunday 8 December, from 1.30pm St Monica's Church, 820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. The Italian Prayer Group of St Monica's parish invites all parishioners, both local and from across Melbourne, to attend the celebrations of the Festa Della Madonna. There will be food and drink, with music provided by the Bellini Band.
Enq: Franco Priscoglio 0407 832 564

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1st Collection \$610 - 00
2nd Collection \$400 - 00
Envelopes \$266 - 00

Filipino CHAPLAINCY Invites you to join in the 13th Anniversary for the Filipino Chapel dedicated to St. Niño and Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Next Saturday 7 December, Marian Centre, Ta Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagan Drive, Bacchus Marsh (Merrimu)
11.00am - Procession and Rosary
12noon - Holy Mass
Fellowship follows in the Hall. Further details phone 9482 5349 / 0404 261 228

BOOK LAUNCH: ONLINE WITH SAINTS
Wednesday 4 December, 5.30pm
Central Catholic Bookshop
322 Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Fr Michel Remery is a Catholic priest, founder of Tweeting with God and author of various books. *Online with Saints* is his latest fabulous and innovative book for young people. Great as a gift.
RSVP: 9639 0844 or custserv@catholicbookshop.com.au

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT
Next Saturday 7 December, 9.30-5.30pm
112B St Georges Road, Northcote
An Advent Retreat for women will be hosted by Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home. This is a free event but registration is essential for catering purposes.
Further enquiries or bookings:
Sr Mary Lourdes on (03) 9489 8444 or voc.mel@lsp.org.au.

FRIAR ALESSANDRO AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2019 (The voice from Assisi)
You are all invited to an Evening of **CHRISTMAS MUSIC & READINGS** with Friar Alessandro, Next Saturday 7th December (7.30pm) St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Entry FREE or by Donation. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** via www.voicefrommassisi.org.au
All donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The tour is helping to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Franciscans in Australia

PRESEPIO MUSICALE
Venerdì 6 Dicembre alle 7.00pm nella Chiesa di St. Clement's, Egan Drive, Bulleen.
Prenotazioni: Giorgio 0411662 oppure all'ufficio parrocchiale 9850 3262. Donazione \$20

LOURDES DAY MASS Next Saturday 7 December, 10.30am St Patrick's Cathedral
A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France.
Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as 'the Immaculate Conception' This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly and their carers. Each Mass participant will receive a gift pack containing a small bottle of Lourdes water (sourced from the Grotto), rosary beads and prayer materials. Individual blessings are available after Mass.

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. **Rit.**
Canto per Cristo: un giorno tornerà!
Festa per tutti sarà.
Festa sul mondo che più non morirà.
Allelu, alleluia. **Rit.**

Offertorio:
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 spera:
il pane è sulla mensa
manchi solo tu.

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.**
Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore,
vedremo la sua gloria. **Rit.**
Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi:
resta con noi per sempre. **Rit.**

Fine ANDRÓ A VEDERLA UN DÍ
Andró a vederla un dí
In cielo patria mia.
Andró a veder Maria,
Mia gioia e mio amor.
**Al cielo al cielo, al ciel,
Andró a vederla un dí.
Al cielo al cielo, al ciel,
Andró a vederla un dí.**
Andró a vederla un dí:
É il grido di speranza,
Che infondemi costanza
Nel viaggio e fra i dolor. **Rit.**
Andró a vederla un dí,
Lasciando questo esilio;
Le poserò qual figlio
Il capo sopra il cuor. **Rit.**