

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. (Is 30:19,30)

Weekly Parish Newsletter

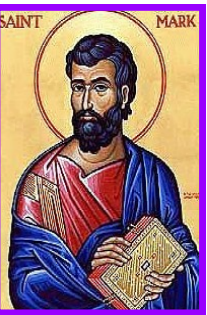
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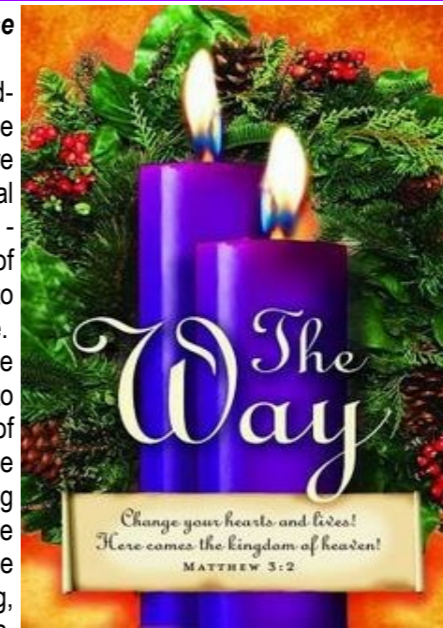


We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand”.

One of the persons who looms large in the Advent season is John the Baptist. His was the voice of one crying in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. This was not his personal thinking, but, being a Prophet - the voice of God - he proclaimed a baptism for the forgiveness of sin. He pointed out the sins which have crept into people's personal lives and institutional structure. Today, the Church and spiritual leaders are the voice of John the Baptist continuing to cry out to the “wilderness” of the world, to the trends of society, to the “political correctness”, to the conscience of many men and women, deploring wars, terrorism, bloodshed, violence in the streets and in the homes, corruptions by people in high places, abuse, racism, kidnapping, murders, suicides, abortion, unfaithful marriages, abuse and neglect of children, etc. To combat this ugly scenario, some people are clamouring for stricter laws, more prisons, stiffer sentences, more police in our streets. Yet, we can be quite sure that little will change until a total spiritual renewal takes place in people's lives and in society. The message of John the Baptist is that what we really need is an “inner policeman” in our hearts called “conscience” – the voice of God within us to which we must be forever alert in humble obedience. A conscience properly formed by faith and the teaching of the Church will tell us clearly what is right and what is wrong. It will also make us aware when we have done wrong and committed sin. Then, we may be honest and humble enough to admit it and not try to rationalise it or explain it away. As Catholics we have the resources to seek God's forgiveness for our wrongdoing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus instituted the Sacrament for this purpose.

The challenging message of John the Baptist is that there will be no moral reawakening in our hearts and in society unless there is first a rebirth of faith in the Lord Jesus. An inscription on the mantel of a fireplace reads: “If your heart is cold, my fire cannot warm it”. Our preparation for Christmas should give importance not in parties, spending and buying, but in welcoming Jesus Christ in our heart who comes to help us change our lives and return to goodness and right.



“Convertitevi, perché il regno dei cieli è vicino!”.

Una persona che domina durante questo tempo di Avvento è Giovanni Battista. Lui è la voce che grida nel deserto di preparare la via del Signore. Il messaggio non è di iniziativa personale ma, essendo un Profeta, - la voce di Dio – egli annuncia un battesimo di pentimento e perdono. Egli denuncia i peccati che hanno corrotto la vita personale e le strutture istituzionali.

Oggi è la voce della Chiesa e delle guide spirituali che come il Battista, gridano nel “deserto” del mondo, al comportamento della società, alla cosiddetta “correttezza politica”, alla coscienza di molti uomini e donne, condannando le guerre, il terrorismo, lo spargimento di sangue, la violenza nelle strade e nelle case, la corruzione dei potenti, gli abusi, il razzismo, la rapina di persone, gli omicidi, i suicide, l'aborto, le infedeltà matrimoniali, l'abuso e il maltrattamento dei bam-

bini, ecc. A combattere questa situazione tragica, alcuni invocano leggi più strette, più prigionieri, condanne più severe, presenza più numerosa della polizia nelle strade. Ma appare ben chiaro che ben poco cambierà finché non avverrà un cambiamento spirituale nella vita delle persone e nella società. Il messaggio del Battista è che dobbiamo avere un controllo spirituale che si chiama “coscienza” - la voce di Dio dentro di noi a cui dobbiamo sempre ascolto in umile obbedienza. Una coscienza ben formata dalla fede e dagli insegnamenti della Chiesa ci dice chiaramente ciò che è bene e ciò che è male. Ci rimprovera quando abbiamo commesso il male e abbiamo peccato. Allora, con onestà e umiltà, riconosciamo il male senza giustificarlo o negarlo. Come Cattolici noi abbiamo il modo di chiedere perdono a Dio del male commesso nel Sacramento della Confessione. Per questo Gesù ha istituito questo sacramento.

Il messaggio chiaro e forte del Battista è che non ci potrà essere un miglioramento morale nelle persone e nella società se non c'è un risveglio spirituale di fede in Cristo Gesù. Una scritta sopra un focolare diceva: “Se il tuo cuore è freddo, il mio fuoco non può riscaldarlo!” La nostra preparazione al Natale non dovrebbe dare eccessiva importanza ai festini, compere e regali, ma piuttosto a preparare il nostro cuore ad accogliere Cristo che viene per cambiare la nostra vita dal male al bene.

“Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal - THIS 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.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Romans (15:4-9)

Brethren: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name.” **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 (3:1-12)

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and the Sadducees coming for Baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:






Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R./**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R./** For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R./**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R./**

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

<p>Entrance: A VOICE CRIES OUT</p>  <p>Console my people, 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 (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Every valley is made a plain every mountain is levelled The glory of God shall be revealed and nations will sing your praise. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p>	<p>Offertory: LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY</p> <p>Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true...</p> <p>With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you...</p> 	<p>Communion: THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING FOR LOVE</p>  <p>We're waiting for Jesus like Mary, We're waiting for Jesus the Lord.</p> <p>Refrain Come down, Lord Jesus! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! The whole world is waiting for Love, The whole world is waiting for Love.</p> <p>We're laying a manger for Mary. A manger for Jesus the Lord. Ref.</p> <p>We're making it lovely for Mary, So lovely for Jesus the Lord. Ref.</p> 	<p>Final: THE VOICE OF GOD</p>  <p>The voice of God goes out to all the world; God's glory speaks across the universe.</p> <p>The great King's herald cries from star to star: “With power, with justice, Christ will be the way!”</p> <p>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!”</p>
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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.

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 7th December 2019 VIGIL 2nd Sunday of Advent Year "A"	<i>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."</i>		6.00pm Vince MURACA Nerso MAZZON 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Lourdes MAGDALENO Clare Madeline MILAN Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 8th December 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent Year "A" 	<i>"Convertitevi, perchè il regno dei cieli è vicino!"</i>	8.30am	9.45am Ermando IARUSSI 11.00am Rosalba TARTAGLIA Marianna e Rosina IOZZO Michelina RULLO Def.memb. famiglie VIGLIAROLO e BOCCAFURNO Per tutte le anime abbandonati	Wedding Celebration for: Grace BALIVIERA & Leigh KINRADE Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 9th December 2019 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	Responsorial Psalm <i>Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvellous deeds.</i> 	8.00am Feast of the Immaculate Conception Judith COONEY	9.15am Giuseppina CALANDRA Feast of the Immaculate Conception 11.00am Funeral Mass for the late Angelina VENTURA 	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Angela VENTURA. May the Lord of mercy grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.
Tuesday/ Martedì 10th December 2019 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>	8.00am Judith COONEY	9.15am	6.00pm Welcome In Room: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday/Mercoledì 11th December 2019 2nd week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 <i>O bless the Lord my soul</i>	Responsorial Psalm <i>Il Signore e' buono e grande nell'amore.</i>	8.00am Judith COONEY	9.15am 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 12th December 2019 2nd week of Advent Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.</i>	8.00am Judith COONEY	9.15am 7.00pm Spanish Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Friday/Venerdì 13th December 2019 St. Lucy, virgin, martyr Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	Responsorial Psalm <i>Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.</i>	8.00am St. Lucy Mario MICHIELI	9.15am St. Lucy 7.30pm Memorial Mass Angela DELL'OLIO (1mth) 	



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 Priest: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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	Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Mob: 0481 127 374	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Mob: 0404 261 228

Liturgy of the Word 14th & 15th 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	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	R. Omenihu	N. Cavallin	P. Elkins / S. Atherton	
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	J. Smith	L. Colosimo	P. La Marca / T. Bozzetto	

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 TODAY 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.

**SCOLARSHIPS AT GENAZZANO
FCJ COLLEGE**
Genazzano College is proud to offer a wide range of academic, music and boarding scholarships across Years 7 to 11. Applications close: Thursday 20 February 2020. Testing date: Monday 24 February 2020.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE

ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE

Tuesday/Martedì Dicembre 24 December
8.30am St. Mark's Church (morning mass)
9.15am St. Brigid's Church (morning mass)
CHRISTMAS VIGIL
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
8.30pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
11.30pm - 12.00am Carols / Canti di Natale
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00am) Bi-lingual

Wednesday/Mercoledì Dicembre 25 December
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45am St. Brigid's Church (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

Confessions / Confessioni

Saturday / Sabato Dicembre 21 December
4.00pm to 6.00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Wednesday/ Mercoledì 1st January 2020
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
10.00am St. Brigid's Church (It/Eng)

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection	\$605 - 00
2nd Collection	\$340 - 00
Envelopes	\$193 - 00

PLEASE NOTE!
SATURDAY 21st December there will be ONLY ONE COMBINED MASS at 7.00PM
PER FAVORE FATE NOTA!
SABATO 21 Dicembre, UNICA MESSA alle 7.00PM

FEAST OF JESUS THE BLACK NAZARENE

Triduum Masses in Honour of
The Black Nazarene
7 to 9 January 2020 7.30pm
St. Mary's Star of the Sea
33 Howard Street, West Melbourne
Feast Day - Friday 10 January 2020
7.00pm Procession followed by Solemn concelebrated Mass
Contact Mons. Litoy 0404 261 228

**SIX DAY SILENT DIRECTED
RETREAT Friday 17 January, 5.00pm
to Friday 24 January 2020**
Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Road, Kew. To deepen your relationship with God, we offer you silence, a peaceful ambience, a spiritual director and ample time for prayer. **Cost:** \$925 (includes all meals and accommodation) To book please email secretary@campion.asn.au or phone 03 9854 8110.

Entrata:

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.

All'uomo che piange tristezza
E geme nell'ombra di morte,
porta la tua speranza e l'amore.
Rit.



Offertorio:

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.**

Egi ci ha dato la sua vita,
insieme a questo pane. **Rit.**

Noi, che mangiamo questo pane,
saremo tutti amici. **Rit.**



Comunione INNALZATE NEI CIELI

Innalzate nei cieli lo sguardo:
la salvezza di Dio è vicina.
Risvegliate nel cuore l'attesa,
per accogliere il Re della gloria.

*Vieni, Gesù, vieni, Gesù!
Discendi dal cielo,*

Sorgerà dalla Casa di David,
il Messia da tutti invocato,
prenderà da una vergine il corpo,
per potenza di Spirito Santo.

Benedetta sei tu, o Maria,
che rispondi all'attesa del mondo:
come aurora splendente di grazia,
porti al mondo il sole divino.

Vieni, o Re, discendi dal cielo:
porta al mondo il sorriso di Dio;
nessun uomo ha visto il suo volto,
solo tu puoi svelarci il mistero.



Fine

O BELLA REGINA

O bella Regina,
O Madre del ciel,
all'Angiol t'inchini,
ancella fedel.

*Ave, ave, ave Maria.
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

Di grazia sei piena
e t'ama il Signor;
Tuo Figlio è Dio,
uman Redentor.

O Madre pietosa,
Gesù ti donò
al mondo in peccato
che egli salvò.

