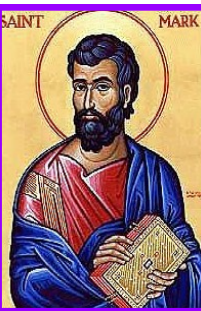


ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. (Is 30:19,30)

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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.

CONTEMPLATING THE FACE OF CHRIST

Pope Francis is adamant in his teaching that we will not get far if we do not keep very close to Jesus Christ—a disposition he describes as contemplating the face of Jesus.’ This is more than just a pious devotion. Rather, it is an ongoing encounter with the one whose fire will bring healing and will inflame us into action. This encounter will heal us and restore us, even when we have been “broken by the troubles of this life or maddened by sin”. And if we continue to experience ourselves as requiring his ongoing healing, we are to “enter into the Lord’s heart, into his wounds, for that it’s the abode of divine mercy.”

This is true for us as individuals and as a Church. We are never to lose confidence in the power of God to bring his desire to transform us to contemplation and continue to ‘persevere in hope’.

Shane Dwyer, *New Life in Christ*, 36, Evangelization Brisbane 2021



CONTEMPLARE IL VOLTO DI CRISTO

Papa Francesco è fermamente convinto nel suo insegnamento che non andremo lontano se non ci teniamo molto vicini a Gesù Cristo, una disposizione che egli descrive come contemplare il volto di Gesù. Questo è più di una devozione pia. Piuttosto, è un incontro continuo con colui il cui fuoco porterà guarigione e ci infiamma in azione. Questo incontro ci guarirà e ci ristabilirà, anche quando siamo stati “spezzati dai guai di questa vita o ammaestrati dal peccato”. E se continuiamo a sperimentare noi stessi come bisognosi della sua continua guarigione, dobbiamo “entrare nel cuore del Signore, nelle sue ferite, perché è la dimora della misericordia divina.”

Questo è vero per noi come individui e come Chiesa. Non dobbiamo mai perdere la fiducia nella potenza di Dio per portare il suo desiderio di trasformarci in contemplazione e continuare a ‘perseverare nella speranza’.

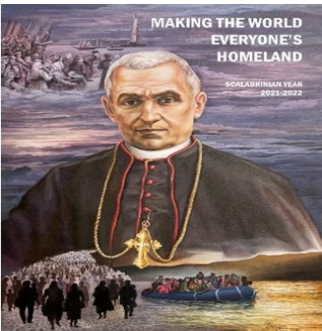
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Prayer to Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini

O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism, and father to the migrants. We rely on your intercession to receive God’s blessings on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace ... (pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen. Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!

We cannot love God by offending our neighbour, true charity does not destroy the name of others or belittle them or take revenge on them; rather, true charity is forgiving, showing compassion, living in peace with everyone and practicing the works of mercy. --

Blessed Scalabrini



Pope Francis: Feeling lonely or abandoned? Pray to St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, you who guarded the bond with Mary and Jesus, help us to care for the relationships in our lives. May no one experience that sense of abandonment that comes from loneliness. Let each of us be reconciled with our own history, with those who have gone before, and recognize even in the mistakes made a way through which Providence has made its way, and evil did not have the last word. Show yourself to be a friend to those who struggle the most, and as you supported Mary and Jesus in difficult times, support us too on our journey. Amen.



INVITATION
Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY** EVERY 2nd, 3rd, and 4th **FRIDAY At 6:00 P.M. ST BRIGID’S CHURCH**



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.Scalabrini.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.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:4-6,8-11)

Brethren, I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!** (Lk 3:4,6)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias Tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Bar 5:5;4:36).

A reading from the Book of Baruch (5:1-9)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, “Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness.” Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteous-ness that come from him. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R./**

The heathens themselves said: “What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R./**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R./**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of songs, carrying their sheaves. **R./**

Entrance: A VOICE CRIES OUT

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

Refrain:
*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
Every valley is made a plain every
mountain is levelled.*

The glory of God shall be revealed
and nations will sing your praise (**Refrain**)

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Offertory: LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true...

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you...

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Communion: THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING FOR LOVE

We're waiting for Jesus like Mary, We're waiting for Jesus the Lord.

Refrain
*Come down, Lord Jesus!
Come quickly, Lord Jesus!
The whole world is waiting for Love
The whole world is waiting for Love*

We're laying a manger for Mary A manger for Jesus the Lord. **Ref.**

We're making it lovely for Mary, So lovely for Jesus the Lord. **Ref**

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Final: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I'll rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 4th December 2021 Year "C" Vigil / Vigilia Second Sunday of Advent	"Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight".		6.00pm 7.00pm (Spanish Mass)	Baptism Celebrations for: Savannah Rose TIGANI Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 5th December 2021 Year "C" Second Sunday of Advent	"Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri!"	8.30am Peter HARRIS Gilbert & Vida HARRIS Tom & Clara HARRIS Mary & Bill HARRIS Tom & Mary DENNY Will & Edie JUNES 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Dec. members THEN family Dec.members NAR family 11.00am Raffaella TOMAINO Alfredo CASELLA Riccardo DI FABIO In onore di GESÙ CRISTO e PADRE PIO	Baptism Celebrations for: Christian Anthony RAMOS Matteo Sam BAZZANO Congratulations!  Wedding Celebration for: Belinda PEAK & George FARADAY Congratulations ! 
Monday/Lunedì Year "C" 6th December 2021 2nd week of Advent Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	Responsorial Psalm <i>Our God will come to save us!</i>		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì Year "C" 7th December 2021 St Ambrose , bishop, doctor Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>		9.15am St. Ambrose 7.00pm Spanish Mass followed by Candlelight Procession in the courtyard.	
Wednesday /Mercoledì 8th December 2021 Year "C" Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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>		9.15am Immaculate Conception 7.30pm Mass in honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday Giovedì Year "C" 9th December 2021 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>		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì Year "C" 10th December 2021 Is 48:17-19: Mt 11:16-19	Responsorial Psalm <i>Those who follow you, Lord will have the light of life.</i>		9.15am	

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Liturgy of the word 11th & 12th December 2021	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	J. Smith	T. Toscano
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	P. La Marca
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	R. Omenihu	P. La Marca

SUNDAY CATECHISM

Religious instructions with the Missionaries of Charity for children preparing for 1st communion and Confirmation **every Sunday at 10.30am** in The Welcome In Room

PARISH COVID SAFE PLAN

A. **5.00PM MASS every FRIDAY** (same as Sunday Vigil Mass) at St. Brigid's **only for people who have unknown vaccination status or the unvaccinated**

(This mass schedule remains in place from **Friday 5th November until Friday 17th December 2021**)

B. The **fully vaccinated** people only, in this time, can attend regular Mass Times

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"

will take place from 27/28 November to Sunday 12 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 12 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 12 Dicembre oppure prima. Grazie!

Festive Music for Christmas

Wednesday 15 December, 7.00pm
St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.
Cathedral Brass, with Anthony Halliday,
organ. Brett Kelly, conductor.
\$25 - tickets online or at the door. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge.

Online tickets:

www.trybooking.com/BVJPD

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Copies of the Christmas Catalogue are available on the table at the entrance. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the church in Need. To see the range on line, you can also visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

Aid to the Church in Need

ACN Australia Job Vacancies - Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$390 - 00
2 Collection \$240 - 00
Envelopes \$135 - 00

Thank You!

Moving with the times - Online Giving:

If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 4 December 2021, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli ordained five new priests for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The ordinations were originally scheduled for September, but due to the extended period of lockdown they were forced to hold off a while longer.

Now that life in Melbourne is returning in strides to a "new normal", it's time to meet the five ordinands:

Deacons Alexander Chow, Hoang Dinh, Jaycee Napoles, Joseph Nguyen and Samuel Pearson.

We, the parish of St. Brigid's offer them our congratulations and prayerful wishes, may they follow in Jesus footsteps spreading the good news of the Gospel.

ADVENT BOOKLETS AVAILABLE for everyday reflection on the scriptural readings. Donation of \$5

Canto D'Ingresso**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 Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! *Rit.:*

**Canto D'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 canti, vieni tu che spera: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

**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 sarai 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*

