



*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.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – “Rejoice in the Lord always: The Lord is near.”**

Today, the Word of God invites us repeatedly to rejoice. The Prophet Isaiah proclaims: “They (the future generations) shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God”. In the second reading, St James also invites the believers: “Do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon”. The Gospel translates this joyful coming in what Jesus is already accomplishing: “The blind see again and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor”. God wants our joy! The believers must know that the Good News of salvation is a message of joy and liberation from all the contradictions of human thinking and the promises of the world. Believers in Christ must express the joy of their faith, a sincere joy manifesting the certainty on Christ’s victory who, despite the difficulties and the apparent contradictions, by his intervention, the future of humanity is progressing.



**3.za DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – “Rallegratevi perché il Signore é vicino”**

La Parola di Dio oggi ci invita con insistenza alla gioia. Il profeta Isaia dice: “Essi (le generazioni future) vedranno la Gloria del Signore, la magnificenza del nostro Dio”. S. Giacomo nella seconda lettura ripete l’invito: “Rinfrancate i vostri cuori, perché la venuta del Signore é vicina”. Il Vangelo traduce questa gioiosa attesa nella realtà di ciò che Gesù compie: “I ciechi ricuperano la vista, gli storpi camminano, i lebbrosi sono guariti, i sordi riacquistano l’udito, i morti risuscitano, ai poveri é predicate la lieta novella”. Dio vuole la nostra felicità! I cristiani devono sapere che la Buona Novella della salvezza é un messaggio di gioia e di liberazione da tutte le contraddizioni del pensiero e delle promesse del mondo. I cristiani devono comunicare la gioia di cui vivono, una gioia

vera che esprime la certezza, fondata sulla vittoria di Cristo, che nonostante le difficoltà e le apparenti contraddizioni, per il suo intervento l’avvenire della umanità si stá edificando.

Le gioie piú spontanee nell’uomo sono quelle recate dalle sicurezze della vita quotidiana, percepite come benedizioni di Dio: la gioia del lavoro ben fatto, la gioia di un pasto fraterno, la gioia di una famiglia unita, la gioia dell’amore, di una nascita, Ma esiste una gioia ancora piu’ profonda: quella di coloro che si sono fatti umili e obbedienti dinanzi a Dio e attendono tutto da lui e dalla perseveranza nella fede. Nulla può allora diminuire questa gioia, nemmeno la prova. La gioia di Dio é forza. La gioia della Comunità Cristiana nella sua condizione umana e’ la gioia di un tempo dato per costruire una vita sempre migliore. La celebrazione Eucaristica é il momento privilegiato in cui la comunità attinge alla sorgente della vera gioia: Gesù, il Dio con noi. In questa prospettiva ci prepariamo a celebrare con rinnovata esultanza il grande evento del Natale.

The most immediate joys for people are those coming from the security of everyday life seen as God’s blessings: the joy of a work well done, the joy of a family united and in the togetherness of a meal, the joy of love, the joy of a child’s birth. However, there is a deeper joy: the joy of those who are humble and obedient to God, recognising that all comes from God’s love and persevere in their trust in God. Nothing will diminish this joy, not even the difficulties of life. God’s joy is our strength. The joy of the believing community in its human experiences finds strength in the belief that time is given to constantly build a better life. The Eucharistic Celebration, then, is a privileged moment in which the Community draws from the fount of true joy: Jesus, the God with us. With this joyful vision we are preparing ourselves to celebrate the great event of Christmas.

**“Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal -** took take place last weekend. A big thank you to those who have donated.

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. Total to date \$530.

**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.**

**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 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: Lord come 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./**

**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)**

<p><b>Entrance:</b> <b>LIGHT ONE CANDLE</b></p> <p>Light one candle for hope, One bright candle for hope. He brings hope to every heart. He comes. He comes.</p> <p>Light one candle for peace, One bright candle for peace. He brings peace to every heart. He comes. He comes.</p> <p>Light one candle for joy, One bright candle for joy. He brings joy to every heart. He comes. He comes.</p> <p>Light one candle for love, One bright candle for love. He brings love to every heart. He comes. He comes.</p> 	<p><b>Offertory:</b> <b>OUR SUPPER INVITATION</b></p> <p>Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Take of my life and live, branch of my vine. Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill. Don’t be afraid to dream; love has its will.</p> <p>Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine. Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill. Share with your people, that love has its will.</p> <p>Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Take of my life and live branch of my vine.</p> 	<p><b>Communion:</b> <b>O COME, O COME EMMANUEL</b></p> <p>Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.</p> <p><b>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!</b></p> <p>Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high, Who ordered all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.</p> <p><b>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!</b></p> <p>Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai’s height In ancient times gave holy law, In cloud and majesty and awe.</p> <p><b>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!</b></p> 	<p><b>Final:</b> <b>IN THE LORD I’LL BE EVER THANKFUL</b></p> <p>In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; Lift up your voices the Lord is near</p>  <p><b>SCOLARSHIPS AT GENAZZANO FCJ COLLEGE</b></p> <p>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. Apply at <a href="http://genazzano.vic.edu.au">genazzano.vic.edu.au</a></p>
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**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**



## Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/ SABATO</b> 14th December 2019 VIGIL Year "A" 3rd Sunday of Advent	<i>'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'</i>	<b>Wedding Celebration for: Maria RUBIO &amp; Jamie PALENCIA</b> <i>Congratulations!</i> 	6.00pm Pro-populo 7.00pm Spanish Mass 	<b>Wedding Celebration for: Simone KARAFILIS &amp; Justin COUTTS</b> <i>Congratulations!</i> 
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 15th December 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent Year "A"	<i>"Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il mio messaggero, davanti a te egli preparerà la tua via".</i>	8.30am	9.45am Ermando IARUSSI 11.00am Angelo POLLA 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass 	<b>Baptism Celebration for: Louis Rose DI STEFANO</b> <i>Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 16th December 2019 3rd week of Advent Num 24: 2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass 	
Tuesday/ Martedì 17th December 2019 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Gaetano CAFARELLA 10.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for the late Joseph Luis BASILE 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass 	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph Luis BASILE. May the Lord of mercy grant him eternal rest and give peace and comfort to his loved ones.</i>
Wednesday/Mercoledì 18th December 2019 3rd week of Advent Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1:18-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 11.00am Funeral Mass for the late Marco GILBERTO 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass 	<i>Believe in Miracles</i> 
Thursday/Giovedì 19th December 2019 3rd week of Advent Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Fill me with your praise, and I will sing your glory!</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass 	
Friday/Venerdì 20th December 2019 3rd week of Advent Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass 	

**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! Total to date \$365

**"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! Totale corrente \$365

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

Liturgy of the Word 21st & 22nd 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	E. Elkins	P. La Marca	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	A. Atherton	T. Toscano	N. Omenihu / J. Smith	
II Reading	M. de Souza	A. De Santis	C. Penitito	P. La Marca	Colosimo Family	

**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 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. Lito 0404 261 228

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT: FESTIVE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS** Wednesday 18 December, 7pm St Patrick's Cathedral  
Tickets: \$25.00 (children under 15 free).  
Tickets available at the door.  
Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BGPWW](http://www.trybooking.com/BGPWW)  
Further information: [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au), T: 9926 5753

**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.*

**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)

**SAINTS OF ITALY** Explore the famous shrines and sites of Italy during this 14 Day pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe. Cost \$6490 + Tips. Depart on 7th June 2020. 5 seats left. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 1300 721 561 or [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

**Offertorio: 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.*  
**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1st Collection \$1010 - 00  
2nd Collection \$550 - 00  
Envelopes \$145 - 00

**Comunione TI PREGHIAM CON VIVA FEDE**  
Ti preghiam con viva fede assetati siam di te Nella gioia di chi crede Vieni, amato Re dei re.  
**O Signore, Redentore, Vieni vieni, non tardar. O Bambino, Re divino, dona pace ad ogni cuor.**  
O Maria, dolce aurora, tu che annunzi il Salvatore, rendi il cuore sua dimora, cresca l'uomo nell'amor. *Rit.*  
T'invochiamo, Sol d'Oriente, Trepidanti d'ansietà. Vieni, o luce della mente. Tutto il mondo attende già. *Rit.*

**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

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY**  
**SUNDAY 16th February 2020**  
**FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare "Our Patron Saint"** The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.30am** with Procession. A light lunch will follow in the hall.

**PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 16 FEBBRAIO 2020** FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"  
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** 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.**

**Fine SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO**  
Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà 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.*