

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.

BAPTISM IS NOW

At regular moments in our lives, perhaps even daily, each of us is to pray for the grace to live the life of faith into which we have been initiated. Baptism is not a past event faded into your history.

Even if you were baptised by your parents' choice and not your own, you get to choose whether it is confirmed in your life every moment of every day. This is the challenge and the joy into which each of us is invited.

Shane Dwyer, *New Life in Christ*, 58, Evangelization Brisbane 2021



IL BATTESIMO È ORA

Nei momenti regolari della nostra vita, forse anche ogni giorno, ognuno di noi deve pregare per la grazia di vivere la vita di fede in cui siamo stati iniziati. Il battesimo non è un evento passato svanito nella vostra storia.

Anche se sei stato battezzato per scelta dei tuoi genitori e non per scelta tua, puoi scegliere se è confermato nella tua vita ogni momento di ogni giorno. Questa è la sfida e la gioia in cui ognuno di noi è invitato.

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A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 Luke (3:10-18)

The multitudes asked John, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than is appointed you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

A reading from the Book of Zephaniah (3:14-18)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judge-ments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Shout and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R./**

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. **R./**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **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)

Entrance: LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy.
He brings joy to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love.
He brings love to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Tune: Music by Natalie Sleeth; arranged by Heather Sorenson Text: Words by Natalie Sleeth. This arrangement c 2017 by Hinshaw Music (administered worldwide by Fred Bock Music Company, Inc.)

Offertory:

BLESSED BE GOD

Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this bread we offer
Fruit of the earth,
work of our hands
It will become the bread of life

Refrain:

**Blessed be God, Blessed be God
Blessed be God, forever Amen
Blessed be God, Blessed be God
Blessed be God, forever Amen**

Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this wine we offer
Fruit of the vine, work of our hands
It will become the cup of joy (Ref)

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Communion: (Public Domain) O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

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.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

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.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

Oh, come O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save;
Bring them in vict'ry through the grave.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

Final:

SING TO THE MOUNTAIN

**Refrain:
Sing to the mountain,
sing to the sea
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.**

**This is the day
the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice**

I will give thanks to you,
my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved
my soul from death
You are my strength
and my song (Ref)

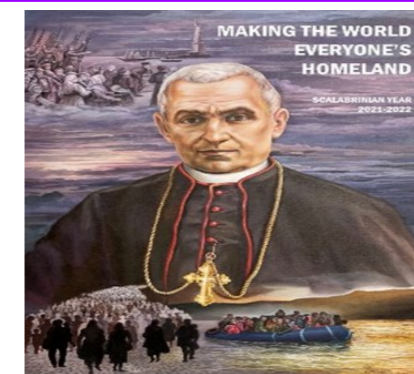
Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. (Ref)

Text based on Psalm 118:24; Isaiah 6:3. Text and music © 1975, Robert J. Dufford, SJ and OCP.

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!



Jesus! as we utter this name, our heart softens, our spirit is moved, and our soul is lifted with hope.
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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Due to Advent and Christmas celebrations

HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY

will resume on Friday
14th January 2022
6.00pm
St. Brigid's Church

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES

(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)

**From Wednesday 15th to
Thursday 23rd December
7.30pm St. Brigid's Church.**



Participated by Various Migrant Communities

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.**

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 11th December 2021 Year "C" Vigil/Vigilia Third Sunday of Advent	<i>I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire"</i>		6.00pm 7.00pm (Spanish Mass)	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 12th December 2021 Year "C" Third Sunday of Advent	<i>"Io vi battezzo con acqua; ma viene colui che è più forte di me e vi battezerà in Spirito Santo e fuoco"</i>	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Deceased members of the MERRY, CHEAH & LIM families 11.00am 2.30pm Santa messa in onore di Santa Lucia	Baptism Celebrations for: Luigi & Gianluca PADOVANI Avery Judith ADAMS Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì Year "C" 13th December 2021 St Lucy, virgin, martyr Num 24:2-7, 15-17 Mt 21:23-27:	Responsorial Psalm <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i>		9.15am St. Lucy feast day	
Tuesday/Martedì Year "C" 14th December 2021 St John of the Cross Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>		9.15am St John of the Cross	
Wednesday /Mercoledì 15th Dec 2021 Year "C" 3rd week of Advent Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Lk 7:19-23	Responsorial Psalm <i>Let the clouds rain down the Just One and the earth bring forth a Saviour.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Masss	
Thursday Giovedì Year "C" 16th December 2021 3rd week of Advent Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30:	Responsorial Psalm <i>I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Masss	
Friday/Venerdì Year "C" 17th December 2021 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	Responsorial Psalm <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>		9.15am 10.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for the late Tindara FIRRISI 7.30pm Novena Nativity Masss	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tindara FIRRISI. May the God of mercy grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>

Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta, CS 0406 086 432 Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707 Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo & Rachel Mamone Tel: (03) 9489 6777	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS Fr. Gesner Felix, CS Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0410 001 462	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228
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Liturgy of the word 18th & 19th 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	E. Elkins	M. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	A. Atherton	N. Cavallin
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	C. Penitito	M. Lauria

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

PARISH COVID SAFE PLAN

A. **FRIDAY 17th December will be the FINAL 5.00PM MASS** (same as Sunday Vigil Mass) at St. Brigid's **only** for people who have **unknown vaccination status**

SUNDAY CATECHISM

Religious instruction classes for this year, will end this Sunday 12 December. They will resume on Sunday 6 February 2022 at 10.30am with the Missionaries of Charity in the Media room, in preparation for First Holy Communion.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL" Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance to the church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation as soon as possible. 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 al più presto possibile. Grazie!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE

ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE

Friday/Venerdì December 24 Dicembre

9.15.am St. Brigid's - morning Mass
CHRISTMAS VIGIL
7.00pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (English)
9.00pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (Spanish)
11.30pm St. Brigid's - Christmas Carols
12am St. Brigid's - Midnight Mass (It/Eng)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday/Sabato Dicembre 25 December

8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)
6.00pm St Brigid's Church (English)
7.00pm St Brigid's Church (Spanish)

Sunday/Domenica 26th December

Normal Sunday Mass times for St. Brigid's and St. Mark's

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday/Sabato 1st January 2022
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Brigid's Church
6.00pm St. Brigid's Church
7.00pm St Brigid's Church (Spanish)

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>



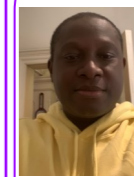
Festive Music for Christmas

This Wednesday 15 December, 7pm 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.comBVJPD

In Preparation to Christmas

you are all invited to come for **COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION** General Confessions (Form 2) **Friday 17th December at 6.00pm** Here in St. Brigid's Church Followed by individual confessions.

WELCOME BACK FR. GESNER FELIX



After a number of years ministering in Sydney and Japan, the community of St. Brigid's and St. Mark's welcomes back Fr. Gesner as Chaplain to the Spanish speaking Community. We wish him a happy and fruitful ministry and may he be filled with many blessings.

Canto D'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, 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.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!



Canto D'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. **R.**

O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. **R.**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$540.00
2 Collection \$150.00
Envelopes \$113.00 *Thank You!*

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.**

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

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



Canto Finale

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 l'eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù. **Rit.**

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

