

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring a Saviour. (Isa 45:8)

Weekly Parish Newsletter

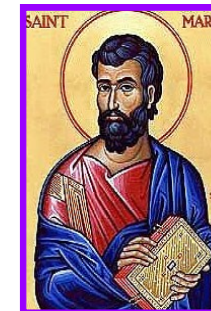
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

“Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife.”

Joseph is the person the Gospel presents us today for reflection. He plays an important role in the incarnation of Jesus and in our salvation. He appears only six times in the gospel. In today's Gospel his decision is as important as the "Yes" of Mary to the angel. In this **first mention**, Joseph discovers that Mary, his betrothed, is pregnant with a child not his own. According to the Jewish law, he could reject Mary, accuse her of infidelity and be even stoned to death. But, at the reassurance of the angel that Mary conceived by the action of the Holy Spirit, Joseph took Mary as his wife. The **second time** we see Joseph taking the trip to Bethlehem with Mary and assist at the birth of Jesus in a stable. In humility he accepts that the promised "Son of



“Giuseppe, non temere di prendere con te Maria, come tua sposa.”

Il Vangelo ci presenta oggi la persona di Giuseppe su cui vogliamo riflettere per il suo importante ruolo nell'incarnazione di Gesù e nella nostra salvezza. Giuseppe viene menzionato solo sei volte nel Vangelo. Oggi ci presenta la sua decisione così importante come il "Sì" di Maria all'angelo. In questa **prima menzione**, Giuseppe scopre che Maria, sua fidanzata, è incinta di un figlio non suo. Secondo la Legge Ebraica, lui può rigettare Maria e accusarla di infedeltà che portava la pena della lapidazione. Ma alle parole dell'angelo che lo rassicura che questo è opera dello Spirito Santo, Giuseppe prende Maria come sua sposa. La **seconda menzione** è quando Giuseppe si mette in cammino con Maria verso Betlemme e l'

assiste nella nascita di Gesù in una stalla. Con umiltà accetta che il promesso "Figlio di Dio, erede del Re Davide", nasca in condizioni così umili. Nonostante ciò, egli prende Gesù e Maria sotto la sua cura come un sacro dovere. La **terza menzione** è quando, secondo la legge ebraica, lui e Maria presentano Gesù al tempio. Era, di solito, una celebrazione gioiosa, ma non per loro. Simeone li ammonisce che Gesù sarà causa di contraddizione per molti e Maria stessa soffrirà molto. La **quarta menzione** avviene con la fuga in Egitto. Avvisato dall'angelo che Erode, geloso, vuole uccidere il bambino Gesù, Giuseppe prende Maria e Gesù e fugge in Egitto. Così essi diventeranno rifugiati in terra straniera, affrontando una lingua nuova, costumi nuovi, cercando un lavoro per sopravvivere e in difficoltà anche nella pratica della loro fede ebraica. La loro presenza tra i vicini forse evitata e sospetta. La **quinta menzione** è quando l'angelo invita Giuseppe a ritornare in patria perché Erode era morto. Tuttavia, Giuseppe sospettava di Archelao, suo successore, e decise di fare ritorno a Nazaret in Galilea, lontano dalla Giudea, e iniziare una nuova vita per dare protezione e sicurezza al bambino Gesù e a Maria. L'**ultima menzione** è quando, a 12 anni, Giuseppe e Maria portano Gesù a Gerusalemme per la Festa di Pasqua. Al ritorno, Gesù non è con loro. Perciò lo cercano con ansietà per tre giorni finché lo trovano nel Tempio in conversazione con i Dottori delle Legge e i Sacerdoti. Alle parole di Maria perché si sia comportato così, Gesù rispose che "Doveva fare la volontà del Padre". I genitori non compresero queste parole. Il comportamento di Giuseppe ci insegna a mettere fiducia in Dio, anche quando è difficile. Non subito ma a suo tempo comprenderemo il perché.

On Christmas, God comes to live with us, shares and transforms our life to his likeness because he loves us in his Son Jesus Christ. May we rejoice for his great love and share it around us in the family, the community and with all. Wishing each and everyone a holy and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, love and happiness. Your Scalabrinian fathers.



A Natale, Dio è venuto a vivere con noi per condividere e trasformare la nostra vita simile alla sua perché ci ama nel suo figlio Gesù Cristo. Alleghiamoci per il suo grande amore e condividiamolo nelle nostre famiglie, nella comunità e con tutti. Augurando a tutti voi un Buon e Santo Natale e un nuovo anno pieno di pace, amore e felicità. I vostri padri Scalabriniani.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)

From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures. The gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel," (a name which means, God with us).

Alleluia! (Mt 1:23)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (1:18-24)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel. (Is 7:14)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (7:10-14)
The Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."

This is the Word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R./**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R./**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R./**

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.

Refrain

**Dear Saviour haste;
Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the 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: THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow
His eyes as flame
"All hail" said he
"thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother
thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel,
By seers foretold
Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary
meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God,"
she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify
his holy name."
Most highly favoured lady Gloria!



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)**

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.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections



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| 1st Collection | \$565 - 00 |
| 2nd Collection | \$320 - 00 |
| Envelopes | \$161 - 00 |



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.

Liturgical Calendar and activities


| Day of the Week | Liturgical Celebration | Intention St. Mark | Intention St. Brigid | Parish Activity |
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| SATURDAY/ SABATO 21st December 2019 VIGIL Year "A" 4th Sunday of Advent | <i>"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel"</i> |  | 11.30am Funeral Mass for Maria LAVOLPICELLA 7.00pm Novena Nativity Mass Mario e Verginia PERTILE Laura CHERUBIN | <i>After the 7.00pm Novena Mass everyone invited in the parish hall for a social gathering to celebrate Christmas.</i> |
| SUNDAY/DOMENICA 22nd December 2019 4th Sunday of Advent Year "A" | <i>"Ecco, la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele".</i> | 8.30am | 9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am Defunti Parrocchiani 4.00pm Prayers, Adoration Holy Mass (Brazilian community) 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass | <i>Baptism Celebration for: Kaia Amelia PEREIRA Luis KOENEKE VALDERRAMA Congratulations!</i>  |
| Monday/Lunedì 23rd December 2019 4th week of Advent Mal 3: 1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66 | <i>Responsorial Psalm Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.</i> | 8.00am | 9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Bruna BRAZZALE 6.30pm Santa e Felice CONIGLIO 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bruna BRAZZALE. May the Lord of mercy grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i> |
| Tuesday/ Martedì 24th December 2019 4th week of Advent 2 Sam 7:1-1,8-12,14, 16; Lk 1:67-79 | <i>Responsorial Psalm For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i> | 8.00am | 9.15am 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass Carmen & Rodney GALEA 8.30pm Spanish Mass 11.30pm Carols 12.00am Midnight Mass |  |

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE

CHRISTMAS DAY

SANTO NATALE

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| Thursday/Giovedì 26th December 2019 St. Stephen, 1st martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 | <i>Responsorial Psalm Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.</i> | 8.00am St. Stephen | 9.15am St. Stephen Carmela FIORE |  |
| Friday/Venerdì 27th December 2019 St. John, apostle 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8 | <i>Responsorial Psalm Let the just rejoice in the Lord.</i> | 8.00am St. John | 9.15am St. John 11.00am Funeral Mass for Erminio POLONI | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Erminio POLONI</i> |

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| Parish Community 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 | Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777 | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Mob: 0481 127 374 | 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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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

| Liturgy of the Word 28th & 29th Dec 2019 | 6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid | 8.30am St. Mark | 9.45am St. Brigid | 11.00am St. Brigid | Offertory Procession | Church Cleaning |
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| I Reading | M. de Souza | G. Piantella | Choir Member | L. Colosimo | B. Rigoni / M. Villani | Lolita Ferrero |
| Responsorial Psalm | M. de Souza | G. Piantella | Choir Member | M. Lauria | C. Penitto / R. Omenihu | |
| II Reading | M. de Souza | G. Piantella | Choir Member | N. Cavallin | Toscano Family | |

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES available on the seats and on the table at the entrance to the church. The Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your kindness and generosity.
BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.

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

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the Christmas appeal. Total to date \$675
La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli vi ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'appello natalizio. Totale \$675

Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal A big thank you to those who have donated. Envelopes still available. Total to date \$690

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)

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.


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

Entrata: 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.:**

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 speri: 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.**

Fine 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.**

Di tutti i malati solleva il dolor, consola chi soffre nel corpo e nel cuor. **Rit.**

Proteggi il cammino di un popol fedel, Ottieni ai tuoi figli di giungere al ciel. **Rit.**