

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 forth a Saviour. (Is 45:8)

Weekly Parish Newsletter

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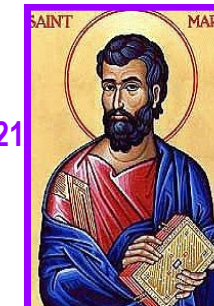
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Able to Proclaim, or Rendered Silent?

Elizabeth's ability to see what is happening to herself and to identify and articulate the significance of what is happening to her young cousin is remarkable for its clarity.

As they rejoice in their acceptance of the promises that have been made to them, these two faithful women are models of what it means for each of us to be disciples.

Like them, we are to be part of building a family that reaches out and welcomes any who are looking for a place to belong, as they seek to respond to the life that God has for them.

Shane Dwyer, *New Life in Christ*, 80, Evangelization Brisbane 2021



In grado di proclamare, o Reso Silenzioso?

La capacità di Elizabeth di vedere ciò che sta accadendo a se stessa e di identificare e articolare il significato di ciò che sta accadendo alla sua giovane cugina è notevole per la sua chiarezza.

Come si rallegrano nell'accettare le promesse che sono state fatte loro, queste due donne fedeli sono modelli di ciò che significa per ciascuno di noi essere discepoli.

Come loro, dobbiamo essere parte della costruzione di una famiglia che si estende e accoglie chiunque sia alla ricerca di un posto a cui appartenere, mentre cercano di rispondere alla vita che Dio ha per loro.

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A reading from the Book of Micah (5:1-4a) But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the timewhen she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord come to our help. **R./**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R./**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (10:5-10) Brethren, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia! (Lk 1:38)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (1:39-45) Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." **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)

Entrance:
O COME DIVINE MESSIAH
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O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.
Ref:
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.
You come in peace and meekness,
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see.
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Offertory:
THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
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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 honor 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.
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We're making it lovely for Mary,
So lovely for Jesus the Lord.
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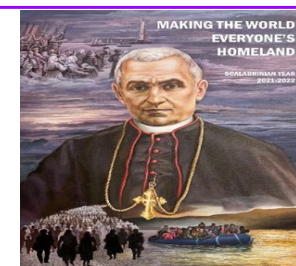
Final: SEE HOW THE VIRGIN WAITS
See how the Virgin waits for him;
Mary in wonder waits for him.
Shake off your slumber; come all full of wonder.
Jesus is coming as the Prince of Peace.
Shake off your slumber; come all full of wonder.
Jesus is coming as the Prince of Peace.
Gently she hears the distant breeze swaying the silver olive trees.
What is she thinking as the sun is sinking,
waiting the birthday of her firstborn Son?
What is she thinking as the sun is sinking,
waiting the birthday of her firstborn Son?
Now a new pattern on the loom;
now a new presence in the room.
Waking or sleeping,
all here love she's keeping,
waiting the coming of the Son of God.
Waking or sleeping,
all here love she's keeping,
waiting the coming of the Son of God.
See how the Virgin waits for him.
Mary in wonder waits for him.
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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!



Jesus Christ took upon himself our humanity to be more compassionate, and to bear in his own person the sufferings, the miseries, the pains of those whom he loves without limits.

Blessed Scalabrini



HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY

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

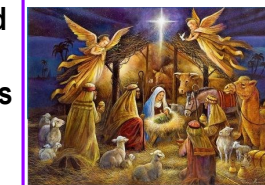
Pope Francis: Feeling lonely or abandoned? Pray to St. Joseph

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.

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 18th December 2021 Year "C" Vigil /Vigilia 4th Sunday of Advent	"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Christmas Novena Mass	Baptism Celebrations for: Valentina FARRUGIA Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 19th December 2021 Year "C" 4th Sunday of Advent	"Benedetta tu fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del tuo grembo!"	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am Angelo POLLA Liliana e Domenico BUDANO 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Monday/Lunedì Year "C" 20th December 2021 4th week of Advent Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Responsorial Psalm Let the Lord enter: he is king of glory		9.15am 10.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for the late Emma MARASCO 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Emma MARASCO</i> 
Tuesday/Martedì Year "C" 21st December 2021 Song 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45	Responsorial Psalm Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him		9.15am 10.15am Rosary and Funeral Mass for Giovanni VIOLA 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Giovanni VIOLA</i> 
Wednesday /Mercoledì 22nd Dec 2021 Year "C" 4th week of Advent 1 Sam 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	Responsorial Psalm My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Thursday Giovedì Year "C" 23rd December 2021 4th week of Advent Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	Responsorial Psalm Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Friday/Venerdì Year "C" 24th December 2021 4th week of Advent 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16: Lk 1:67-69	Responsorial Psalm Forever I will sing the goodness of The Lord		9.15am Mass	

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE

7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

9.00pm Spanish Christmas Mass

11.30pm Carols

12.00am Midnight Christmas Mass Santo COLOSIMO

Wishing everyone a peaceful and Blessed Christmas

Augurando a tutti voi un Buon Santo Natale

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Liturgy of the word 25th& 26th 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	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca

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.

Jesus is Christmas Carols Special

To celebrate the Season of Advent and Christmas, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne warmly invite you to join in celebrating with the Archdiocesan Carols Special, *Jesus is Christmas*, to be broadcast **Monday 20 December at 7.30pm** on Community TV Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed live on the [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#).

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!

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 or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>



PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 20th February 2022 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.

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 20 FEBBRAIO 2022 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona" Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con **Processione e S. Messa**. **Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**


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!

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 piangi, vieni tu che servi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$615.00
2 Collection \$400.00
Envelopes \$154.00

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.**

Noi che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. **Rit.**

Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: resta con noi per sempre. **Rit.**



Canto Finale
O BELLA REGINA

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

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

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

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

