

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. (Ps 30:3-4)

(1st reading in Italian) A reading from the Book of Sirach (15:15-20) If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man. He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R/**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R/**
Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R/**
Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R/**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. (Ps 77:29-30)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Through the intercession of our Blessed Patron, St. Brigid, let us bring our prayers to the loving and merciful Father that he may continue to guide and protect our parish community. **Let us pray: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

- English – For the Church
We pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Peter, bishops, clergy and religious: that Christ may inspire them to serve with generosity the faithful and the world, give them courage in difficulties and power to heal the wounds of sin and division. **We pray to the Lord.**
- English – the Scalabrinians
We pray for the Scalabrinian Missionaries: may God reward them for their services and continue to bless them with generous dedication and a fruitful ministry. **We pray to the Lord.**
- Tagalog – For the Multi-cultural Communities
We pray for our diverse communities served from this parish and particularly for the Filipino Community: May this ministry be generous and conducted in full appreciation of the different languages, cultures and practices as gifts that enrich each one and join us as one family in appreciation, kindness and cooperation. **We pray to the Lord.**
- Italian – For the Parish Community
We pray for all members of this Parish community: May everyone find in this worshipping community the experience of a family of faith and thus be encouraged to remain faithful in their worship and strong in the adversities of life. **We pray to the Lord.**
- Spanish – For Leaders in Government
We pray for the leaders in governments and society: That they may have the wisdom to guide people in truth, respect and harmony, away from prejudice, mistrust, hate, greed or jealousy. **We pray to the Lord.**
- Portuguese – For Priests, Nuns and Lay people
We pray that God may continue to inspire the Priests, Nuns and Lay leaders in our Parish: that they may imitate the fervour and the dedication of St. Brigid in serving our community and reveal the love and compassion of God to all, specially to those most neglected or in need. **We pray to the Lord.**
- English – For Youth and Students
We pray for our youth and students: May they see this time of preparation and growth in knowledge and experience as a precious time to mature in wisdom, responsibility and quality of life as disciples of Christ. **We pray to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, assisted by the prayers of St. Brigid, we bring before you these intentions of the whole family of our parish trusting in your fatherly love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(2nd reading in Spanish) A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10) Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**(1 Sam 3:9)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5:17-37)
Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement. 'You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

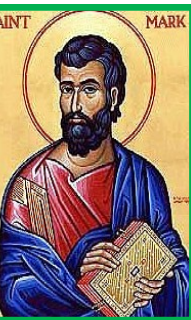


Weekly Parish Newsletter

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SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME "YEAR A"

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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.

St. Brigid OF KILDARE FEAST DAY



St. Brigid's Parish: Patron Saint Feast Day.

Today our Parish celebrates the **Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare**, as one family in the faith, coming together from different nations, cultures and languages. Like in the day of Pentecost, we are Australians, English speaking from various Countries, Italians, Spanish

speaking from America, Portuguese speaking, Filipinos, Samoans, Chinese, people from several Asian Countries and people from all Continents: this is the Family of St. Brigid's, a family of many nations. Indeed, St. Brigid's Cross is a symbol of unity. Tradition has it that she made it from rushes joined together as she was assisting a pagan chieftain on his deathbed who then converted to Christianity when St. Brigid explained that on the Cross Jesus died for his salvation and for all. St. Brigid's Cross is the most appropriate sign of our Parish: our Community, in celebrating St. Brigid as our Patron Saint sees in her an inspiration for unity. In our church, people of different nations, cultures and languages gather and celebrate their faith in God and together become a powerful sign that God's Family is one in faith and love. The love of God reaching out to the whole world; and all the people in the world united in the power of the love of God. St. Brigid was also a perfect example of this uniting love by her dedication to the poor, the education of girls, the gathering of spiritually dedicated people in religious communities, the imparting of the knowledge of God's love to people. She was indeed an instrument of wisdom and unity in her own time. Our celebration today sings of this unity in faith. Let us be inspired by our Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare.





Historical Notes: Brigid is thought to have been born at Faughart (County of Louth), Ireland, in 451. Her father was Dubhthach, a Leinster pagan chieftain, her mother Brocca, a Pictish Christian. Brigid was named after the goddess of fire of the local pagan religion. In 468 Brigid converted to Christianity. Her father was not pleased when she felt a longing to enter the religious life and kept her at home. But her charity to the poor made her give away many of the family resources. Her father finally gave in and sent Brigid to a convent. Receiving the religious veil from St. Mel, Brigid embarked on a career as founder of convents starting at Clara (County of Offaly). But her activity in Kildare became most important. The name 'Kildare' comes from 'Cill Dara', meaning 'The church of the oak' and Brigid's cell being under a large oak tree. She founded a monastery there first for nuns and soon after for monks as well to secure the celebration of the Mass and the administration of the sacraments. Her ministry, however, spread all around that County. Brigid died in or around 525 and was buried in Kildare's abbey church. Later her remains are said to have been exhumed and transported to Downpatrick, to rest with the two other patron saints of Ireland, Patrick and Columba. St. Brigid was a courageous woman of faith, an Irish nun, an abbess, founder of several convents, a charitable pioneer of monastic institutions in Ireland, a leader with a big heart in favour of the most in need, well known for her common sense and holy life. Her devotion spread fast in Ireland, and through the centuries in the whole world.



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.

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 15th February 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year "A" "VIGIL"			6.00pm Pro-Populo 7.00pm Spanish Mass Michael Gabriel REYES †	Baptism Celebration for James D'ANDREA Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 16th February 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year "A"		8.30am 	10.30am Felice ALESSI † Damian ALESSI † Rosa e Francesco SORACE † Giorgio BASILONE † (3 ^o ann)	St. Brigid Feast Day 
Monday/Lunedì 17th February 2020 James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13	Responsorial Psalm <i>Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.</i>	8.00am Juliana BREEN (Special Intentions)	9.15am Gaetano CAFARELLA	
Tuesday/Martedì 18th February 2020 James 1:12-18; Mk 8: 14-21	Responsorial Psalm <i>Happy are those you teach, O Lord.</i>	8.00am Bill BREEN (Special Intentions)	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 19th February 2020 James 1-19-27; Mk 8: 22-26	Responsorial Psalm <i>The just shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.</i>	8.00am Mary LAMONT (Special Intentions)	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to O. L. of P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 20th February 2020 James 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>	8.00am Andrew LAMONT (Special Intentions)	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 21st February 2020 James 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8: 34 - 9:1	Responsorial Psalm <i>Happy are those who do what the Lord commands.</i>	8.00am Charlie PILMORE (Special Intentions)	9.15am	

The Parish of St. Brigid's & St. Mark's warmly welcomes everyone, especially our brothers and sisters from the Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Filipino, Brazilian, Samoan's, Chinese and other Communities to this special celebration to our Patroness Saint Brigid of Kildare.

BEGINNING FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in church followed by confessions.

VIA CRUCIS: Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm seguita dalle confessioni.

Lent starts on Wednesday 26th February 2020
MASSES IN OUR PARISH ON ASH WEDNESDAY



8.00am St Mark's
9.15am St. Brigid's
7.30pm St Brigid's (Filipino Comm.)
7.30pm St. Mark's (Portuguese Comm.)
This day is Fast and Abstinence

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral 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	Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777 Fax: (03) 9489-9926	Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS Mob: 0481 127 374	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0410 001 462	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0404 261 228

Parish News...

Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 22nd & 23rd Feb. 2020	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Church Cleaning
I Reading	M. De Sousa	G. Piantella	Choir Member	N. Cavallin	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. De Sousa	G. Piantella	Choir Member	M. Lauria	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu	
II Reading	M. De Sousa	G. Piantella	Choir Member	N. Cavallin	P. La Marca / T. Bozzetto	

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Brigid our Patroness . After Mass and Procession, everyone is invited in the parish hall for lunch, refreshments and entertainment. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped make this day very special. May our loving God through the intercession of St. Brigid bless each and everyone.

CATHOLICCARE BUSHFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL
In partnership with the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale, CatholicCare aims to reinstate Bushfire Community Recovery Service to help the children, youth and families of East Gippsland to rebuild their lives. This service will support families and communities for three years. Our parish will be accepting your donation this weekend for this project. Please give generously to bring hope and healing back to these devastated communities.

PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID
St. Brigid, you were a woman of peace, You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light into the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace Cover those who are troubled and anxious. And may peace be firmly rooted In our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and reverence all God has made. St. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listen May we grow each day into greater Wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1st Collection \$610 - 00
2nd Collection \$480 - 00
Envelopes \$205 - 00

The Portuguese Chaplaincy Invites everyone to join them in the CELEBRATIONS TO COMMEMORATE The 100th Anniversary of the death of ST. JACINTA MARTO Next FRIDAY 21st February 2020 St. Mark's Church 543 Lygon St. Nth Carlton 8.30pm Vigil Adoration all through the night concluding Saturday at 7.00am with final blessing.

Final MOTHER ST. BRIGID
O Holy Woman Abbess of Ireland Pray for us: St. Brigid!

When you were young
God spoke to your heart,
And you became:
Mother of the emerald isle. **R.**

The Lord the most high gave his reply;
Sending you forth
to preach the Gospel of Christ. **R.**
O Patroness dear, we sing of your cheer,
Pray with us here;
May all souls to God draw near. **R.**
All glory be to the Trinity:
Father, and Son, and Spirit; ever one! **R.**

(During Procession)

Lourdes Hymn
Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you:
His power and his Mercy,
His grace given to you.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)
È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel.
Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)
Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu,
Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)

Entrance

NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE

Noi canteremo gloria a Te, Padre che dai la vita,
Dio d'immensa carità, Trinità infinita.

Tutto il creato vive in Te, segno della tua gloria;
tutta la storia ti darà onore e vittoria.

La tua Parola venne a noi, annuncio del tuo dono;
la tua Promessa porterà, salvezza e perdono.

Dio si è fatto come noi, è nato da Maria:
egli nel mondo ormai sarà, Verità, Vita, Via.

Cristo è apparso in mezzo a noi, Dio ci ha visitato;
tutta la terra adorerà, quel Bimbo che ci è nato.

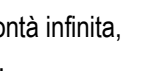
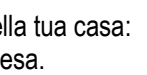
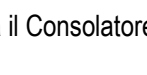
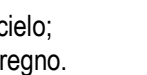
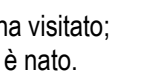
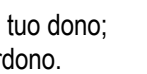
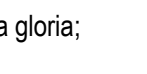
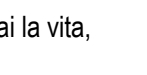
Cristo il Padre rivelò, per noi aprì il suo cielo;
egli un giorno tornerà, glorioso, nel suo regno.

Manda, Signore, in mezzo a noi, manda il Consolatore,
lo Spirito si santità, Spirito dell'amore.

Vieni, Signore, in mezzo ai tuoi, vieni nella tua casa:
dona la pace e l'unità, raduna la tua Chiesa.

Siam qui raccolti innanzi a te, Signor, bontà infinita,
e tu, benigno, ci darai, la gioia della vita.

In spirito e in verità noi gloria ti cantiamo,
la tua divina maestà, con fede adoriamo



Lord have Mercy... (English)

Gloria... (Tagalo)

Responsorial Psalm... (English)

Offertory Hymn... (Filipino Choir)

Holy, Holy... (Italian)

The mystery of faith... (English)

Our Father... (English)

Lamb of God... (English)

Communion: (Portuguese) (Spanish) (Banda Bellini)

