

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. (Ps 90:15-16)

*(1st reading in Italian)* A reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-15) God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said. "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. **R./**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R./**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R./**

**Communion:** (Spanish)

#### Tan Cerca de Mi

*Tan cerca de mi,  
tan cerca de mi  
que hasta lo puedo tocar  
Jesús está aquí.*

Míralo a tu lado por la calle  
caminando entre la multitud  
muchos ciegos van,  
sin quererlo ver  
Llenos de ceguera espiritual.  
**Coro.**

Le hablaré sin miedo al oído  
le contaré las cosas  
que hay en mí  
y que sólo a El,  
le interesarán

El es más que amigo para mí.  
**Coro.**

No busques a Cristo en lo alto  
ni lo busques en la oscuridad  
muy dentro de ti, en tu corazón  
puedes adorar a tu Señor.  
**Coro.**

#### 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.**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Peter (3:18-22)**

Brethren, Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject, to him.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! (Mt 4:4b).

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:12-15)**

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. (Mt 4:4)

**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)**



#### VOCATIONS

Archbishop Peter Comensoli  
has accepted six men for  
admission to Corpus Christi  
College this year. They are:  
**Jordan McBroom, Xavier  
Ryan, Greg Lewis, Gerard  
Martin, Anthony Wright and  
Andrew Tran.**

We are asked to pray for them  
as they commence their  
journey towards Priesthood.

# Weekly Parish Newsletter

*Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale*

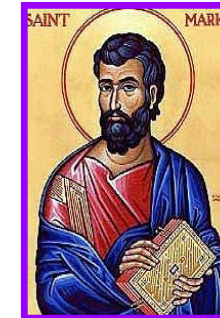
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.  
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

## 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.

Indeed, St. Brigid's Cross, so called because attributed to her making it from rushes, is the most appropriate sign of our Parish: 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 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 the knowledge of God' love to the people. She was, indeed, an instrument of wisdom and unity in her own time. Our community in celebrating her as our Patron Saint sees in her an example and model of that Christian living period. St. Paul says, "We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity... the hidden wisdom of God... (to) teach things beyond the mind of man, that God has prepared for those who love him" (1Cor. 2: 6-9). By this wisdom received by those who love God, virtue goes deeper than that of those who do not know or follow God, Jesus says (Mt. 5: 20). By this sign of unity in the love of God and guided by God's wisdom let us become a powerful sign that we are one family celebrating a new life. Let our Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare, be a constant inspiration and encouragement in our Christian living.

**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 needed, well known for her common sense and holy life. Her devotion spread fast in Ireland, and through the centuries in the whole world.




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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
Saturday/Sabato 20th February 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" "VIGIL"	"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel". 	Wedding Celebration for: <b>Joanne ROMELL &amp; Griffin SMITH</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>	6.00pm Pro-Populo 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for <b>Salvatore BONACURSO Zayn MORO - Benjamin Carolina LEON</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Sunday/Domenica 21st February 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B"  	Il tempo é compiuto e il regno di Dio é vicino; convertitevi e credete nel Vangelo".	8.30am During mass, distribution of ashes will take place.  10.00am Portuguese Mass	10.30am Santo COLOSIMO Tomasina NICOLAZZO Mass and procession During mass, distribution of ashes will take place	Baptism Celebration for <b>Iliara CRISCI</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Monday/Lunedí 22nd February 2021 The Chair of St. Peter 1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. 		9.15am The Chair of St. Peter Peter HUDSON (Sp. Int).	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents & God-parents invited to attend
Tuesday/Martedì 1st week of Lent 23rd February 2021 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6: 7-15	Responsorial Psalm From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.		9.15am Alex (Sp. Int).	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st week of Lent 24th February 2021 Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11: 29-32	Responsorial Psalm A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.		9.15am Julie and Greg (Sp. Int).	2.00pm Mass in Church Simonds college
Thursday/Giovedì 1st week of Lent 25th February 2021 Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12	Responsorial Psalm Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.		9.15am Julie & Greg (Sp. Int.) 10.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for <b>Salvino DEL COLLE</b>	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of <b>Salvino DEL COLLE</b> . May our loving God welcome him into his heavenly home and give peace and comfort to his love ones.
Friday/Venerdì 1st week of Lent 26th February 2021 Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5: 20-26	Responsorial Psalm If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endue it?		9.15am Julie and Greg (Sp. Int.) 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Eng/It) followed by Confessions	

 **The need is acute!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to **enquire now**. Find out more: **Ross House**, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE **Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am** [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 27th & 28th February 2021	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession
I Reading	M. De Sousa	G. Piantella	Missionaries of Charity	T. Toscano	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti
Responsorial Psalm	M. De Sousa	G. Piantella	Missionaries of Charity	P. La Marca	Volunteers
II Reading	M. De Sousa	G. Piantella	Missionaries of Charity	T. Toscano	Mario e Silvia Durante


Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Brigid our Patroness. Due to COVID19 we won't be gathering in the hall for lunch 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.

**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH:**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm (Italian/English)  
**Confessions follow.**


**ST. MARK'S CHURCH:**  
(Portuguese Chaplaincy)  
Every Friday night during Lent 7.00pm REFLECTION followed at 7.30pm by the STATIONS OF THE CROSS St. Mark's Church, 543 Lygon Street, North Carlton.

**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 listens.  
May we grow each day into greater Wholeness in mind, body and spirit.  
**Amen.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE** 

First Sunday of Lent 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

 Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413. **Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes available today and bring them back during Holy Week.**


**Entrance Led by the Spirit**  
Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray With Christ into the wilderness; we join His paschal way. "Rend not your garments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and gracious God whose reign is liberty.

Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face, And know full well we must rely on God's redeeming grace. On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word. We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.

Led by the Spirit, now sing praise to God the Trinity: The Source of Life, the living Word made flesh to set us free, The Spirit blowing where it will to make us friends of God: This mystery far beyond our reach, yet near in healing love.

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**Offertory: (Spanish)**  
**Entre Tus Manos**  
Entre Tus manos, está mi vida, Señor. Entre Tus manos, pongo mi existir.  
**Coro:**  
**Hay que morir, para vivir.**  
**Entre Tus manos, confío mi ser.**  
Si el grano de trigo no muere, si no muere solo quedará, pero si muere en abundancia dará un fruto eterno que no morirá.  
**Coro.**



**Communion: (Spanish)**  
**Ángeles de Dios**  
Si tú sientes algún barullo y no sabes qué es Es un ángel llegando, aunque no lo ves Para acercar nuestras oraciones a Dios  
Sin más, abre el corazón y comienza a cantar Que no hay gozo más grande que el amor celestial Y los ángeles ya vienen a celebrar  
**Coro:**  
**Sí, vuelan los ángeles en el lugar En medio de todos y sobre el altar Trayendo las manos llenas de bendiciones No sé si el cielo bajó, qué fue lo que pasó Yo sé que está lleno de ángeles, sí Y que el mismo Dios está aquí**  
Si los ángeles vuelan, la iglesia se alegra Todos cantan y oran, las almas se elevan Se asusta el infierno, se aleja el mal  
Siente un ruido de alas, los ángeles vuelan Confía, hermano, que ha llegado la hora La hora de Dios y te quiere encontrar.  
**Coro.**

**Communion:**  
**Loving and Forgiving**  
**Refrain:**  
**Loving and forgiving are You, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are You.**  
All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God. (R)  
God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain; Saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love. (R)  
Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sin, forgiving and loving is God. (R)  
As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. (R)  
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