

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (63:16-17,64:1,3-8)
You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us 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 First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9) Brethren: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Alleluia! (Ps 84:8)**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (13:33-37) Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake; because you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the door keeper to stay awake. Watch therefore – because you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or in the morning – lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: stay awake!"
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon:
The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.

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.
**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 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)**

Year for Youth and Vocations. In Australia we have just begun the 'Year for Youth and Vocational Discernment', called by the Bishops of Australia. This coming year will be the tenth anniversary of World Youth Day in Sydney. Let us pray for our young people in our families and our parish. Can we all say one 'Hail Mary' for them now to help them in their discernment of their call from the Lord?

OFFERTORY

TAKE AND RECEIVE

Take and receive,
O Lord, my liberty.
Take all my will,
my mind, my memory,
All things I hold and
all I own, are Thine
Thine was the gift,
to thee, I all resign.

Do Thou direct,
and govern all and sway,
Do what Thou wilt
command, and I obey.
Only Thy grace,
Thy love on me bestow.
These make me rich,
all else will I forego.



COMMUNION BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

**Beyond the moon and stars,
as deep as night,
So great our hunger, Lord,
to see your light.
The sparrow finds her home
beneath your wing,
So may we come to rest
where angels sing.**

Our eyes have longed to see
your loving face,
To live within your courts
for all our days.

Your roads have led us, Lord,
'cross desert sand.
We place our hopes
and dreams within your hand.

Upon our darkness, Lord,
a light has shone.
You chose to dwell with us
in flesh and bone.

With shining stars at night,
and cloud by day,
you brought us here to see
your love's display.

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.

Organ Concert in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, Melbourne VIC Thomas Heywood – Friday 22 December 2017 at 6.30 pm
A Christmas Fantasia! Admission: \$20 at the door; no concessions. Children under 15 free. Bookings/tickets: not require
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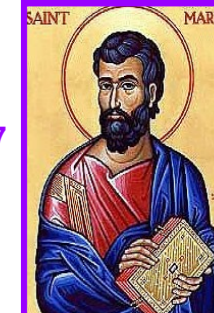


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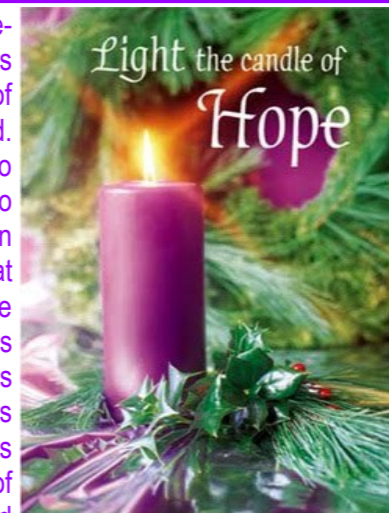
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

ADVENT IS A TIME OF HOPE: Advent is a precious time of hope. Looking at what is happening in the world, we have our own sets of expectations, longing for a better world. Advent is a time to see the world for what it is, to acknowledge the mess things are in, to recognize our own failings caused by our own indifference and apathy. Advent can be a gift that allows to take time out to clearly see that we need a Saviour and in our hearts to listen to His voice within us. We need God to come among us and set us back on the right path to live on this planet as He intended we should. Advent helps us to think of Christmas as the celebration of God's love reaching out to us. In Christmas God has given us His presence, His power, and His love.

Indeed, advent is a precious time of grace. The invitation in today Gospel is to be vigilant and know how to discern the occasion the Lord has chosen to come to our encounter; "for you do not know when the time will come". Being practical, advent is quality time to live right now the joy of the Emmanuel (God with us) in the way we relate to one another. Our world is marked by so many injustices, innocent suffering, and the struggle for human power, leading some to protest against the justice of God or even question the very existence of God. For this very reason advent is a time of hope as we look at the coming of Jesus mindful that injustices are not the final word and that we have our own responsibilities in establishing God's kingdom in our midst. In advent we recognize that many of the sufferings in the world do happen precisely because we haven't welcome God into our lives. Therefore our advent prayer is *maranatha*: "O Lord, come". As today we enter the season of Advent and countdown to Christmas, the Church reminds us that the celebration of Christmas is essentially a spiritual affair. Let us not forget this as we run about in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and preparations. Advent and Christmas is quality time when we are called to go beyond giving gifts and to understand that it is more important to receive and give life celebrating in the present time the loving presence of God.



AVVENTO È TEMPO DI SPERANZA. Oggi, con la prima domenica di avvento, inizia il nuovo Anno Liturgico. Gesù ci invita a costruire la nostra vita in Lui, mentre siamo nella storia: "State attenti, vegliate...perché non sapete quando sarà il momento preciso". La vigilanza che Cristo ci chiede è quella di rimanere sempre nella sua Parola, nel suo Vangelo, nella sua Verità, nella sua Grazia, nel suo Amore, nella sua Giustizia, nella sua Santità. Il cristiano deve vigilare a che sia e rimanga sempre in Cristo Gesù.

L'avvento è un periodo di attesa, di speranza, di conversione. Parlando in una maniera pratica la vigilanza, che ci chiede il Vangelo in questo tempo prezioso di avvento, significa vivere nell'amore vedendo come di fatto riusciamo a gestire il nostro tempo di qualità nella nostra vita. L'avvento ci aiuta a riflettere su come noi impieghiamo il nostro tempo e lo spazio che dedichiamo a Dio e alle persone. La cosa più intelligente che siamo chiamati a fare è quella di mantenere la nostra gioia di vivere, la speranza verso il futuro, in un mondo che ha poca speranza, mantenendoci uomini e donne sani. Davanti al tempo che scorre velocemente, noi siamo chiamati non tanto a bloccare il tempo e neppure a vivere proiettati nel passato, ma vivere il presente con lo sguardo rivolto verso il futuro, anche in mezzo alle incertezze del mondo. È una sfida alla quale siamo chiamati come cristiani, perché non può esistere alcun futuro laddove un consumismo sfrenato rischia di distruggere quei valori che sono alla base del nostro vivere sociale. Dunque, l'avvento è il tempo dell'impegno e della responsabilità, il tempo delle scelte radicali, il tempo dell'attesa di Gesù che viene in mezzo a noi. Avvento è vivere vigilanti nel presente consapevoli che prepararci per il natale vuol dire celebrare nel presente la presenza di Dio in mezzo a noi.

Prayer for Advent Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at he wisdom and power of your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord, who enlists me in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek his will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spiritual resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians [www. Scalabriniani.org](http://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.

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 2nd December 2017 Year "B" First Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Be on your guard, stay awake; because you do not know when the time will come".</i>		6.00pm Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA Charlie CALLUS Manny CALLUS 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Javier Romero FUENTES Congratulations! 
SUNDAYDOMENICA 3rd December 2017 Year "B" First Sunday of Advent	<i>"Fate attenzione, vegliate, perché non sapete quando é il momento".</i>	8.30am Deceased members REBESCHINI family	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Angela DI NATALE Vincenza TRIGILA Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	Baptism Celebrations for Anastasia HEAD Wedding Celebration for Marie COMPERATORE & Phillip MANAGO Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedí 1st week of Advent 4th December 2017 Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i>	8.am	9.15am 7.00pm  Michelina SABATINO (1mth)	
Tuesday/Martedì 1st week of Advent 5th December 2017 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 10.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Angela DI NATALE  7.30pm Santo Rosario per Vincenza TRIGILA	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Angela DI NATALE. May the Lord of mercy welcome her into His heavenly home and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st week of Advent 6th December 2017 Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37	<i>Responsorial Psalm Siederemo con gioia alla mensa del Signore. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Cristoforo FIORE Giuseppina CALANDRA 10.30am Funeral Mass for Vincenza TRIGILA 	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vincenza TRIGILA. May the Lord of mercy welcome her into His heavenly home and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 7th December 2017 Saint Ambrose Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>	8.00am Feast of St. Ambrose	9.15am Feast of St. Ambrose 7.00pm (Spanish) Candle Night Mass and Procession	
Friday/Venerdì 8th December 2017 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Gen 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.</i>	8.00am Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15am Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

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3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 9th & 10th Dec. 2017	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	E. Mascia	B. Rigoni / M. Villani		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	M. Lauria	Volunteers		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	L. Colosimo	Mazzitelli Family		

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held in our parish **This weekend 2nd/3rd December. This Christmas, Wishes can come true with your donation.**
Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.
L'APPELLO NATALIZIO per la Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli si svolgerà nella nostra parrocchia Questo weekend 2/3 Dicembre. Questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la tuadonazione.
Le buste sono ottenibile all'entrata della chiesa. Total to date \$480 Thanks to the donors.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: FESTIVAL OF READINGS, PRAYERS AND CAROLS
Friday 15 December, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Join the Most Reverend Denis Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne, as he presides over the 49th annual Festival of Readings, Prayers and Carols. The St Patrick's Cathedral Choir will be accompanied at the organ of St Pat's by Dion Henman, under the direction of Dr Daryl Barclay. Traditional carols for Christmas time will be augmented by beautiful festive works by Handel, Bruckner, Guerrero and Lauridsen, with specially chosen readings and prayers reflecting the mystery, the beauty and the joy of Christmas.
Cost: Free

VIATOUR 2018 PELLEGRINAGGIO MARIANO con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$6340. Si visita Fatima, Lourdes, Padova, Assisi, Medjugorje, San Giovanni Rotondo, Salerno, Capri, Monte Cassino, Roma, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 14 Maggio al 4 Giugno 2018. Alla fine potete far ritorno, oppure continuare con il pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa, prezzo \$2160 con guida, dal 4 al 11 Giugno. Se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Savino.

PROGETTO CORELLI'S MUSICAL
All are invited to join Progetto Corelli in an afternoon of dazzling music of the Baroque. Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the death of George Philipp Telemann (1681-1767). St Brigid's Church, **Today** Sunday 3rd December at 4.30pm. Entry by voluntary donation.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: FESTA DELLA MADONNA
Sunday 10 December, from 1.45pm
St Monica's Church, 820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. There will be a barbecue, drinks, cakes and sweets, with music provided by the Bellini Band. All are invited to attend to mark this very special day on the liturgical calendar.

 **Renaissance of Marriage**
Radical Demands - Extravagant Mercy
National Catholic Leadership Conference
Featuring Dr Gregory Bottaro (USA), Christina King (USA), Bishop Eugene Hurley, Jonathan Doyle, Robert Falzon, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Byron & Francine Pirola and many more Feb 16-17, 2018 | Sydney (UNDA)
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DECEMBER VESPERS AND BENEDICTION, WEST PRESTON
Sundays 3, 10 and 17 December, 6pm
St Raphael's, 17 Hardy St, West Preston
Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Church will be celebrated at St Raphael's over three Sunday evenings in Advent. Fr Benneth Osuagwu will be celebrant for each of the evenings. The Church's Evening Prayer of Advent will commence the liturgy (with psalm chanted to the organ, played by Raffealle Rossi). Exposition of the Eucharist precedes the Vespers and will be followed by Benediction.
All welcome. **Details: 9470 2586**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 500 - 00
2 Collection \$ 320 - 00
Envelopes \$ 171 - 00

ROMAN RITE CATHOLIC MASS IN ARABIC Friday 8 December, and on the second Friday of each month, 6pm
St Ambrose's Church, 287 Sydney Road, Brunswick.

Canto D'Entrata
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.
Rit.

Canto D'Offertorio
O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO
O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo pane;
è il frutto della terra
e dell'uomo che lavora.
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;
questo pane che mangiamo
è un dono del tuo amore
è un segno di bontà.
O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo vino:
è il frutto della vite
e dell'uomo che lavora
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;
questo vino che beviamo
è un dono del tuo amore

Canto di Comunione
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 spera:
il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
Vieni tu ch ami, vieni tu che cerchi;
il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

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 Salvator. **Rit**