

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 (Isa 45:8).

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel (7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16)
Now when the king dwelt in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies round about, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for, the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever'."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R/**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages." **R/**

He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **R/**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (16:25-27)
Glory to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me" **Alleluia!** (Lk 1:38).

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St St Luke (1:26-38)
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
The Gospel of the Lord.



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CHRISTMAS DAY - 25th December 2017

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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.*

4th Sunday of Advent

Jesus Christ is the mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now revealed. He must be broadcasted to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith (Rm. 16:25-26 Today's 2nd Reading).

With great enthusiasm, St. Paul writes to the Christian Community in Rome that a great mystery from God has been revealed: His love for mankind.

Today, 4th Sunday of Advent, our reflection brings us to consider what expectation is in us: a great event to come must draw from us sentiments of surprise, preparation, desire, rejoicing. To prepare ourselves for it, therefore, means "advance" in vision, hope and prayer, how it would effect us and be open to what the Christmas event will reveal to us. Many, throughout the world, are preparing to celebrate christmas but without Emmanuel, which mean: "God is with us", "God's love revealed to us", Let us "prepare" our spirit for this gift of God.



Quarta Domenica di Avvento

Gesu' e' il mistero tenuto nascosto per secoli, ma ora rivelato. Egli deve essere annunciato a tutte le genti perché obbediscano alla fede" (Rom. 16:25-26 Seconda Lettura di oggi).

Con grande entusiasmo S. Paolo scrive alla Comunità cristiana di Roma che un grande mistero è stato rivelato da Dio: il suo amore per il mondo.

Oggi, 4 Domenica di Avvento, la nostra riflessione ci porta a considerare quale attesa c'è nel nostro cuore. L'attesa di un grande evento deve generare sentimenti di sorpresa, desiderio, gioiosa preparazione. Distrazione, apatia, mancanza di preparazione fanno che l'evento e il suo significato passino senza frutto, e così un altro Natale viene e passa senza che

il suo mistero ci tocchi – il mistero dell'amore di Dio. Per prepararci, perciò, noi dobbiamo "anticipare" in visione, speranza e preghiera come ci potrà toccare e aprirci a ciò che il Natale ci vuole rivelare. Molti nel mondo si preparano a celebrare natale ma senza l'Emmanuele, cioè: "Dio con noi", "Dio che rivela il suo amore", Prepariamoci in spirito "anticipando" con gioia questo dono di Dio.

Christmas Day

Tomorrow, the mystery will be revealed! Let us be open to be surprised by God as he unwraps his love to us. The "surprise" is how God manifested his love for us: a baby, a manger, the shepherds, away from the noisy crowds, far from busy people going about their business, in simple form, not in power and majesty. This is how God manifested to love us then, in Bethlehem, and how He continues to love us now.

Often we think that we must deserve the love from God in whichever way we can obtain God's attention to us. There is no need to try to attract God's attention. He loves us regardless! However, to allow this love to flow to us and fill us up with new sentiments we must open our heart and let ourselves to be instructed, moulded and renewed by God's love. The inter-play between God's love and our obedience is the way of salvation and the fulfilment of all the good wishes and prayers at this time of the year.



Festa di Natale

Domani, il mistero ci sarà rivelato! Lasciamoci "sorprendere" da Dio così come ci manifesta il suo amore. La "sorpresa" è come Dio ha voluto manifestare il suo amore per noi: un bambino, la mangiatoia, i pastori, isolato dal trambusto della gente, separato dalla frenesia della gente d'affari, in modo semplice, non in potenza e maestà. Così Dio ha rivelato il suo amore a Betlemme e continua a rivelarlo oggi. Spesso noi crediamo che

dobbiamo meritarcì questo amore di Dio cercando di attirare l'attenzione di Dio. Non c'è bisogno di attirare l'attenzione di Dio: Lui ci ama ugualmente! Tuttavia, per far sì che questo suo amore passi dentro di noi e ci trasformi, noi dobbiamo aprirci e lasciarci istruire, formare, rinnovare da questo amore. La corrispondenza nostra con Dio e la nostra obbedienza saranno il modo per sperimentare salvezza e godere dei profondi desideri che noi auguriamo e preghiamo in questo tempo dell'anno.



***JOYFUL & BLESSED CHRISTMAS** *Buon Natale (Italian) *Feliz Navidad (Spanish)
*Feliz Natal (Portuguese) *Maligayang Pasko (Filipino) *Joyeux Noël (French)
*Selamat Natal (Indonesian) *വരिസമം തേ ന്ഹാ മാല പുണ്യവാലാ രേദേ (Malayalam)



*शुभ क्रिसमस (Hindi) *Chúc Mừng Giáng Sinh (Vietnamese) *聖誕快乐 (Mandarin) *매리 크리스마스 (Korean)



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.

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

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.**



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 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.

Ref.

We're making it lovely for Mary,
So lovely for Jesus the Lord.

FINAL He is the Life



He is the life that I want to live
He is the light that I want to radiate
He is the way to the Father
He is the love with which I want to love
He is the joy that I want to share
He is the peace that I want to sow
Jesus is everything to me
Without Him I can do nothing

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 23rd December 2017 Year "B" Fourth Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."</i>		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebration for Bianca LI-ROSI Mark ROCA <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAYDOMENICA 24th December 2017 Year "B" Fourth Sunday of Advent 	<i>"Ecco la serva del Signore: avvenga per me secondo la tua Parola"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Nicola RICCI (2nd annv) 11.00am Nicola RICCI Antonio BUTERA Antonio TALARICO Giustino e Leondina TACCONELLI	
CHRISTMAS VIGIL VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE		7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English) 8.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Spanish) 11.30pm Christmas Carols 12.00am Christmas Midnight Mass (Bi-lingual)		
CHRISTMAS SANTO NATALE		8.30am Christmas Mass 10.00am Portuguese Christmas Mass	9.45am Carmela FIORE 11.00am Antonio BUTERA Def. famiglia CAPITO Def. famiglia PETRUCCI e BELLISSIMO	<i>Wishing everyone a peaceful and Blessed Christmas</i> <i>Augurando a tutti voi un Buon Santo Natale</i> 
Tuesday/Martedì 26th December 2017 St. Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10: 17-22	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.</i>	8.00am St. Stephen Feast Day	9.15am St. Stephen Feast Day	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 27th December 2017 San Giovanni, apostolo 1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>I tuoi amici, Signore, contempleranno il tuo volto.</i>	8.00am Festa di San Giovanni <i>Let us rejoice in the Lord.</i>	9.15am Giovanni Vigliarolo 7.30pm Angela DI NATALE (1mth)	
Thursday/Giovedì 28th December 2017 Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.</i>	8.00am The Holy Innocents Feast Day	9.15am The Holy Innocents Feast Day	
Friday/Venerdì 29th December 2017 5th day in the Octave of the Nativity 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let heaven and earth exult in joy.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 10.30am Funeral for Vinicio DI GENOVA 7.30pm Vincenza TRIGILA (1mth)	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vinicio DI GENOVA. May the Lord of mercy give him eternal rest and grant peace and comfort to his loved ones.</i> 

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

Liturgy of the Word	6.00pm Vigil	8.30am	9.45am	11.00am	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
30th & 31st Dec. 2017	St. Brigid	St. Mark	St. Brigid	St. Brigid	B. Rigoni / M. Villani		
I Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	C. Penitto	P. La Marca			Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	E. Elkins	T. Toscano	N. Omenihu / J. Smith		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	A. Atherton	P. La Marca	Lauria Family		

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the **CHRISTMAS APPEAL** Total to date \$1385

La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli vi ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'**APPELLO NATALIZIO** Totale \$1385

Melbourne Overseas Missions
Annual Appeal took place last weekend. A big thank you to those who have donated. There are still envelopes available in the church if you wish to make a donation. **Total to date: \$280.** Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated every Sunday and also weekdays at 10.00am in the Chapel of St. Brigid's Convent, 27 Alexandra Parade North Fitzroy (Entrance via church grounds) by Fr. Kevin Eaton. All welcome.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE
Sunday / Domenica Dicembre 24 December
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
9.45am St. Brigid's Church (English)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

CHRISTMAS VIGIL
7.00pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (English)
8.30pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (Spanish)
11.30pm St. Brigid's - Christmas Carols
12am St. Brigid's - Midnight Mass (Bi-lingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday / Lunedì Dicembre 25 December
8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

Weekend 30th/31st December
Masses as usual
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Monday 1st January 2018
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
10.00am St. Brigid's Church (Bi-lingual)

Confessions / Confessioni
Saturday as usual - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursday/Giovedì 21 Dicembre/ December 21
5.00pm to 7.00pm

APPRECIATION
Thank you to all who have generously supported in many ways the needs of our Church and the life of the Parish. May You and Your families be rewarded a hundredfold by the Love of God. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. Frs: Savino, Vito, Joselito, José and Fabio

Grazie a tutti coloro che durante quest'anno hanno contribuito all'aiuto alla nostra Chiesa e alla vita della nostra Parrocchia. Che l'Amore di Dio ricompensi voi e le vostre famiglie cento volte tanto. Auguri per un Buon Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. Il vostro parroco P. Savino con i Padri: Vito, Joselito, José e Fabio.

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 P. Savino.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 620 - 00
2 Collection \$ 340 - 00
Envelopes \$ 198 - 00

Canto D'Entrata
Vieni, O SIGNORE
Vieni, o Signore, la terra ti attende. Alleluia, alleluia!
O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia *Rit.*
O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. *Rit.*
All'uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell'ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l'amore. *Rit.*

Canto D'Offertorio
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.*
Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi, resta con noi per sempre *Rit.*

Canto di Comunione
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 rifierirà Ogni speranza perduta. Ogni creatura con ui risorgerà, allelu, alleluia. *Rit.*
Canto per Cristo: un giorno tomerà! Festa per tutti sarà.

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.*