

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 7:1-5,8-12,14,1

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever." *The Word of the Lord.*

Rponsorial Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of the 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 give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. *Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

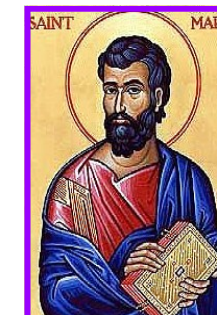


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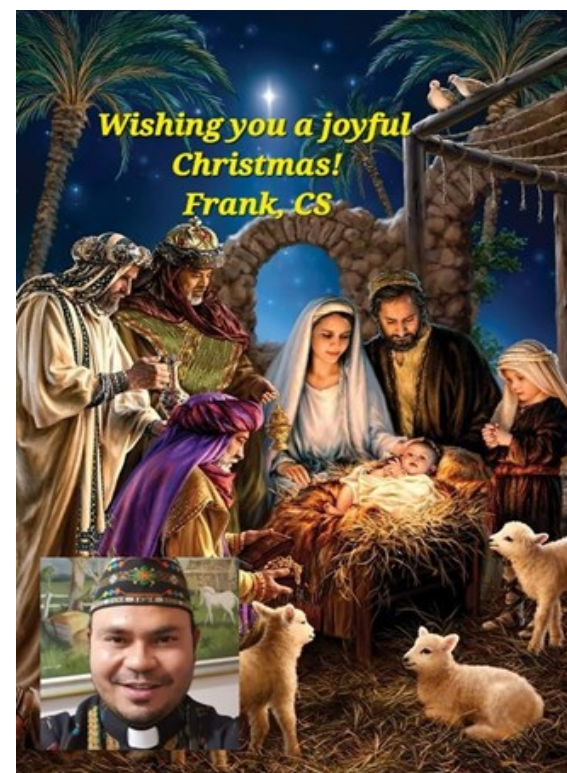
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*



Christmas Reflection

I bring you news of great joy.

We share the joy of the angles and the shepherds as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. He is one with us, in times of darkness and hardship, in joy and celebration.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. In Jesus, the Son of God did not simply become like a human being, or take only the visible form of a human being. God became a human being and pitched his tent among us. Christ, true God and true man, continues to dwell among us in his word and sacrament, and in all who make up his body.

Excerpts from St Pauls Sunday Missal (pp. 154, 162)

The Parish Community of St Brigid's and St Mark's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY's** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units**
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Entrance: LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy.
He brings joy to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love.
He brings love to every heart.
He comes. He comes.

Tune: Music by Natalie Sleeth; arranged by Heather Sorenson Text: Words by Natalie Sleeth. This arrangement c 2017 by Hinshaw Music (administered worldwide by Fred Bock Music Company, Inc.)

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 honour 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.
Ref.
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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.



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2 Liturgical Calendar and activities


Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 23rd December, 2023 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 Christmas Novena Carmen GALEA Rodney GALEA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for Lisset 0R0ZCO GIMENEZ & Marlo GIL BENAVIDES Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 24th December 2023 Year "B" Fourth Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS VIGIL VIGILIA DEL SANTO NATALE	<i>"Ecco la serva del Signore: avvenga per me secondo la tua Parola"</i> <i>A Son is given to us.</i>	8:30am Pro Populo 10:00am (Portuguese)	9.45am 11.00am Vincenzo e Vincenza TRIGILA † Defunti membri delle famiglie CAPITO, BELLISSIMO e PETRUCCI † 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English) 10.00pm Carols 10.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English/Italian)	Congratulations to Adeliarinha and Alexanreano for receiving First Holy Eucharist.
Monday/Lunedì 25th December 2023 CHRISTMAS DAY SANTO NATALE Is 52:7-10, Heb1:1-6 Jn1:1-18	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God</i>	8.30am 10.00am (Portuguese)	9.45am 11.00am Angela MEDDI 7.00 pm Spanish Mass	
Tuesday/Martedì 26th December 2023 Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22 St. Stephen, the first martyr	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Into your hands, O Lord I entrust my spirit</i>		9:15am Mass in the chapel	Wedding Celebration for Lilibeth Gomez Meza and Jose Luis Triana Nieves. Congratulations!
Wednesday/Mercoledì 27th December 2023 1Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:2-8 St. John, apostle, evangelist	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let the just rejoice in the Lord</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel	
Thursday/Giovedì 28th December 2023 1Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18 The Holy Innocents, martyrs	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel	
Friday/Venerdì 29th December 2023 1Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35 5th day in the octave of the Nativity of the Lord	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let heaven and earth exult in joy!</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Francesco BISIGNANO	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Francesco BISIGNANO. May he rest in peace.

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

30th&31st December 2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	G. Catena
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	T. Toscano
Altar Servers			FCCM	

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE 2023 ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE 2023

ST. BRIGID'S AND ST MARK'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Sunday 24th Dec.

- 8.30am St. Mark's (Italian/English)
- 10.00am St. Mark's (Portuguese)
- 9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
- 11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)
- 7.00pm St. Brigid's (English)
- 10.00pm St. Brigid's Carols/Canti di Natale
- 10.30pm St. Brigid's (Italian/English)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th December


- 8.30am St. Mark's (Italian/English)
 - 10.00am St. Mark's (Portuguese)
 - 9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
 - 11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)
 - 7.00pm St. Brigid's (Spanish)
- #### NEW YEAR'S DAY
- #### Monday/Lunedì 1st January 2024
- 8.30am St. Mark's (Bi-lingual)
 - 10.00am St. Mark's (Portuguese)
 - 9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
 - 11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)
 - 7.00pm St. Brigid's (Spanish)

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.

NO FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH for this month and January 2024. The program will resume in February 2024



Raffle Tickets available now to raise funds for new church carpet. The draw will take place on the 18th February 2024 St. Brigid's Feast Day.

Price only \$2.00 per ticket

1st Prize \$1,000 Travel Voucher
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For more information contact: Fr. Frank 0406 086 432 Office: 03 9489 6777 - Gigi Kalong 0411 711 639

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection

1st Collection \$500 - 00
2 Collection \$360 - 00
Envelopes \$ 97 - 00

HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY
Everyone is welcome to HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.

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: Frank, Vito, Joselito, Fabio and Gesner.

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. Frank con i Padri: Vito, Joselito, Fabio e Gesner.

<p>ENTRATA: 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 canti, vieni tu che speri: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu. Vieni tu che ami, vieni tu che cerchi: il Pane è sulla Mensa, manchi solo tu.</p>	<p>OFFERTORIO: DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI Dio s'è fatto come noi 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 Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!</p>	<p>COMMUNIONE: 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.</p>	<p>FINE: O BELLA REGINA O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all'Angiol t'inchini, ancella 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.</p>
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