

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. (Is 45:8)

A reading from the Book of Micah (5:2-5a)

The Lord says this: "You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And this shall be peace." *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 Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

Brethren, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." **Alleluia!** (Lk 1:38)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (1:39-45)

Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel. (Is 7:14)

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. **Ref.**

FINAL:

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

ARCHDIOCESE'S NEWS & INFORMATION
PARISH UPDATE

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Positions Vacant
Melbourne Catholic and more.

ENTRANCE:

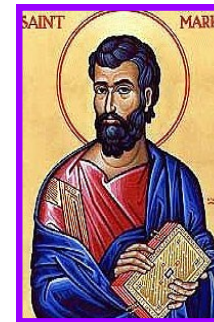
O Come Divine Messiah

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.

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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.

Christmas Message from the Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

Every baby born comes with a promise: that life is always stronger than death. This promise is a powerful gift – the gift of hope. At Christmas we remember one baby, who was born for all: one life, stronger than any death. The birth of Jesus is the world's greatest gift of hope, for it is not a new thing or idea or plan that Jesus brings, but a new life, his own. The birth of the Saviour brings the light of hope into each of our lives. And we are the ones for whom Christ has come to be with.

This is a hope worth welcoming, defending and protecting. Amazingly, Jesus has now entrusted the gift of himself to us, that we might share his life with others. At a time when our institutions – political, social and religious – are damaged, it is a person who can bring to us renewed reasons to find hope for ourselves, and offer hope to others. Hope in the person of Jesus Christ opens up to us new horizons of goodness and rightness; the birth of Jesus challenges the mirages of dominance and self-centredness. In Jesus our hope is born:

- He is good for us now;
- We can find our future in Him;
- Our trust is assured through Him;

And we are invited to work with Him. Continue to believe in Jesus Christ, born from God and born of Mary; for he offers us his life so that we might find our lives in him. Friends, never lose hope in the birth of Jesus Christ. Happy Christmas.

On Christmas, God comes to live with us, shares and transforms our life to his likeness because he loves us in his Son Jesus Christ. May we rejoice for his great love and share it around us in the family, the community and with all. Wishing each and everyone a holy and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, love and happiness. Your Scalabrinian fathers.



Messaggio di Natale dall'Arcivescovo Peter A. Comensoli

Ogni bambino che nasce viene con una promessa: che la vita e' piu' forte della morte. Questa promessa e' un grande dono – il dono della speranza. A Natale celebriamo un bambino nato per tutti noi: una vita piu' forte della morte. La nascita di Gesu' e' il piu' gran dono di speranza, perche' Gesu' non ci porta una cosa, un'idea o un progetto, ma una vita nuova, la sua. La nascita di Gesu' porta la luce della speranza nella vita di ciascuno di noi. E noi siamo coloro con i quali Gesu' viene come amico. Questa e' la speranza vera da accogliere, diffondere e proteggere. E' sorprendente ma vero che Gesu' ha consegnato questo dono di se' a noi affinche' noi lo possiamo condividere con gli altri. In questi tempi in cui le istituzioni – politiche, sociali e religiose – soffrono di sfiducia, e' la persona che puo' date motivo di nuova speranza e offrirla agli altri. Speranza nella persona di Gesu' Cristo ci apre a nuovi orizzonti di bonta' e giustizia; la nascita di Gesu' sfida l'illusione di dominio e dell'individualismo. Con Gesu' nasce la nostra speranza:

La sua bonta' e' con noi; Il nostro futuro e' in lui; In lui abbiamo fiducia senza inganno. Egli ci invita a collaborare con lui. Continuiamo a credere in Gesu' Cristo, nato da Dio e dalla Vergine Maria, che offre a noi la sua vita affinche' noi possiamo ritrovare la nostra vita in lui. Carissimi, mai perdere speranza nella nascita di Gesu' Cristo. Buon Natale



A Natale, Dio e' venuto a vivere con noi per condividere e trasformare la nostra vita simile alla sua perche' ci ama nel suo figlio Gesu' Cristo. Ralleghiamoci per il suo grande amore e condividiamolo nelle nostre famiglie, nella comunita' e con tutti. Augurando a tutti voi un Buon e Santo Natale e un nuovo anno pieno di pace, amore e felicita'. I vostri padri Scalabriniani.

Make an Encounter in 2019 A Palms Encounter with the communities of Timor Leste, Samoa or Myanmar offers a rich immersive experience to challenge our perceptions
Join a Palms Encounter in 2019 (www.palms.org.au/encounters)



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.

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 22nd December 2018 Year "C" Fourth Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Chloe PHILLIPS Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 23rd December 2018 Year "C" Fourth Sunday of Advent	"Benedetta tu fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del tuo grembo!"	8.30am ANTONIO MARCHESAN	9.45am 11.00am Pro- Popolo 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Emilia de Sousa BURGERT Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 24th December 2018 4th week of Advent 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
CHRISTMAS VIGIL VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE Tuesday/Martedì CHRISTMAS SANTO NATALE		7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English) 8.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Spanish) 11.30pm Christmas Carols 12.00am Christmas Midnight Mass (Bi-lingual)		 
Wednesday/Mercoledì 26th December 2018 St. Stephen, 1st Martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10: 17-22	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Signore Gesù, accogli il mio spirit.</i>	8.00am St. Stephen <i>Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.</i>	9.15am S. Stefano Carmela FIORE	
Thursday/Giovedì St. John, Apostle 1 Jn 1-4; Jn 20:2-8	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let the just rejoice in the Lord.</i>	8.00am St. John	9.15am St. John	 Baptism Celebration for: Logan CASTANEDA Congratulations!
Friday/Venerdì 28th December 2018 The Holy Innocents 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	9.15am The Holy Innocents	

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

Liturgy of the Word 29th & 30th Dec. 2018	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	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	B. Ieraci / G. Moretti		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	Volunteer		
II Reading	M. de Souza	A. De Santis	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	Lauria Family		

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 gentilezza e generosità.

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the Christmas appeal. Total to date \$555

La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli vi ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'appello natalizio. Totale \$555

Plenary Council Advent Prayer
*Be still Be still and know
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know that I am your God.
God of this Advent time As we watch,
wait, long and hope, Awaken our
hearts to your presence. Encourage us
in our efforts to listen humbly to each
other. Inspire in us the words to speak
boldly with each other Create within us
a spirit of discernment Give us hopeful
hearts as we continue our journey to
the Plenary Council.
We ask this in the name of
Emmanuel — God-with-us. Amen.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE
Monday/Lunedì December 24 Dicembre
9.15am St. Brigid's - normal morning Mass
8.00am St. Mark's - normal morning Mass
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 (It/Eng)


CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday / Martedì 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)

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Tuesday/ Martedì 1st January 2019
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
10.00am St. Brigid's Church (It/Eng)
Confessions / Confessioni
Saturday as usual - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 10th February 2019
FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare
"Our Patron Saint" The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.30am** with Procession. **A light lunch will follow in the hall.**


PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 10 FEBBRAIO 2019 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e Santa Messa. **Dopo la S. Messa segue un rinfresco in sala.**
Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal
A big thank you to those who have donated. Envelopes still available.

Canto D'Entrata
OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID
Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!

Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno è il suo poter. **Rit.:**

O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**


O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! **Rit.:**

Canto D'Offertorio
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 ami, vieni tu che cerchi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

Canto di Comunione
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.**


Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. **Rit.**

Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. **Rit.**

Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. **Rit.**

Noi che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. **Rit.**

Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: Resta con noi per sempre. **Rit.**

Canto Finale
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.**

St. Brigid & St. Mark
1 Collection \$ 470 - 00
2 Collection \$ 300 - 00
Envelopes \$ 193 - 00