

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 a Saviour. (Isa 45:8)

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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.

A reading from the second Book of Isaiah (7:10-14)
The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us." *The Word of the Lord.*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:
Response: Let the Lord enter! He is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R./**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R./**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R./**

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

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.

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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 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!



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. *Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:18-24:)
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home. *The Gospel of the Lord.*



COMMUNION:
WAITING IN SILENCE

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we long for you, Lord Lord God, ever with us, Emmanuel. Come Lord Jesus. Maranatha!
Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we trust in your love. O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace, Come with your justice, Lord. Maranatha!
Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, Lord, we seek your truth Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way; Show us the path of life. Maranatha!
Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we long for new life. O Key of David, open our hearts. Give us new vision, Lord. Maranatha!
Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, our hearts thirst for you. Flower of Jesse, bloom in our midst. Make us your garden, Lord. Maranatha! Make us your garden, Lord. Maranatha!

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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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Homily Notes:
Embracing the Mysteries of Life
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21
Joseph's witness is one to ponder and be inspired by. First, it's essential that we ponder the story as it happened and be inspired by God's singularly unique plan by which He took on our human nature. But Joseph also provides us with inspiration for our own callings in life. Joseph inspires us to face any and every mystery in life that we encounter with the utmost trust in God. God's wisdom and ways are always far beyond ours. Very often in life, God will call us to walk an unknown and mysterious path. Life does not always make perfect sense from a purely rational perspective. Very often, we must allow our human reason to be informed and led by God's supernatural plan. For each of us, this mysterious path will be different. But if we are to walk by the same faith that Saint Joseph had, then we must always be willing to accept the most sublime mysteries in life and allow God's revealing Word to clarify them.

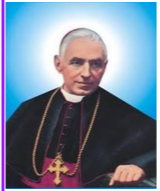
Reflect, today, upon any way that you feel challenged by life's circumstances. What tempts you to doubt, to be confused, or to feel uncertain? What is it that requires supernatural knowledge on your part to embrace? If God the Father chose to bring forth His divine Son in such a mysterious way, then we should not be surprised when God calls us to embrace similar mysteries in life. Walk by faith. Be inspired by Saint Joseph. Say "Yes" to that which God is asking of you. As you do, you will find that you will begin to walk down the most glorious road you can walk.
Most glorious Saint Joseph, you were a man of true righteousness and integrity. You were open to the inspired gift of faith and chose to walk by that faith as you faced the greatest of mysteries. Please pray for me that I may learn from you and be inspired to imitate the life that you lived. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.
Catholic Daily Reflections, 15 December 2022 (<https://mycatholic.life>)

Note dell'Omelia:
Abbracciare i misteri della vita
Quarta Domenica di Avvento (Anno A)

La testimonianza di Giuseppe è da meditare e da cui ispirarsi. In primo luogo, è essenziale che riflettiamo la storia come è accaduto ed essere ispirati dal piano di Dio singolarmente unico con cui ha assunto la nostra natura umana. Ma Giuseppe ci fornisce anche l'ispirazione per le nostre chiamate nella vita. Giuseppe ci ispira ad affrontare ogni mistero nella vita che incontriamo con la massima fiducia in Dio. La saggezza e le vie di Dio sono sempre ben oltre la nostra. Molto spesso nella vita, Dio ci chiamerà a percorrere un cammino sconosciuto e misterioso. La vita non sempre ha un senso perfetto da una prospettiva puramente razionale. Molto spesso, dobbiamo permettere alla nostra ragione umana di essere informata e guidata dal piano soprannaturale di Dio. Per ognuno di noi, questo misterioso cammino sarà diverso. Ma se dobbiamo camminare secondo la stessa fede che aveva san Giuseppe, allora dobbiamo sempre essere disposti ad accettare i misteri più sublimi della vita e permettere alla Parola rivelatrice di Dio di chiarirli. Riflettete, oggi, su qualsiasi modo in cui vi sentite sfidati dalle circostanze della vita. Cosa vi spinge a dubitare, a essere confusi o a sentirsi incerti? Cos'è che richiede una conoscenza soprannaturale da parte tua da abbracciare? Se Dio Padre ha scelto di far nascere il Suo divino Figlio in un modo così misterioso, allora non dovremmo sorprenderci quando Dio ci chiama ad abbracciare simili misteri nella vita. Camminate nella fede. Lasciatevi ispirare da san Giuseppe. Dite "sì" a ciò che Dio vi chiede. Mentre lo fai, scoprirai che inizierai a camminare lungo la strada più gloriosa che puoi percorrere.
Gloriosissimo San Giuseppe, eri un uomo di vera giustizia e integrità. Eravate aperti al dono ispirato della fede e avete scelto di camminare secondo quella fede mentre affrontavate il più grande dei misteri. Per favore prega per me che io possa imparare da te e essere ispirato a imitare la vita che hai vissuto. San Giuseppe, prega per noi. Gesù, ho fiducia in Te.

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Prayer to St. John Baptist Scalabrini *Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of a bishop and the zeal of an apostle you gave yourself completely to all. You listened to the cries of migrants, spoke in their name, defended their rights. You found sustenance in the Eucharist solace in the cross of Jesus, comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church. Through your intercession may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant peace to all humanity, protect those who cross seas and borders sustained by hope, bless us and our loved ones and grant us the grace that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen. Glory be to the Father*



St. John Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us!



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.

Liturgical Calendar and activities


Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 17th December 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT Year "A" VIGIL	<i>Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel!</i>	 <i>After Novena Mass follows Fellowship in the hall.</i>	6.00pm (Spanish English) Novena Nativity Mass Jesùs GUZMAN CHARRY Maria ENCALADA VENEGAS	Wedding Celebration for: Stephanie AVILA CARBAJAL Ryan Shean FLYNN Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 18th December 2022 Year "A" FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT	<i>"Ecco, la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele".</i> 	8.30am PRO-POPULO 10.00am <i>Portuguese Mass</i>	9.45am 11.00am <i>(Vedere elenco prossima pagina)</i> 2.30pm Rosario, S. Messa e bacio della Reliquia in Onore a Santa Lucia 5.00pm Brazilian Mass 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Maria Ornella Iole URBANI FATTORI Congratulations!  
Monday/Lunedì 19th December 2022 4th week of Advent Judges 13:2-7, 24-25: Lk 1:5-25:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Tuesday/ Martedì 20th December 2022 4th week of Advent Is 7:10-14: Lk 1:26-38:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let the Lord enter: he is king of glory.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Antonio VALDARCHI 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Antonio VALDARCHI May he Rest in Peace</i> 
Wednesday/Mercoledì 21st December 2022 4th week of Advent Song 2:8-14: Lk 1:39-45:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him.</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Sonja FLAMINI 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends Sonja FLAMINI May she Rest in Peace</i> 
Thursday/Giovedì 22nd December 2022 4th week of Advent 1 Sam 1:24-28: Lk 1:46-56:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Friday/Venerdì 23rd December 2022 4th week of Advent Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Lk 1:57-66	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	

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

Liturgy of the Word 24th & 25th December 2022	7.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	J. Santos	G.. Piantella	R. Malana	G. Catena / T. Toscano
II Reading	K. Chang	G.. Piantella	S. Atherton	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	MC Sisters	G.. Piantella	A. Villar	N. Oro

Moving with the times - Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to [St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy](#) or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE 2022 ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Saturday 24th Dec.
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
11.30pm - 12.00am Carols / Canti di Natale
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00am) Italian/English

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday 25th December

8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45am St. Brigid's Church (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday/ Domenica 1st January 2023
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)

Six30 Holy Hour— 22nd December 2022
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
Cathedral Place East Melbourne. Every Thursday nights at 6.30pm All welcome.

11.00am INTENZIONI

Maria GAETANO † (morta in Italia)
Gaetano BONGIOVANNI †
Moreno e Angelo URBANI †
Armando e Iole URBANI †
Sergio e Anna SPIRI †
Alberto, Santina e Aldo FATTORI †
Laura CIVITARESE †

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES

(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
Wednesday 15 to Friday 23 December
7.30pm St. Brigid's Church. Each night a different Migrant Community comes together with the celebration of Holy Mass and Christmas Songs in their language, followed by fellowship. This event has been organized by the Filipino Chaplaincy and St. Brigid's Parish.
All welcome.

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10
Envelopes available in church.

INVITATION Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Friday** at 6:30pm in St. Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.

If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming and learning more about our rich Catholic Faith. **Next RCIA meeting Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room.** Interested in joining? Please contact the parish office on 94896777

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES 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 all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1st Collection \$390 - 00
2nd Collection \$320 - 00
Envelopes \$114 - 00

ENTRATA: 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.*

Egli 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.*

Offertorio: 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.*

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

Comunione: TI PREGHIAM CON VIVA FEDE

Ti preghiam con viva fede assetati siam di te Nella gioia di chi crede Vieni, amato Re dei re.

O Signore, Redentore, Vieni vieni, non tardar. O Bambino, Re divino, dona pace ad ogni cuor.

O Maria, dolce aurora, tu che annunzi il Salvatore, rendi il cuore sua dimora, cresca l'uomo nell'amor. *Rit.*

T'invochiamo, Sol d'Oriente, Trepidanti d'ansietà. Vieni, o luce della mente. Tutto il mondo attende già. *Rit.*

Fine: DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA

Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella, coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra, e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra non vi è stella più bella di Te.

Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te.

Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare. La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio, Le tue gote, bacciate dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior.

T'incoronano dodici stelle. Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento Della luna s'incurva l'argento Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel.