

A reading from the book of Numbers (6:22-27)

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm

Response: May God bless us in his mercy

God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the people praise you.
May God still give us his blessing

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)**

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. **Alleluia!** (Heb 1:1-2)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (2:16-21)

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

AUGURANDO A TUTTI UN FELICE ANNO NUOVO

Entrance:**JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven
and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns.
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders,
and wonders of His love.

**Offertory:
THE FIRST
NOWELL**

The first Nowell
he angel did say
Was to certain
poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep.

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel.**

When they looked up
they saw a star
Shining in the east,
beyond them far,
And to the earth
it gave great light
And so it continued
both day and night.
(Ref)

**Communion:
AWAY IN A MANGER**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the
hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby
awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes;
I love Thee Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle til morning is
nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay.
Close by me forever
and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there.

Final:**ANGELS WE HAVE
HEARD ON HIGH**

Angels we have
heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plain
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strain.

Refrain:**Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord
the New Born King! **Ref.**



Weekly Parish Newsletter

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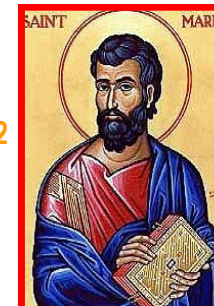
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

NEW YEAR'S DAY – 1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

This feast on the first day of the calendar year and the octave of Christmas was for centuries celebrated as the Circumcision. The reform of the liturgy in the 1960s revived a very ancient tradition of celebrating it as the feast of the Mother of God. (It was, in fact, the very first feast established in honour of Mary and had fallen in neglect as other Marian feasts were established.) The beautiful (and equally ancient) collect prayer gives the sense of the re-established feast: it is all about God's gift of life, channelled to us through Mary in the person of her Son and continuing to be channelled to us through her powerful intercession. In this sense it is a fitting celebration to mark the beginning of a New Year and promise of life that it holds out.

...Throughout the Infancy story, Mary has been presented above all as a person of faith ("Blessed is she who believed..."). Her faith, in effect, has been the channel through which the saving power of God has made entrance into the world. The comment that she "treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart" suggests a continuing journey of faith in which much remains obscure and unexpected. There is wonder and joy, but also surprise, confusion, and, soon to come, painful surrender. Mary is the channel of God's gift of life to the world in this continuing journey of faith just as much as in her physical motherhood. As we stand today upon the threshold of a New Year, the feast invites us to enter more deeply into her contemplation of mysterious ways in which God gives life to the world.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, *Australian Catholics* 15 December 2022

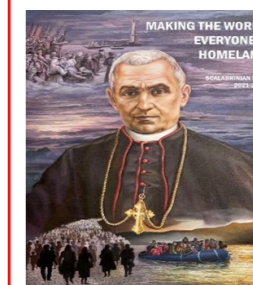
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CAPODANNO - 1° Gennaio SOLENNITÀ DI MARIA, MADRE DI DIO

In tutta la storia dell'infanzia, Maria è stata presentata soprattutto come una persona di fede ("Beata colei che ha creduto..."). La sua fede, in effetti, è stata il canale attraverso il quale il potere salvifico di Dio ha fatto entrare nel mondo. Il commento che lei "custodiva tutte queste parole e le meditava nel suo cuore" suggerisce un cammino di fede continuo in cui molto rimane oscuro e inaspettato. C'è meraviglia e gioia, ma anche sorpresa, confusione e, presto a venire, dolorosa resa. Maria è il canale del dono di vita di Dio al mondo in questo continuo cammino di fede tanto quanto nella sua maternità fisica. Mentre ci troviamo oggi sulla soglia di un nuovo anno, la festa ci invita ad entrare più profondamente nella sua contemplazione dei modi misteriosi in cui Dio dà vita al mondo.

Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini



O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism, and father to the migrants.

We rely on your intercession to receive God's blessings on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace ... (pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.

Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!






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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 31st December 2022 MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD Year "A" VIGIL			6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 1st January 2023 MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. Year "A"	<i>"Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ"</i>	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am	Baptism & 1st Communion: Alexandreano Arasi DORA DA COSTA & Adeliarinha Mine DORA DA COSTA Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 2nd January 2023 1Jn 2:22-28: Jn 1:19-28: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>		9.15am Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA	
Tuesday/Martedì 3rd January 2023 1Jn 2:29-3-6: Jn 1:29-34: Tuesday before the Epiphany	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>		9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th January 2023 1Jn 3:7-10: Jn 1:35-42: Wednesday before the Epiphany	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>		9.15am 11.00am 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass for: Miguel B. Fernandez & Ester G. Zarate	 Miguel & Ester Congratulations!
Thursday Giovedì 5th January 2023 1 Jn 3:11-21: Jn 1:43-51: Thursday before the Epiphany	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.</i>		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 6th January 2023 1 Jn 5:5-13: Mk 1:6-11: or Lk 3:23-38 Friday before the Epiphany	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</i>		9.15am Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Tessa FRANCO Congratulations! 

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Liturgy of the word 7th & 8th January 2022	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading	J. Smith	G. Piantella	Choir member	P. La Marca /N.Oro
Responsorial Psalm	J. Smith	G. Piantella	Choir member	G. Catena
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir member	T. Toscano



PLEASE NOTE!
Due to Advent and Christmas celebrations **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY** will resume on Friday 20th January 2023 at 6.00pm St. Brigid's Church All welcome!

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 12th February 2023
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.

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2023 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA
"Nostra Patrona" Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e S. Messa. **Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**

FAREWELL TO SR. TESSILA MC.

We take this opportunity to thank her for her help and immense contribution to our parish community in the involvement of the sacramental program. We wish her all the very best and may God bless her in her new mission.

RCIA SESSIONS

Will resume on Thursday 8th January At 6.00 pm



St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$990.00
2 Collection	\$600.00
Envelopes	\$144.00 <i>Thank You!</i>

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 <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>



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. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"

Thank you to everyone who donated. Total amount raised \$870 Grazie di cuore a tutti voi che avete donato. Totale raccolto \$870



Canto Finale TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE

Tu scendi dalle stelle, o re del cielo; e vieni in una grotta al freddo e al gelo; e vieni in una grotta al freddo e al gelo.

O bambino mio divino, io ti vedo qui a tremar, o Dio beato!

Ah! Quanto ti costò l'avermi amato (2v)

A Te che sei del mondo il creatore, mancano panni e fuoco, o mio Signore; mancano panni e fuoco, o mio Signore.

Caro eletto pargoletto, quanto questa povertà più m'innamora! giacché ti fece amor povero ancora (2 v)



Canto D'Ingresso

VENITE FEDELI

Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita, venite, venite a Betlemme.

Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo il Signore Gesù.

La luce del mondo brilla in una grotta; la fede di guida a Betlemme.
Rit.:

Il Figlio di Dio, Re dell'universo, si è fatto Bambino a Betlemme.

Rit.:

Sia gloria nei cieli, pace sulla terra", un angelo annunzia a Betlemme.

Rit.:



Canto D'Offertorio

IL NATALE DEL SIGNORE

Il Natale del Signore torna ancora tra noi per ridarci la vita la gioia, l'amor. Gesù nasce ancor per rinascere in noi, per condurre più in alto chi crede in Lui.

Veniamo a Te, noi crediamo in Te: Tu sei salvezza, sei porta del ciel.

O fratelli, adoriamo Dio disceso tra noi, per redimere il mondo si è fatto bambino. Gesù dall'altare tutti invita a seguir la sua pace che è pegno di un nuovo avvenire. **R.:**



Canto Di Comunione

ASTRO DEL CIEL

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu che i vati da lungi sognar, Tu che angeliche voci nunziar **luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)**

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu di stirpe regale decor, Tu virgineo mistico fior, **luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)**

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu disceso a scontare l'error, tu sol nato a parlare d'amor, **luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)**

