

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name (Ps 30:3-4).

A reading from the Book of Leviticus (13:1-2, 44-46) The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. The leper who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean.' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone in a habitation outside the camp."

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the Joy of Salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R/**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R/**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (10:31-11:1) Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the Church of God. Just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!** A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. *Alleluia! Lk.7:16*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:40-45) A leper came to Jesus beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire. (Jn 3:16)

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#### I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

I sing the mighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
Who formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you  
is ever in your care;  
And everywhere that we can be,  
you, God are present there.

**Offertory Hymn**

#### ALL THAT WE HAVE

**Refrain:**  
*All that we have  
and all that we offer  
Comes from a heart  
both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now  
and give what we need,  
All done in his name.*

Some would rely  
on their power,  
Others put trust  
in their gold.  
Some have only  
their Savior,  
Whose faithfulness  
never grows old. **R:**

Sometimes the road  
may be lonesome,  
Often we may lose our way;  
Take courage  
and always remember  
Love isn't just for a day. **R:**

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#### TO DO YOUR WILL

To do your will, is my desire,  
To live in you, Lord is my life.  
To spread your love,  
through all the earth,  
To find in you, the joy of life.

All of my days, I sing your praise,  
Through all my nights,  
you are my life.  
You will shine forth,  
through all my years,  
And joyously will bring me home.

I search this world so restlessly,  
Seeking a home  
from hate and strife.  
I found in you,  
the strength to see,  
The meaning of this troubled life.

And so my God, I give to you,  
These raining words  
these restless rhymes,  
And take my life as a tribute to,  
Your endless love  
for humankind.

**Final Hymn**

#### GO TELL EVERYONE

God's spirit is in my heart  
He has called me  
and set me apart  
This is what I have to do  
What I have to do

**Refrain:**  
*He sent me to give the  
good news to the poor  
Tell prisoners that  
they are prisoners no more  
Tell blind people  
that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone  
The news that the kingdom  
of God has come  
And go tell everyone  
The news that God's  
kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world  
The whole of the world (Ref)

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# Weekly Parish Newsletter

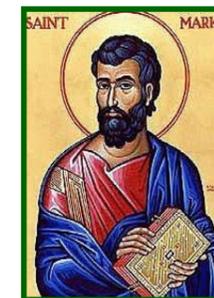
## Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

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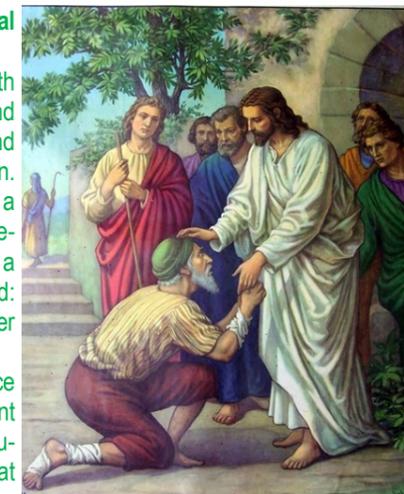


*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.  
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

"A leper came to Jesus and pleaded: Lord, heal me!"

The encounter in today's Gospel of the leper with Jesus stands in contrast with the Law of Moses and Jewish practice of the time: from social rejection and condemnation to a healing welcome and restoration. Leprosy was a repulsive sickness considered as a punishment for some serious sins. The leper became rejected by men and by God. Jesus takes a merciful approach instead: touched him and said: "Of course I want to! Be cured!". This encounter makes us, today, reflect on various levels.

Physical sickness is not necessarily a consequence of sin, nor should anyone be rushing judgement against a person. A deep knowledge of certain human behaviour often times helps us understand that personal, family and social conditioning affect our judgment and values. This is not to find excuse for our misgiving but to make us all conscious of our frailty and pray for strength for sound choices in life. The leper faced with courage the insults of people who saw him coming to Jesus, but his desire for healing made him accept these offences. Healing starts from the knowledge of being sick and courageously seek help. As we soon approach Lent, perhaps, this is a time to make this "walk to Jesus" and ask for healing. Jesus will then touch us – physically – by the raised hand of the Priest in Confession and the words: "Of course, I want: I forgive you all your sins. Go in peace!". Jesus' action in the "touching" the leper is very meaningful. By touching the leper – according to the Jewish Law - Jesus becomes "impure" like the leper, rejected and cursed by the people, unable to worship God without first "purifying" himself. Jesus makes himself sharer of the leper's condition. This is what he did by taking on our human nature, subjected to the human infirmities in all ways but sin. As a suffering man (Is.53: 3-12), he endured the consequences of sin, rejected by people and feeling abandoned (on the cross) by God. This is how Jesus "touches" us as he did with the leper; but by his sufferings as a humble and obedient "servant of God", he saved us from our sins. The healing of the leper, today, speaks more of a miracle; it speaks to us all, sinful lepers, in need of spiritual healing. Let us go and throw ourselves at his feet, saying: "Lord, if you want, you can heal me!".



"Un lebbroso venne da Gesù pregandolo: Signore, risanami!"

L'incontro del lebbroso con Gesù, che leggiamo nel Vangelo di oggi, contrasta con la Legge di Mosè e la pratica dei Giudei del tempo: dal rigetto sociale e condanna come peccatore, Gesù offre salute e salvezza. La lebbra era una malattia schifosa, considerata castigo per qualche peccato serio. Perciò il lebbroso era rigettato dagli uomini e da Dio. Gesù invece prende un atteggiamento misericordioso: lo toccò e disse: "Certo che lo voglio! Sii risanato!". Questo incontro ci fa riflettere oggi su vari aspetti. La malattia fisica non è di solito una conseguenza del peccato e nessuno può giudicare e condannare una persona. Una conoscenza profonda del comportamento umano ci aiuta a comprendere che condizionamenti person-

ali, familiari e sociali influiscono sul nostro giudizio e sui valori che ci guidano. Questo non è detto per trovare scuse sul nostro comportamento, ma per renderci consapevoli della nostra fragilità umana e quindi pregare per la forza di fare giuste scelte nella nostra vita. Il lebbroso affrontò coraggiosamente gli insulti della gente che lo vide venire verso Gesù, ma il suo desiderio di essere guarito lo fece accettare queste offese. La salute comincia con l'accettare di essere ammalato e di cercare la cura con coraggio. Stiamo avvicinandoci alla Quaresima e forse questo è il tempo di "andare verso Gesù" e chiedergli di guarirci. Allora Gesù ci toccherà - fisicamente - dalla mano alzata del Sacerdote nella Confessione e dalle parole: "Certo che lo voglio: ti perdono di tutti i tuoi peccati. Va in pace!". Il gesto di Gesù di "toccare" il lebbroso è molto significativo. Toccando il lebbroso - secondo la Legge Ebraica - Gesù si rese "impuro" come il lebbroso, rigettato e condannato dalla gente, e gli viene proibito di avvicinarsi a Dio senza prima "purificarsi". Così Gesù partecipa della condizione del lebbroso. E questo è quanto egli fece assumendo la nostra natura umana, soggetto alle varie infermità umane, ma senza commettere peccato. Come "uomo sofferente"(Is. 53: 3-12) lui accetta le conseguenze del peccato, rigettato dalla gente e sentendosi abbandonato (sulla croce) anche da Dio. Ecco come Gesù ci ha "toccato" come fece con il lebbroso; ma per le sue sofferenze come umile e obbediente "servo di Dio" ci salvò dai nostri peccati. L'episodio del lebbroso oggi ci parla di qualche cosa al di là del miracolo: ci parla che noi pure, lebbrosi nello spirito, abbiamo bisogno di essere risanati spiritualmente. Andiamo, perciò, a gettarci ai piedi di Gesù dicendo: "Signore, se tu vuoi tu puoi sanarmi!".



**NEXT SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2021 FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT "Saint BRIGID of Kildare"**  
The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass & Procession. at **10.30am All Welcome!**

**DOMENICA PROSSIMA 21 FEBBRAIO FESTA DELLA NOSTRA PATRONA "SANTA BRIGIDA di Kildare"**  
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am**  
con Santa Messa e Processione **Tutti benvenuti!**

**Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa messa in parrocchia.**



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - [www.Scalabrini.org](http://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 13th February 2021 "Vigil" Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	"If you will, you can make me clean." "I will; be clean."	<b>Wedding Celebration for: Joanne ROMELL Griffin SMITH Congratulations!</b>	6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for: Carolina Aydee LEON Zayn MORO Avery DI GIROLAMI Congratulations!</b> 
Sunday/Domenica 14th February 2021 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	"Se vuoi, puoi purificarmi!" "Lo voglio, sii purificato!"	8.30am PRO POPULO 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am Carlo RIBONI P. Bernardo CANTERZANI Rosa Gina JUNG (1st annv) 2pm Madonna di LOURDES	<b>Baptism Celebration for: Ilaria Antonia CRISCI Congratulations!</b> 
Monday/Lunedì 15th February 2021 Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8: 11-13	Responsorial Psalm Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.		9.15am Bernard RIGETTHI (R.I.P)	
Tuesday/Martedì 16th February 2021 Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8: 14-21	Responsorial Psalm The Lord will bless his people with peace.		9.15am Bernard RIGETTHI (R.I.P)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 17th February 2021 MERCOLEDÌ delle CENERI ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6: 1-6,16-18	Responsorial Psalm Perdonaci, Signore, abbiamo peccato. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.	8.00am Mass & Ashes 7.00pm Portuguese Mass	9.15am Mass & Ashes Gaetano CAFARELLA (R.I.P) Carmel RIGETTHI (SP.INT.) 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 18th February 2021 Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.		9.15am Carmel RIGETTHI (SP. INT.)	
Friday/Venerdì 19th February 2021 Is 58:1-9; Mk 9:14-15	Responsorial Psalm A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.	7.00pm Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross (Portuguese Chaplaincy)	9.15am Julie FLETT (R.I.P) 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Eng/It) followed by Confessions	

**Palms Australia** *Reach Beyond* **The need is acute!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to **enquire now**. Find out more: Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE **Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am** [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707 Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777	Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Mob: 0411 206 858	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Mob: 0404 261 228

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

Liturgy of the Word 20th & 21st February 2021	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession
I Reading	M. De Souza	L. Murphy	Choir Member	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani
Responsorial Psalm	M. De Souza	L. Murphy	Choir Member	T. Toscano	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu
II Reading	M. De Souza	R. Simoncini	Choir Member	P. La Marca	P. La Marca / T. Bozzetto

**ASH WEDNESDAY - 17 FEBRUARY 2021**  
A DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ABSTINENCE  
**MASSES** with distribution of Ashes are:  
8.00am St. Mark's  
9.15am St. Brigid's  
7.00pm St. Mark's (Portuguese & Spanish)  
7.30pm St. Brigid's (Eng) (Filipino Chaplaincy)

**LENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY**  
Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!  
Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:  
<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>  
Call 1300 734 880 for more info.

**5 DAY ONLINE RETREAT**  
Retreat Begins: 21st February 2021 for 5 weeks during Lent.  
Registration fee: \$200  
For more information click on the following:  
[Online retreat - Into a Strange Land: A Country called Forgiveness](#)

**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH: STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm (Italian/English)

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2021**  
The theme of Project Compassion this year is **"Be More"**  
**"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" Saint Oscar Romero.**  
This theme encompasses all aspects of human development and highlights a number of communities who are achieving sustained and tangible results in improving their livelihoods particularly in sustainable food production. Caritas Australia works in partnership to alleviate poverty and bring hope, peace and justice to communities throughout the world.  
**Project Compassion begins on Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021**



**ST. MARK'S CHURCH:** (Portuguese Chaplaincy)  
Every Friday night during Lent 7.00pm REFLECTION followed at 7.30pm by the STATIONS OF THE CROSS St. Mark's Church, 543 Lygon Street, North Carlton.

**FESTA IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES**  
OGGI 14 Febbraio 2021 in questa chiesa con la celebrazione della Santa Messa alle 2.00pm.

**Pope Francis proclaims a "Year of St. Joseph" 8 Dec. 2021 to 8 Dec. 2022**  
*Prayer*  
St Joseph, You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.  
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.  
You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.  
You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.  
You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.  
You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen

**FREE ONLINE BIBLE COURSES** Every Tuesday at 7.30 - 9.00pm (starting 2 February 2021) Zoom MTG:87899448779  
Passcode:812744 For more details: Fr. Asis 0404 261 228 or email: [father.asis@yahoo.com.au](mailto:father.asis@yahoo.com.au)  
Eldred and Celine Rivera: 0433 132 041



**ENTRATA NOI CREDIAMO IN TE**  
Noi crediamo in te, o Signor, noi speriamo in te, o Signor, noi amiamo te, o Signor, tu ci ascolti, o Signor.  
Sei con noi, Signor, sei con noi: nella gioia tu sei con noi, nel dolore tu sei con noi, tu per sempre sei con noi.  
C'è chi prega, Signor: vieni a noi. C'è chi soffre, Signor: vieni a noi. C'è chi spera, Signor: vieni a noi. O Signore, vieni a noi.

**OFFERTORIO A TE NOSTRO PADRE**  
**A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar.**  
Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo Cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel. **Rit.:**  
Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. **Rit.:**  
Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l'ostia che t'offriam in tutta umiltà. **Rit.:**

**COMUNIONE: QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE**  
Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà. Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà. L'acqua viva che egli dà Sempre fresca sgorgnerà. **Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.** Se la strada si fa oscura Spero in lui: mi guiderà. Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui: mi salverà. Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. **R.** Nel mattino io ti invoco: tu, mio Dio, risponderai. Nella sera rendo grazie: tu, mio Dio, ascolterai. Al tuo monte salirò e vicino ti vedrò. **R.**

**FINE: MIRA IL TUO POPOLO**  
Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora, che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora. Anch'io festevole corro ai tuoi pie'. **O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.**  
Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore Porta e rifugio del peccatore. Tesori e grazie racchiude in sè. **O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.**  
In questa misera valle infelice, tutti t'invocano: Soccorritrice. Questo bel titolo conviene a te. **O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.**

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 610 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 400 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 221 - 00