

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my hearts has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. (Ps 26:8-9)**

**A reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4)**

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him. ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: 'Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.'**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R./**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in fame. **R./**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord, the Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R./**

**A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to Timothy(1:8-10)**

Do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mt 17:5) ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (17:1-9)** After six days

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here: if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead." ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. (Mt 17:5)**

**Entrance Hymn  
BLEST BE THE LORD**

**Refrain:**

***Blest be the Lord,  
blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy,  
the God who saves.  
I shall not fear, the dark of night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me  
from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me  
from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow  
of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **(Ref)**

I need not shrink  
before the terrors of the night  
Nor stand alone  
before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me,  
no arrow strike me down,  
No evil settle in my soul. **(Ref)**

Although a thousand men  
have fallen at my side,  
I'll not be shaken  
with the Lord at hand.  
His faithful love  
is all the armour that I need  
To wage my battle with my foe. **(Ref)**



**Offertory Hymn  
ASHES**

We rise again from ashes,  
from the good we've failed to do.  
We rise against from ashes,  
to create ourselves anew.  
If all the world is ashes,  
then must our lives be true?  
An offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

We offer you our failures,  
we offer you attempts,  
The gifts not fully given,  
the dreams not fully dreamt.  
Give our stumblings direction,  
give our visions wider view,  
An offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes,  
let healing come to pain.  
Though spring has turned to winter,  
and sunshine turned to rain  
The rain we'll use for growing,  
and create the world anew,  
From an offering of ashes,  
an offering to you.



**Communion Hymn  
BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield,  
Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter,  
Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward,  
O Power of my power

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise;  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sov'reign of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.



**Final Hymn  
THE VOICE OF GOD**

The voice of God  
goes out to all the world;  
God's glory speaks  
across the universe.  
The great King's herald  
cries from star to star:  
"With power, with justice,  
Christ will be the way!"

The Lord has said,  
"Receive my messenger,  
my promise to the world,  
my pledge made fresh,  
a lamp to every nation,  
light from light:  
"With power, with justice,  
Christ will be the way!"

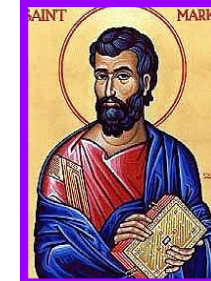
"Anointed with the Spirit  
and with power,  
he comes to crown  
with comfort all the weak,  
to show the face  
of justice to the poor:  
"With power, with justice,  
Christ will be the way!"



# 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.*

**FROM TRANSFIGURATION TO TRANSFORMATION:** The transfiguration opened the eyes of the disciples to a different vision of Jesus. They were used to the human Jesus of Nazareth, the great teacher in whom they had so many expectations. In the mystery of the transfiguration they saw the divine side of their master. For us as well, the transfiguration opens the eyes of faith to affirm our belief in the true God and true man who came to show us the light of eternal life.

To understand better the gift of the transfiguration we have to read the context in which such an event occurred. After all the demands of discipleship listed in the sermon of the mount and the sharing about the passion Jesus had to endure, the disciples were confused and disappointed. They could not understand that their master had to die and that to follow Him were so radical. We cannot judge them because many times it happens to us. We may not understand the motivations of those who love us especially when there are sacrifices involved. The expectations on Jesus were so high that they could not understand he was leaving them. It is in the midst of these feelings of sadness and confusion that Jesus invites some of his disciples to the mountain. After the experience of transfiguration there was a transformation in the disciples' hearts. They recovered their trust and experienced a great joy. That is why Peter said: "Lord, it is good that we are here".

Today, the Gospel urges us to climb the mountain of the transfiguration to have a different encounter with our Lord. We are called to contemplate Him in the spirit of the Resurrection. Many times we also get discouraged, disappointed, tired, and confused. The temptation to fall into indifference and to become fatalistic is always persecuting us. The transfiguration allows us to restore our trust and to strengthen our courage to continue our journey. Today's liturgy presents two great examples of people who were transformed out of a personal encounter with the Lord: Abraham in the first reading and Paul in the second reading. Let us pray that like them we may trust in the Lord's will and that like St. Peter we may say: "Lord, it is good that we are here" with the willingness to remain in communion with Him on our journey of transformation towards the celebration of Easter.



**DALLA TRASFIGURAZIONE ALLA TRASFORMAZIONE:** Cosa significò la trasfigurazione per i tre discepoli che assistettero ad essa? Finora essi avevano conosciuto Gesù nella sua apparenza esterna, un uomo non diverso dagli altri, di cui conoscevano la provenienza, le abitudini, il timbro di voce... Ora conoscono un altro Gesù, il vero Gesù, quello che non si riesce a vedere con gli occhi di tutti i giorni, alla luce normale del sole, ma è frutto di una rivelazione improvvisa, di un cambiamento, di un dono. Perché le cose cambino anche per noi, come per quei tre discepoli sul Tabor, bisogna che succeda nella nostra vita una trasfigurazione che ci fa vedere con gli occhi della fede.

Per capire la Trasfigurazione, è importante leggere ciò che è successo prima, per collocarla nel suo giusto contesto storico. Gesù e la sua comunità stanno vivendo un momento difficile, perché Gesù ormai a capito che ha davanti la Passione, e comincia a parlarne apertamente con i dodici. Il risultato è disastroso. Lo stato d'animo di Pietro e compagni non è il migliore. E' comprensibile che i discepoli non riescano a capire che Gesù fa questa scelta per il loro e nostro bene. Succede tante volte anche oggi, per piccole cose, che si litiga perché non si capisce le buone intenzioni dell'altro. Figuriamoci se la persona sulla quale mi appoggio mi dice che se ne deve andare o morire. Per provare a porre rimedio a questa situazione di disagio, Gesù invita Pietro e compagni, ad andare a pregare sul monte. Lì si manifesta il dono di Dio che viene a confermare Gesù nella sua maturazione, e a rilanciare la fiducia dei discepoli in Gesù. Ancora non capiscono il discorso della Passione, ma si fidano e si rimettono in cammino verso la Risurrezione. Infatti Pietro esclama: "È bello stare qui".

Gesù oggi c'invita a fermarci e a pregare, affinché egli possa aiutarci a contemplare e accogliere il dono di Dio. Anche noi tante volte perdiamo la fede, ci manca la fiducia e ci sentiamo giù di morale. La trasfigurazione ci permette vedere la luce e ritrovare la fiducia. Abbiamo due grandi esempi: Abramo nella prima lettura e San Paolo nella seconda. Chiediamo che anche noi possiamo dire: "E' bello per noi restare qui..." perché la trasfigurazione infonde gioia, fiducia, letizia, sicurezza e serenità nel nostro cammino verso la nostra trasformazione nella luce della pasqua.

**CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD: A PUBLIC LECTURE Thursday 26 March, 7pm | 7 Denmark Hill Road, Hawthorn East**  
Pauline Books & Media invites you to a Public Lecture called 'Celebrating God's Word'. The evening will be led by internationally respected New Testament scholar, Rev. Francis J. Moloney SDB, a Salesian of Don Bosco and senior professorial fellow at Catholic Theological College. Donations welcome.



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## Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 7th March 2020 (Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."		6.00pm Carmen GALEA Tommy CALLUS  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Paulina GONZALEZ</b> <b>Alejandro QUINTERO</b> <b>Amaro HERRERO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>
Sunday/Domenica 8th March 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: in lui ho posto il mio compiacimento. Ascoltatelo".	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am  11.00am Anna SABATINO (6th annv)	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Georgios FROSSYNOS</b> <b>Leonardo GONCALVES</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Monday/Lunedì 2nd week of Lent 9th March 2020 Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38	Responsorial Psalm Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.	8.00am Holy Souls	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 2nd week of Lent 10th March 2020 Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12	Responsorial Psalm To the upright I will show the saving power of God.	8.00am Holy Souls	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 2nd week of Lent 11th March 2020 Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Responsorial Psalm Salvami, Signore, in te confido.  Save me, O Lord, in your steadfast love.	8.00am Holy Souls	9.15am  7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 2nd week of Lent 12th March 2020 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.	8.00am Holy Souls	9.15am Carmen GALEA	
Friday/Venerdì 2nd week of Lent 13th March 2020 Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46	Responsorial Psalm Remember the marvels the Lord has done.	8.00am Holy Souls  7.30pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Portuguese)	9.15am  7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (English/Italian)	

<p><b>Filipino Chaplaincy - A LENTEN WAY OF THE CROSS</b> Saturday 28 March, 11am-2pm Ta Pinú Shrine, Bacchus Marsh, Followed by Holy Mass. Sacrificial offering will go to Project Compassion Envelopes available through the Filipino Chaplaincy.</p>	<p><b>Music for Organ &amp; Trumpet - St. Patrick's Cathedral</b> Friday 3 April 2020 6pm – 7pm Tickets \$25.00, no concessions, Children under 15 free. It will be a very special evening featuring works of J S Bach, Buxtehude and Petr Eben. For the Full Program and Bookings visit: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BGPWW">www.trybooking.com/BGPWW</a></p>
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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: 0481 127 374	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda,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 14th & 15th March 2020	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Church Cleaning
I Reading	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	E. Elkins	P. La Marca	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	A. Atherton	T. Toscano	N. Omenihu / J. Smith	
II Reading	M. de Souza	A. De Santis	C. Penitito	P. La Marca	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco	

**LENTEN CONCERT**  
**'ASHES TO EASTER'** with Peter Kerney. **Sunday 22nd March, 4.00pm - 5.15pm here in St. Brigid's Church**  
**Free entry - donation appreciated.** Peter Kerney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and the 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Mainly for adults, though upperprimary and older students could also enjoy.

**'TRIDUUM OF PRAYER'**  
As a parish, we are committed to doing something to encourage more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. One of the most important things that we can do is to pray. As a community, we will participate in the Vocations Office initiative of the Triduum of Prayer'. Our parish 'Hour of Prayer' will be in the church, **Friday 20 March 7.00 - 8.00pm** combined with the Stations of the Cross. *Please bring along some friends and members of your family, to pray in union with parishes around the Archdiocese for more vocations.*

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA**  
**PROJECT COMPASSION 2020**  
**"LET'S GO FURTHER TOGETHER"**

 Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. *Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church.*


**CARITAS AUSTRALIA 2020**  
**PROGETTO COMPASSIONE**  
**Tema "ANDARE OLTRE INSIEME"**  
Durante questo tempo di Quaresima, siamo tutti invitati ad aprire il nostro cuore al nostro prossimo meno fortunato di noi, con la nostra preghiera e la nostra offerta.  
*Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.*

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 540 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 300 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 150 - 00


**Meditation on the SEVEN Last Words & The SEVEN GIFTS of the Holy Spirit**  
The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to come and reflect on the **SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS on the Cross GOOD FRIDAY 10 April 2020**  
**9.30am to 12 noon at St. Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North.** Featuring Filipino Chaplaincy Choir of Melbourne & Filipino Choir of St. Anthony, Noble Park.


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

**Wanted.** Live-in helper to assist elderly lady with mild disability. Free board in exchange for company and occasional assistance. Must be caring, kind and clean. Would suit able pensioner. Brunswick area. If interested, please call or text Angela on 0411405568.

**ENTRATA E' GIUNTA L'ORA**  
 E' giunta l'ora, Padre, per me. Ai miei amici ho detto che questa è la vita: conoscere Te e il Figlio tuo, Cristo Gesù. Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me; ed ora sanno che torno a Te. Hanno creduto: conservali Tu nel tuo amore, nell'unità. Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi, la tua Parola è verità. E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia; la gioia vera viene da Te. Io sono in loro e Tu in me; che sian perfetti nell'unità. E il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato; li hai amati come ami me.

**OFFERTORIO MISTERO DELLA CENA**  
Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi. Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà.

**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 NOME DOLCISSIMO**  
 Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore. Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: **Ave Maria, ave Maria!** Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella. Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia: **Ave Maria, ave Maria!** Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero, Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: **Ave Maria, ave Maria!**