

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. (Ps 24:15-16)**

**A reading from the Book of Exodus (17:3-7)** The people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" **This is the Word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R./**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R./** O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work." **R./**

#### Entrance Hymn **Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour**

*Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light; You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for; You are the one who speaks to us today; You are the one who leads us to our future: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



**A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:1-2,5-8)** Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man – though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (shorter form) (4:5-42)** Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

#### Offertory Hymn

**Blessed be our God**

Take this bread, gift and work of human hands, Take this wine from this branch of your vine. Take our lives as an offering to you, God of mercy, singing "Blessed be our God!"



#### Communion Hymn **Come to the water**

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water, Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.



#### Final Hymn **In these days of Lenten journey**

**In these days of Lenten journey we have seen and we have heard the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.**

We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth. In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams; we will clothe them in mercy and peace. **(ref)**

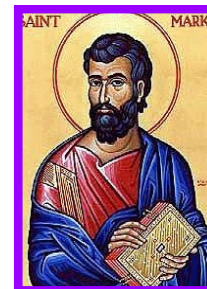
We call on the Spirit of Justice and pray for righteousness' sake. We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed; we will loosen the bonds of distress. **(ref)**



# 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.*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
"The water that I shall give will turn into a spring for eternal life"

The encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman, as St. John's Gospel recounts, becomes a revealing encounter that brings the woman from surprise ("You, a Jew, ask me, a woman and a Samaritan, for water?"); to wonder ("I see that you are a Prophet"); to belief ("I wonder if he is the Christ?"). This step by step development comes to indicate the necessary journey of faith that transformed the Samaritan woman from an easy-going worldly person (*she had five husbands*) intent only to please herself to a believer in Christ and one who announced her discovery to her folk-people ("Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did"). This becomes a Lenten invitation to us to enter into the same journey moving from worldly life and preoccupations to a new discovery of faith in Christ. In fact, Lent, in its liturgical plan, intends to help us take the journey in the understanding of our Baptism as, in the early time of the Christian Community, adults asking for Baptism would require to undergo a one-year journey in preparation to it. Baptism, then, was administered only once a year on Easter Eve celebration. Up to the third century there was, in fact, no Baptism for children. In this light, we understand the encounter and the dialogue of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. The theme is: The water of Baptism which purified becomes a spring of a new life. Christ gives us this new and life-giving gift. The following Sundays the Liturgy of the word will develop the new life in Christ – again in preparation to Baptism – presenting us the cure of the blind man: Jesus our light. On the fifth Sunday of Lent, the Word of God will bring us the theme: Jesus gives a new life. The resurrection of Lazarus is prepared by Jesus saying to Martha, Lazarus' sister: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live". It is the journey of faith we are invited to do again in order to become refreshed and revitalised in our Christian life by the discovery of Christ "our water, our light, our life". To this purpose, it is necessary to allow ourselves first to wonder who Christ is for me, then to accept he has a special message and gift for me; thirdly to renew our faith and trust in him. Energised anew by this faith in Christ, we will find the enthusiasm to announce him to others as well.



**TERZA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA**

"L'acqua che io daró diventerá sorgente per la vita eterna".

L'incontro di Gesù con la donna samaritana, come racconta S. Giovanni, è un incontro che manifesta nella donna anzitutto sorpresa ("Tu che sei Giudeo chiedi da bere a me che sono una donna samaritana?"); poi

ammirazione ("Vedo che tu sei un profeta"); poi la fede ("Che sia forse il Messia?"). Questo sviluppo progressivo viene a indicare la necessità che la fede nella donna samaritana fa passare da un atteggiamento di non-curanza morale (*lei aveva avuto cinque mariti*), solo inclinata a soddisfare sé stessa, alla fede in Gesù e poi all'annuncio di questa scoperta ai suoi paesani. ("Venite a vedere un uomo che mi ha detto tutto quello che ho fatto"). È questo un invito quaresimale per ciascuno di noi di entrare in un cammino di fede che ci fa passare da una vita basata su valori umani e preoccupazioni temporali verso la scoperta di Cristo e una più profonda vita di fede. Infatti, e' nel piano della Liturgia Quaresimale di aiutarci a intraprendere il cammino di comprendere le esigenze del nostro battesimo. Nei primi secoli, infatti, il Battesimo era solo per gli adulti che avevano percorso per un anno intero la preparazione al battesimo che veniva amministrato solamente la Vigilia di Pasqua. Il Battesimo dei bambini non era praticato. Sotto questa luce comprendiamo allora la Parola di Dio oggi e nelle prossime due domeniche. L'acqua del Battesimo diventa sorgente di vita nella fede perché purifica e ristora. La prossima domenica la Parola di Dio ci parlerà del nato cieco a cui Gesù dona la vista e la luce: una nuova visione della vita. Nella quinta domenica leggeremo la risurrezione di Lazzaro quando Gesù afferma: "Io sono la risurrezione e la vita; chi crede in me, anche se muore, vivrà". E questo il cammino della fede che dobbiamo sempre riprendere per riportare la nostra vita a una sempre più profonda conoscenza di Cristo nostra "acqua, luce e vita". Per questo rinnovo spirituale noi pure dobbiamo lasciarci sorprendere da Cristo, ammirare la sua opera di salvezza e così sviluppare fiducia e fede in lui. Allora potremo annunciare Cristo al mondo con gioia.

**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 14th March 2020 (Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."		6.00pm Carmen GALEA Domenico ZAFFINO  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Wedding Celebration for:</b> <b>Leah WATTS &amp; Frank IAPOZZUTO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>
Sunday/Domenica 15th March 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"L'acqua che io gli darò diventerà in lui una sorgente d'acqua che zampilla per la vita eterna"	8.30am 	9.45am PRO-POPULO  11.00am Gina JUNG (1mth) Sergio BECCARI	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Mila ROMEO</b> <b>Alessia DI MAIO</b> <b>Lawrence LEW</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>
Monday/Lunedì 3rd week of Lent 16th March 2020 2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4: 24-30	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 17th March 2020 St. Patrick, bishop Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:45-49 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News</i>	8.00am <b>ST. PATRICK</b>	9.15am <b>ST. PATRICK</b>	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 3rd week of Lent 18th March 2020 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Benedetto il Signore, gloria del suo popolo.</i>  <i>Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 19th March 2020 St. Joseph 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24	<b>Response</b> <i>The son of David will live for ever.</i>	8.00am <b>ST. JOSEPH</b>	9.15am <b>ST. JOSEPH</b>	
Friday/Venerdì 3rd week of Lent 20th March 2020 Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12: 28-34	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.</i>	8.00am Holy Souls	9.15am  7.00pm Triduum of Prayer for Vocations combined with 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	Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda,CS	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 21st & 22nd 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	G. Piantella	Choir Member	N. Cavallin	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	M. Lauria	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu	
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	N. Cavallin	Lauria Family	

**LENTEN CONCERT 'ASHES TO EASTER'** with Peter Kerney. Next 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, next 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"**  
Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. Total to date: \$485-00 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.

<b>St. Brigid &amp; St. Mark Collections</b>	
1 Collection	\$ 640 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 400 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 159 - 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)  
**Good Friday- Stations of the Cross 9.00am**  
**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 FRATELLO TORRENTE**  
Acqua che scendi dai monti  
Tocchi la terra tra noi impetuoso torrente. Dio tra noi.  
Nata nel cielo infinito sparsa su tutta la terra  
Dentro di noi la tua vita sempre sarà.  
*In mezzo alle nostre case, in mezzo ai nostri campi tu scorri, Signore, Fratello tra noi. (2v.)*  
Penetri tutta la terra  
E la fecondi ogni giorno, canti felice la vita, o mio Signore.  
Madre che un giorno hai sentito, nascere Dio nel tuo seno, donaci l'acqua che vive: Cristo in noi. Rit.:

**OFFERTORIO 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 sgorgherà.  
*Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.*  
Se la strada si fa oscura Spero in lui: mui guiderà. Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui : mi salverà. Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà.  
*Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.*

**COMUNIONE COME IL CERVO ALL'ACQUA VA**  
Come il cervo all'acqua va noi così da Te veniam. Grande sete abbiamo di Te, Dio fonte dell'amor. Camminiamo verso Te, fra gioiosi cantici, noi veniamo al tuo altar per amarti, o Signor  
Chi mi vede piangere, chiede: "Dov'è Dio?"  
Il Signore è fra di noi, nel clamor di gioia. Ma ormai non piangerò, il Signor Salvator e se io soffrirò penserò a Te, Signor.  
Gloria a Dio Padre, gloria al Figlio Redentor, gloria allo Spirito, che ci unisce nell'amor. Vien, Signore, vien fra noi, Amen, alleluia! Vien, Signore, vien fra noi, Amen, alleluia.

**FINE DALL'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 che la 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. R.  
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. R.