

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God (Ps 94:6-7).

A reading from the Book of Job (7:1-4,6-7)

Job began to speak, "Has not man a hard service upon earth, and are not his days like the days of a hireling? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hireling who looks for his wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eyes will never again see good." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. **R/**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R/**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (9:16-19,22-23)

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my preaching I may make the gospel free of charge, not making full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia! Mt.8:17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:29-39) Jesus left the Synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him followed him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Entrance Hymn
CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
(Ref)

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Offertory Hymn
BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Refrain

Bread for the world:
a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples:
people who thirst.
May we who eat, be bread for others.
May we who drink, pour out our love

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal the wounds
of human pain.
Where we divide your people,
you are waiting there, on bended knee
to wash our feet with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken
and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary,
you are waiting there
to be the way which beckons us
beyond despair.

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Communion Hymn
STRONG AND CONSTANT

I will be Yahweh
who walks with you!
You will be always
within my hand!
Take your heart
and give it all to me!
Strong and constant
is my love! **(2x)**

Should you wander
far away from me,
I will search for you
in ev-'ry land!
Should you call, then
you will truly know:
Strong and constant
is my love! **(2x)**

When you know sorrow
within your life,
I will come
I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain
you will discover me!
Strong and constant
is my love! **(2x)**

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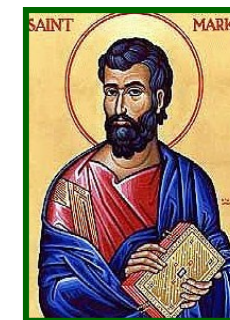
Final Hymn
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth,
O people,
salt for the city of God!
Share the flavor of life,
O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Chorus:
Bring forth
the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth
the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth
the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the word,
O people,
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy
and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God!

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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.*

"Praise the Lord who heals us".

The Word of God today is both "realistic" and "hopeful". In the 1st reading Job's words sound depressing and hopeless: "Months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief... my life is but a breath, ... my eyes will never again see joy". It is sober reflection Job is doing for us, often times not so far from people's experience. Like Job, we are all at times victims of suffering and defeat, with days filled with emotional disappointment and social frustration. Some people feel unfulfilled in their job; some are single parents struggling to make ends meet; some have a debilitating or terminal illness, some are married to abusive spouses or involved in a loveless marriage; some are living with people addicted to drugs, alcohol, sex or gambling; some are for a long time unemployed, refused in all their job applications... On top of other worries, the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19. The human limitations and frailty are always with us: they humble us besides making us suffer.

There is hope, however, if we know how to "tell" Jesus, as we read in the Gospel. Jesus is one who knows how to sympathise with us because he "was a man of suffering having taken a nature like ours" (Heb. 2:18). He wants to heal us... and give us a message of hope as well: "The power of God is here with us", is his announcement in the Gospel. By the "power of God" St. Paul was able to say: "It is when I am weak that I am strong (in Christ)" (2Cor. 12:10). In Christ Jesus we understand to be humble, to be strong against adversity, to keep our vision clear, to be unite in Christ's suffering through our suffering and thus make it valuable as a "pleasing sacrifice to God". Yes, suffering of any kind can, in faith and prayer, make us strong, pure and holy. For the Saints, suffering was a treasure to desire, not to reject or curse.

"Risanaci, Signore, Dio della vita".

La Parola di Dio oggi ci parla in un modo "realistico" ma anche pieno di "speranza". Nella Prima Lettura le parole di Giobbe sono piene di depressione e disperazione: "A me sono toccati mesi di illusione e notti di dolore... un soffio é la mia vita, non rivedrò piú il bene". É una riflessione sobria e triste che Giobbe fá, spesso non lontana dall'esperienza giornaliera. Come Giobbe, anche noi siamo vittime della sofferenza e della sconfitta, conoscendo giorni di delusioni emozionali e disappuntamenti sociali. Alcuni sono insoddisfatti nel lavoro, un genitore singolo vive in difficoltà economiche, alcuni soffrono di malattia cronica o anche terminale. Alcuni soffrono abusi o violenza nel matrimonio o l'amore si é spento. Alcuni vivono con persone date alla droga, al sesso, al gioco d'azzardo, altri sono da lungo senza lavoro, rifiutati in ogni applicazione. In piu', oggi, c'è l'incertezza a causa del Covid-19. Le limitazioni umane e la fragilità della vita sono sempre con noi e ci umiliano e ci fanno soffrire. Ma c'è speranza se sappiamo "parlarne al Signore", come leggiamo nel Vangelo di oggi. Gesù é uno che sa simpatizzare con noi perché egli é "l'uomo della sofferenza avendo assunta la natura umana come la nostra" (Ebr. 2:18). Egli vuole sanarci... e darci un messaggio di speranza. "La forza di Dio é qui con noi", é il suo annuncio nel vangelo. S. Paolo, perciò, poteva dire: "É quando io sono debole che sono forte (in Gesù Cristo)" (2Cor.12:10). In Gesù noi accettiamo come essere umili, essere forti nelle difficoltà, mantenere una visione chiara della vita, unire le nostre sofferenze alle sofferenze di Cristo e così dare valore di redenzione "come sacrificio gradito a Dio". Sì, qualsiasi sofferenza accettata con fede e in preghiera può renderci forti, puri e santi. I Santi consideravano la sofferenza un tesoro da abbracciare, non una pena da rigettare e scongiurare.

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 at **10.30am** with Procession. **Everyone Welcome!**

DOMENICA 21 FEBBRAIO 2021 FESTA DELLA NOSTRA PATRONA
SANTA BRIGIDA di Kildare

Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e Santa Messa. **Tutti benvenuti!**

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






COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things. (Ps 106:8-9).




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 6th February 2021 "Vigil" Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	"Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out."		6.00pm Antonio DE ROSSI (1st Anniversary) Elda FRIGO (3rd Anniversary) 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Penelope RAMIREZ Caterina Anna CERALIA Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 7th February 2021 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year "B"	"Andiamocene altrove, nei villaggi vicini, perché io predichi anche là; per questo infatti sono venuto!"	8.30am PRO POPULO 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am	Baptism Celebration for: Claudia BALIVIERA Wedding Celebration for: Andrea SALENI & Jason LO NIGRO Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 8th February 2021 Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6: 53-56	Responsorial Psalm May the Lord be glad in his works.		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 9th February 2021 Gen 1:20 - 2:4; Mk 7: 1-13	Responsorial Psalm O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!	8.00am	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 10th February 2021 St. Scholastica, virgin Gen 2:4-9, 15-17 Mk 7: 14-23	Responsorial Psalm Benedici il Signore, anima mia. Bless the Lord my soul!		9.15am 7.30pm Novena & Mass (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 11th February 2021 Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30	Responsorial Psalm Happy are those who fear the Lord.		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 12th February 2021 Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37	Responsorial Psalm Happy are those whose sins are forgiven		9.15am	

 **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 Room247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE **Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am** 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 13th & 14th 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	G. Piantella	E. Elkins	T. Toscano	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso
Responsorial Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	A. Atherton	T. Toscano	N. Omenihu / J. Smith
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	C. Penitito	P. La Marca	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco


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
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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](#)

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
Eldred and Celine Rivera: 0433 132 041

ENTRATA
LODATE DIO

Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo, lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò, somma sapienza e splendore.
Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene. lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio.
Lodate Dio, uno e trino Signore, lodate Dio, mèta e premio dei buoni: cantate a lui, sorgente di ogni bontà, per tutti i secoli. Amen!

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.

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. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 400 - 00
2 Collection \$ 200 - 00
Envelopes \$ 239 - 00

FESTA IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES
Domenica prossima 14 Febbraio 2021 nella Chiesa di Santa Brigida con la celebrazione della Santa Messa alle 2.00pm. Un cordiale invito è rivolto a tutti i devoti a partecipare.

2021 Columban Art Calendar Special offer for parishioners!
As a way of appreciation in the midst of all the challenges, you can order this beautiful Columban Art Calendar at the special price of \$9.00 including postage (ordinarily \$13 inc postage). Please scan the QR code on the flyer and you will be directed to the Columban shop, OR order via Email: calendar@columban.org.au



COMUNIONE
DOV'È CARITÀ E AMORE
Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio
Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore: godiamo esultanti nel Signore! Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente, e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero. **Rit.**
Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo: evitiamo di dividerci tra noi: via le lotte maligne, via le liti, e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio. **Rit.**
Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte e dall'ombra della morte non risorge; ma se noi camminiamo nell'amore, noi saremo veri figli della luce. **Rit.**
Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra. **Rit.**
Imploriamo con fiducia il Padre Santo perché doni ai nostri giorni la sua pace: ogni popolo dimentichi rancori, ed il mondo si rinnovi nell'amore. **Rit.**

FINE
SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO
Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.
Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.
Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, otta per la verità. **Rit.**
Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**

