

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. (Ps 90:15-16)

(1st reading in Italian) A reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-15) God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said. "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

(2nd reading in Spanish) A reading from the First Letter of St Peter (3:18-22) Brethren, Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject, to him. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. **R./**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R./**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R./**

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! (Mt 4:4b).

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark(1:12-15) The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. (Mt 4:4)

Reflection (Irish Song)

Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Iosa, a Iosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Iosa,
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Shlánaítheoir
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Iosa, a Iosa

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Iosa, a Iosa
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Iosa
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaítheoir
Glóir moladh agus bufochas duit, a Iosa, a Iosa

(Translation)
A hundred thousand welcomes,
O Jesus, O Jesus
A hundred thousand welcomes, O Jesus
A hundred thousand welcomes, O Savior
A hundred thousand welcomes,
O Jesus, O Jesus

Glory and praise to You, O Jesus, O Jesus
Glory and praise to You, O Jesus
Glory and praise to You, O Jesus
Glory and praise & thanks to You,
O Jesus, O Jesus



Final MOTHER ST. BRIGID

O Holy Woman Abbess of Ireland Pray for us: St. Brigid!

When you were young God spoke to your heart, And you became: Mother of the emerald isle. **R.**

The Lord the most high gave his reply; Sending you forth to preach the Gospel of Christ. **R.**

O Patroness dear, We sing of your cheer, Pray with us here; May all souls to God draw near. **R.**

All glory be to the Trinity: Father, and Son, and Spirit; ever one! **R.**



(During Procession) Lourdes Hymn

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you: His power and his Mercy, His grace given to you.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!

È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel. Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree, God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)

Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! (X2)



SALVE REGINA (Final)

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae, Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eja ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsiliu ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis. Virgo Maria.



The Parish of St. Brigid's & St. Mark's warmly welcomes everyone especially our brothers and sisters from the Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Filipino, Brazilian, Samoan's, Chinese and other Communities to this special celebration to our Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare.



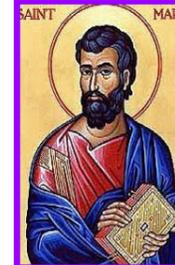
Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.

St. Brigid OF KILDARE FEAST DAY

St. Brigid's Parish: Patron Saint Feast Day

50th Anniversary of the Scalabrinians in the Parish

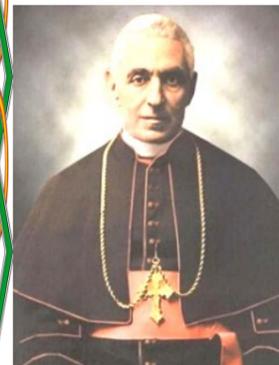
25th Anniversary of the Filipino Chaplaincy

Today our Parish celebrates the **Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Brigid of Kildare**, as one family in the faith, coming together from different nations, cultures and languages. Like in the day of Pentecost, we are Australians, English speaking from various Countries, Italians, Spanish speaking from America, Portuguese speaking, Filipinos, Samoans, Chinese, people from several Asian Countries and people from all Continents: this is the Family of St. Brigid's. **The Scalabrinian charism of ministry to the migrants fits well in this attention to unity in diversity. In fact, this is the occasion to thank God for the Scalabrinian Ministry to the Italians in this Parish since late 50s and then for their taking on the pastoral responsibility of St. Brigid's on 21 January 1968, with Fr. John Raccanello CS. first Scalabrinian Parish Priest. We also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Chaplaincy for the Filipino Community. Indeed, St. Brigid's Parish, true to the Scalabrinian charism, is welcoming and embracing in the celebration of faith people of several different nations, cultures, and languages. We are grateful to God for this diversity and grateful to all who see St. Brigid as their House of Prayer.** St. Brigid's Cross, so called because attributed to her making it from rushes, is the most appropriate sign of our Parish: The love of God reaching out to the whole world; and all the people in the world united in the power of the love of God. St. Brigid was a perfect example of this uniting love by her dedication to the poor, the education of girls, the gathering of spiritually dedicated people in religious communities, the imparting of the knowledge of God's love to the people. She was, indeed, an instrument of wisdom and unity in her own time. Our community, in celebrating her as our Patron Saint, sees in her an inspiration for unity. In our multi-cultural gathering today, celebrating and honouring St. Brigid, let us be reminded that in unity we become a powerful sign that God's Family is one in faith and love.



Historical Notes: Brigid is thought to have been born at Faughart (County of Louth), Ireland, in 451. Her father was Dubhthach, a Leinster pagan chieftain, her mother Brocca, a Pictish Christian. Brigid was named after the goddess of fire of the local pagan religion. In 468 Brigid converted to Christianity. Her father was not pleased when she felt a longing to enter the religious life and kept her at home. But her charity to the poor made her give away many of the family resources. Her father finally gave in and sent Brigid to a convent.

Receiving the religious veil from St. Mel, Brigid embarked on a career as founder of convents starting at Clara (County of Offaly). But her activity in Kildare became most important. The name 'Kildare' comes from 'Cill Dara', meaning 'The church of the oak' and Brigid's cell being under a large oak tree. She founded a monastery there first for nuns and soon after for monks as well to secure the celebration of the Mass and the administration of the sacraments. Her ministry, however, spread all around that County. Brigid died in or around 525 and was buried in Kildare's abbey church. Later her remains are said to have been exhumed and transported to Downpatrick, to rest with the two other patron saints of Ireland, Patrick and Columba. St. Brigid was a courageous woman of faith, an Irish nun, an abbess, founder of several convents, a charitable pioneer of monastic institutions in Ireland, a leader with a big heart in favour of the most needed, well known for her common sense and holy life. Her devotion spread fast in Ireland, and through the centuries in the whole world.



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 17th February 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" "VIGIL"	"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".		6.00pm Gaetano CAFARELLA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Amelia Marie LIA & Miguel CHINEA CHACON Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 18th February 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" 	"Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo, ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio".	8.30am 	10.30am Mass followed by Procession & Rosary Vincenzo LAURIA Michelina LAURIA Jean Clancy COTE Felice ALESSI Maria BUCCHIERI (1 st ann.)	Today we celebrate St. Brigid Feast Day 50th Anniversary Scalabrini Fathers 25th Anniversary Filipino Chaplaincy
Monday/Lunedì 1st week of Lent 19th February 2018 Lev19:1-2,11-18; Mt25: 31-46	Responsorial Psalm Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 1st week of Lent 20th February 2018 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6: 7-15	Responsorial Psalm From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.	8.00am	9.15am 11.30am Funeral Mass for the late Michele D'AMORE	Our deepest sympathy to the family of Michele D'AMORE. May the Lord of mercy grant him eternal rest and give peace and comfort to his loved ones.
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st week of Lent 21st February 2018 Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Responsorial Psalm Tu gradisci, Signore il cuore penitente. A broken, humble heart, O God, you will not scorn.	8.00am	9.15am Giovanni VIGLIAROLO 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 22nd February 2018 The Chair of St. Peter, apostle 1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.	8.00am Feast of the Chair of St. Peter	9.15am Feast of the Chair of St. Peter	
Friday/Venerdì 1st week of Lent 23rd February 2018 Ezek 18:21-28 Mt 5: 20-26	Responsorial Psalm If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Via Crucis/Stations of the Cross (Italian/English) Followed by confessions	

VIATOUR 2018 PELLEGRINAGGIO MARIANO Con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$6340. Si visita Fatima, Lourdes, Padova, Assisi, Medjugorje, San Giovanni Rotondo, Salerno, Capri, Monte Cassino, Roma, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 14 Maggio al 4 Giugno 2018. Alla fine potete far ritorno, oppure continuare con il pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa, prezzo \$2160 con guida, dal 4 al 11 Giugno. Se siete interessati, parlate con P. Savino.

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

Liturgy of the Word 25th & 26th Feb. 2017	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Minister	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	A. Smyth	P. La Marca	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	Colosimo Family		

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Brigid our Patroness . The 50th Anniversary of the Scalabrinian Fathers ministry at St. Brigid's and the 25th Anniversary of the Filipino Chaplaincy In the Archdiocese After Mass and Procession, everyone is invited in the parish hall for lunch, refreshments and entertainment. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped make this day very special. May our loving God through the intercession of St. Brigid bless each and everyone.

Prayer to St. Brigid
Saint Brigid, you were a woman of peace
May the mantle of your holiness cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our parish. Saint Brigid, you were a woman of charity. Inspire us to act justly and to help the needy. Saint Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018 "For a Just Future"
Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of 12, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader In 2015. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church.**
PROGETTO COMPASSIONE 2018
Tema "Per un Futuro Giusto" Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.

JCS LENTEN PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES
Mondays 26 February & 5, 19 and 26 March, 6-8pm Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Pde, Parkville Cost: Gold coin donation. Details and RSVP: 9448 8276 or enquiries@jcs.edu.au. Please RSVP one week in advance of your intention to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS
Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in Church followed by confessions.
Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm Via Crucis e confessioni.

Entrance O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing, that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder, at every gift you send, at blessings without number, and mercies without end we lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

O God of all creation, who glory fills the sky, We gather in your presence, our spirits lifted high; To bring for humble service, those who answer to your call That they may follow Christ, the example for us all Protect them and guide them, their faith in you be strong, As now they journey onward, we sing the ancient song.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour, may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows, be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows, and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty, and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty, our sacrifice of praise.



Offertory: Ashes

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do. We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew. If all our 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.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection	\$570 - 00
2nd Collection	\$320 - 00
Envelopes	\$181 - 00

Communion Hymn

In Him Alone
Refrain:
**In him alone is our hope
In him alone is our strength
In him alone are we justified
In him alone are we saved.**

What have we to offer
That does not fade or wither
Can the world ever satisfy
The emptiness in our hearts
In vain we deny? (Ref.)

When will you cease running
In search of hollow meaning?
Let his love feed the hunger
In your soul, til it overflows
With joy you yearn to know. (Ref.)

