

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 25:15-16).

A reading from the Book of Exodus (20:1-17) God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbour's." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R/**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R/**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever, the decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R/**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:22-25) Brethren, Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (2:13-25) The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for thy house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he spoke of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Weekly Parish Newsletter

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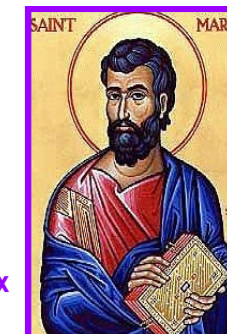
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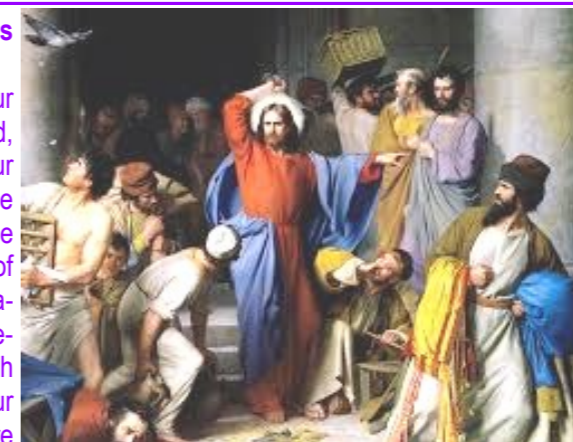


We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, it gives wisdom to the simple"

Lent is an opportune time to reflect on our way of living and our relationship with God, thus bringing us to a change of behaviour and a better way to relate with God. The Word of God today refers to both of these aspects in our Christian living and practice of faith. The warning of Jesus is clear: "My Father's house is a house of prayer", thus remind us of the words of the prophet Isaiah (1:15 & 17): "When you stretch out your hands I turn my eyes away; your hands are covered in blood... Learn to do good, search for justice, discipline violence!" In the first reading of today from the Book of Exodus, God gives his chosen people a wise CODE OF CONDUCT, through the TEN COMMANDMENTS: the basis for a true and sanctifying relationship with God (first 3) and a just and moral conduct of living in relationship with others (4 to 10). The binding force of these commandments rests on this reality: **"I am Lord your God"**. The Responsorial Psalm indicates that to embrace God's commandments is not a burden to our life, but a proud sharing with God's wisdom that "gladdens our heart... gives light to our eyes... to be desired more than gold". This is the conduct God wants from us for our peace and joy.

In the light of the above, we understand why Jesus was profoundly upset in seeing the House of God, the Temple in Jerusalem, transformed into a market place, a place of arrogant business, shouting, cheating, extorting the poor worshippers with high prices. Religious practice had become a superficial, external and an irrelevant act of faith and prayer. Jesus could not stand this hypocrisy. Questioned by the Jews bystanders, Jesus answered that a new and holier Temple will be re-built in himself: "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up" – meaning **He himself**, resurrected. Jesus is the new Sanctuary we must now enter into communion with if we want our prayers and act of worship be acceptable to God. "I am the vine, you are the branches" he said; "Remain in me and I in you and you will produce many good fruits" (Jn. 15: 5). The "good fruits" for us to bring into the Sanctuary in Jesus is our obedience to God and to his commandments. In this understanding and by this living, then, we strive to live in Christ who has shown us "the power and the wisdom of God" (2nd Reading – Cor. 1: 24).



"La legge del Signore é perfetta, rende saggio il giusto"

Il tempo di Quaresima é un tempo opportuno per riflettere sul nostro modo di vivere e la nostra relazione con Dio, portandoci a un cambiamento nel modo di vivere e nel nostro relazionarci con Dio. La parola di Dio oggi ci parla di questi due aspetti. L'ammonimento di Gesù é forte: "La casa del Padre mio é casa di preghiera", ricordandoci cosí delle parole del Profeta Isaia (1:15 & 17): "Quando voi stendete le vostre mani, lo distolgo da voi i miei occhi; le vostre ma-

ni sono piene di sangue... imparate a fare il bene, cercate la giustizia, togliete la violenza".

Nella prima Lettura di oggi, dal libro dell'Esodo, Dio da' al suo Popolo eletto un saggio CODICE DI CONDOTTA, con i DIECI COMANDAMENTI: la base per una relazione santa con Dio (primi 3) e per una condotta morale e giusta in relazione agli altri (4 -10). Alla base di tutto questo é: "Io sono il Signore tuo Dio". Il Salmo Responsoriale indica che accettare i comandamenti di Dio non é un peso nella nostra vita, ma una partecipazione gradita alla Sapienza di Dio che "rinfranca l'anima... dona luce agli occhi... piú preziosa di molto oro fino". Questa é la condotta che Dio vuole da noi per darci pace e gioia.

Da quanto detto sopra, allora comprendiamo perché Gesù fu profondamente indignato nel vedere la Casa di Dio, il Tempio di Gerusalemme, diventata un luogo di mercato, di commercio arrogante, di chiasso, di imbroglio, di estorsione dei poveri fedeli pellegrini. La pratica religiosa era diventata vuota di significato, esterna e un atto di religione e di preghiera superficiale. Gesù non poté tollerare questa ipocrisia. Interrogato dai Giudei, Gesù risponde che un nuovo e piú santo Tempio sará ricostruito in sé stesso: "Distruggete questo tempio e in tre giorni io lo faró risorgere" – indicando sé stesso, risorgendo. Cosí Gesù diventa il nuovo Santuario in cui noi possiamo entrare in comunione con Dio ed essere accolti nelle nostre preghiere e nel nostro culto. "Io sono la vite, voi i tralci", dice Gesù; "Rimanete in me e io in voi e porterete molti buoni frutti" (Gv. 15:5). I buoni frutti che noi dobbiamo portare unendoci a Gesù é la nostra obbedienza a Dio e ai suoi comandamenti. In questo modo noi possiamo partecipare alla vita di Cristo che ha mostrato in sé stesso "il poterre e la Sapienza di Dio" (2.a Lettura – Cor. 1:24

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and a swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. (cf. Ps 83:4-5)

Entrance: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR

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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! **Ref.**



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! **Ref.**

Offertory:

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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Ref:

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. **Ref:**

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

Communion: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

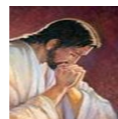
God of mercy and compassion, Look with pity upon me, Father, let me call Thee Father, 'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Refrain:

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy; Let me not implore in vain; All my sins, I now detest them, Never will I sin again.

By my sins I have deserved Death and endless misery, Hell with all its pains and torments, And for all eternity. **Ref:**

By my sins I have abandoned Right and claim to heav'n above. Where the saints rejoice forever In a boundless sea of love. **Ref:**



Final: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

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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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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

LENTEN PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations, As you accompany us on our Lenten journey, May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion. Through living simply and loving generously, May we care for our global family and our common home, as we "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. *Saint Oscar Romero*

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 6th February 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" "VIGIL"	<i>"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."</i>		6.00pm Carmen GALEA Fr. Lauro RUFO and all Priests who served in St. Brigid's 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Lachlan JABALDE Maximiliano URREA LOPEZ Jaziel NTWARI Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 7th February 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B"	<i>"Distruggete questo tempio e in tre giorni lo farò risorgere"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Defunti membri dell'Associazione dei Circoli Pensionati Italiani del Victoria.	Baptism Celebration for Antonio DI PIETRO PASQUALINI Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 3rd week of Lent 8th March 2021 2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4: 24-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?</i>		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 3rd week of Lent 9th March 2021 Dan: 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Remember your mercies, O Lord.</i>		9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 3rd week of Lent 10th March 2021 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-29	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Benedetto il Signore, gloria del suo popolo.</i> <i>Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</i>		9.15am 6.30pm Rosary for the late Alfio MUSUMECI 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 3rd week of Lent 11th March 2021 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Funeral Mass for Alfio MUSUMECI 	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Alfio MUSUMECI. May our loving God welcome him into his heavenly home and give peace and comfort to his loved ones.</i>
Friday/Venerdì 3rd week of Lent 12th March 2021 Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.</i>		9.15am Carmen GALEA 7.30pm Giovanna CARUSO  (1st annv.)	7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Italian/English) Followed by confessions 

Parish 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	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Mob: 0481 127 374	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Mob: 0404 261 228
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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 13th & 14th March 2021	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession
I Reading	M. De. Souza	G. Piantella	C. Penitito	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani
Responsorial Psalm	M. De. Souza	G. Piantella	E. Elkins	T. Toscano	N. Omenihu / J. Smith
II Reading	M. De. Souza	G. Piantella	A. Atherton	P. La Marca	P. La Marca / T. Bozzetto

Padre Savino assieme agli altri padri e parrocchiani di Santa Brigida porgono un caloroso benvenuto a Dr. Francesco Pascalis, Frank Di Blasi e a tutti i presenti dell'Associazione dei Circoli Pensionati Italiani del Victoria CO-AS-IT. A conclusione della Santa Messa, nel salone parrocchiale, il Co.As.It. offrirà ai presenti un rinfresco.

PAINTINGS FOR SALE
A Number of paintings by the late John Perrett, our former parishioner who masterly decorated St. Mark's church, are available. These represent religious themes in a unique abstract way. These paintings are available for purchase. The money will go to assist in the Scalabrinian Seminaries in Asia. (Please see display under presbytery veranda)

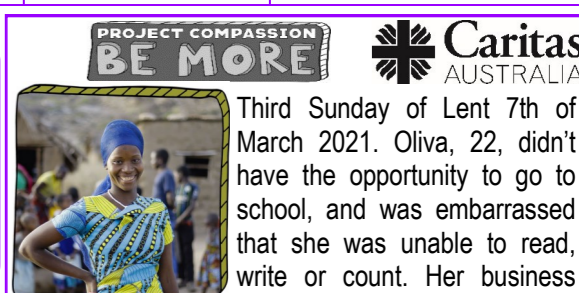
CONFIRMATIONS 2021
This year Confirmation in our parish will be on Sunday 11th July 2021

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1st Collection \$540 - 00
2nd Collection \$240 - 00
Envelopes \$242 - 00

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.

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

POSITION VACANT
Director, Mission and Pastoral Life, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, Bendigo
· Business Manager, St John's Parish, Mitcham
· Safeguarding Officer, E. Melbourne
· Senior Manager Product, IT & Products, Catholic Development Fund
· Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund
· Media & Communications Officer, Oblate Office of Mission. Further details: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



Third Sunday of Lent 7th of March 2021. Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.' Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. **Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church.**

PROGETTO COMPASSIONE 2021 Tema "ESSERE DI PIÙ" Le bustine e scatolette sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.

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: O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO
O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà. O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.

COMUNIONE: SYMBOLUM
Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me. Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio. Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mia pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai E nel tuo perdono vivrò. Padre della vita, noi crediamo in te Figlio Salvatore noi speriamo in te Spirito d'amore, vieni in mezzo a noi Tu da mille strade ci raduni in unità E per mille strade, poi, dove tu vorrai, Noi saremo il seme di Dio.

FINE: QUANDO NELL'OMBRA
Quando nell'ombra cade la sera, É questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera: **Fa pura e santa l'anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave. (x2)** E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno, All'ara tua faccio ritorno, **dicendo sempre con voce pia. Ave Maria, Ave. (X2)** Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura: **Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave. (x2)**

