

A reading from the second Book of the Chronicles (36:14-16,19-23)

All the leading priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord, which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, till there was no remedy. Their enemies burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'" **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R/**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs". **R/**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R/**

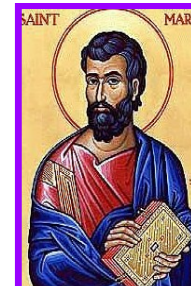
A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God." **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent" GOD LOVES US!

Today's Gospel offers us an incredible and encouraging revelation of how God deals with us: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life" (Jn.3,16). "God is love", says St. John in his 1st Letter (1Jn. 4,8). In his very nature God is love, a love which is true and active, not closed in himself. In this way we understand the Trinity in God: an eternal circle of love of the Father to the Son in the Spirit. The Trinity is necessary in God who is love! Moved by this perfect and eternal love, God wanted to share it by creating man so that humanity may rejoice in God's love in time



and for eternity. Therefore, God created the world to serve man's life in time and made him "in his own image" to unite him to himself in eternity. This was God's plan in sharing his love with man... but man refused to live in harmony with the love of God for a false sense of freedom! Sin! However, God's love is stronger than sin. In the Old Testament, in different ways and in frequent times, through Prophets and Holy Men, God manifested his will to reconcile his chosen People (the Jews) to himself. Though often falling away from God in disobedience, God remained faithful in his love for his chosen people, constantly manifesting his protection, forgiveness, reconciliation. Then came the greatest manifestation of his faithful love: "To give his only Son", Jesus made man, taking on our human flesh to better manifest how great is his love for us and his will to reconcile us to himself. St. Paul in today's second reading says: "God loved us with so much love that when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ" (Eph. 2, 4-5). Seen the human tendency, then and now, to disobedience, God gave us, as a gift, a new way of living: to live in union with Christ. This is the gift of grace God gives us in prayer, in listening to his word, in the sacraments, in living a good life in order to persevere in transforming our life in a way ever more similar to that of Christ, "the beloved of the Father !" The Word of God today invites us to make of our life a "cantic of love".

Quarta Domenica di Quaresima: DIO CI AMA!

Il Vangelo di oggi ci offre una rivelazione meravigliosa e incoraggiante di come Dio si comporta verso di noi: "Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il suo Figlio unigenito, perché chiunque crede in lui non muoia, ma abbia la vita eterna" (Gv. 3,16). "Dio è amore", dice S. Giovanni nella sua prima lettera (1 Gv. 4,8). Per natura sua, Dio è amore, un amore vivo e vero e non chiuso in se' stesso. Ecco, perciò, come si spiega la Trinita' di Dio: un circolo eterno di amore tra il Padre, il Figlio e lo Spirito Santo. La Trinita' è la necessita' di Dio che ama! Spinto da questo amore eterno e perfetto, Dio vuole espanderlo creando l'uomo affinché l'umanità potesse godere del suo amore nel tempo e nell'eternita'. Perciò egli crea

il mondo a servizio della vita umana nel tempo e fa l'uomo a sua "immagine" per unirsi a se nell'eternita'. Questo era il piano di Dio nel partecipare la sua vita d'amore con l'uomo... ma l'uomo rifiutò di vivere in armonia con l'amore di Dio per un falso senso di liberta'! Il peccato! Ma l'amore di Dio è piu' forte del peccato. Nel Vecchio Testamento, Dio in tanti modi manifestò, attraverso Profeti e uomini santi, la sua volonta' di riconciliare il suo popolo eletto (gli Ebrei) a se'. Nonostante ricadesse spesso nella disobbedienza e rifiuto, Dio rimase fedele nel suo amore verso il suo popolo manifestando la sua protezione, il perdono, la riconciliazione senza mai stancarsi. In fine, la piu' grande sorpresa del suo amore fedele: "Dare il suo Figlio unigenito", Gesu fatto uomo, fattosi carne per meglio manifestare quanto è grande il suo amore per noi e la sua volonta' di riconciliarci con lui. S. Paolo nella seconda Lettura di oggi infatti dice: "Dio, per il grande amore con il quale ci ha amati, da morti che eravamo per i peccati, ci ha fatto rivivere in Cristo" (Ef. 2,4-5). Vista la tendenza umana alla disobbedienza, prima e ora, Dio ci ha fatto dono di un nuovo modo di vivere: vivere uniti a Cristo. Ecco il dono di grazia che Dio ci dà nella preghiera, nell'ascolto della sua parola, nei sacramenti, nell'impegno nel vivere bene per perseverare e trasformare la nostra vita in un modo sempre piu' simile alla vita di Cristo stesso, l'Amato dal Padre! L'invito della parola di Dio oggi è di fare della nostra vita "un cantic of love".

Entrance: 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.

Chorus:
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.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord. (cf.Ps 121:3-4)

Offertory: Take and Receive

Take and receive,
O Lord, my liberty
Take all my will,
my mind, my memory
All things I hold
and all I own are Thine
Thine was the gift,
to Thee I all resign.

Do Thou direct
and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt,
command, and I obey
Only Thy grace,
Thy love on me bestow
These make me rich,
all else will I forego.



Communion: The Lord is my Light

The Lord is my light,
my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear?
With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life
With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain
The Lord is my light,
the Lord is my help
The Lord is my salvation

There is one thing I ask
of the Lord that I long for
all of my days with God to be dwelling
gazing with awe, at the beauty of God
and in wonder look on God's house. **Ref.:**

I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness
now, in this life I'm sure I will see it
Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave
wait in hope for God, our salvation. **Ref.:**



Final: We are called

Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy
and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light
for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God!

Refrain:
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve
one another,
to walk humbly with God.



Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy
to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope
for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness
will be no more! **Ref.:**



PROJECT COMPASSION 2018 "For a Just Future" Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Arts worker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future. Total to date \$1330.** 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. **Totale corrente: \$1330**

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 10th March 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" "VIGIL"	<i>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son".</i>		6.00pm Aldo ROCCUZZO (1st annv.) 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
Sunday/Domenica 11th March 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" 	<i>Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito".</i> 	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Angelo CHIODO Michelina LAURIA - Peter BILIC Antonietta e Alfredo BERNAR Defunti membri delle famiglie BERNAR, ZOTTI e BILIC	Baptism Celebration for Madeleine Louise BRYCE Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 4th week of Lent 12th March 2018 Is 65:17-21; Jn 4: 43-54	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>I will praise you, Lord, For you have rescued me.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmen GALEA 7.00pm Antonio CAMBON (1st annv.)	
Tuesday/Martedì 4th week of Lent 13th March 2018 Ezek 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-3,5-16	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The mighty Lord is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th week of Lent 14th March 2018 Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Il Signore è buono e misericordioso.</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 4th week of Lent 15th March 2018 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Bruno RUGGIERI Anna, Francesco and Cristina Vincenzo PERRI Angela PERRI (In thanksgiving to Santa Lucia)	
Friday/Venerdì 4th week of Lent 16th March Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is near to broken hearts.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Italian/English) Followed by confessions	

"CALLED TO WELCOME AND PROTECT" PALM SUNDAY 25 March
1.00pm: Prayer Service—St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.
1.40pm: Depart Cathedral to join:
2.00pm: Walk for Justice for Refugees State Library of Victoria (Cnr Swanston & la Trobe Street, Melbourne)

RE-OPENING OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, COLLINGWOOD
Saturday 17 March, 10.30am Mass - St Joseph's Church, 46 Otter Street, Collingwood. Archbishop Hart will be the main celebrant. All parishioners of St Joseph's, visitors and interested persons are warmly invited to attend.

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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Liturgy of the Word 17th & 18th March 2018	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	G. Piantella	E. Elkins	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	A. Atherton	E. Mascia	N. Omenihu / J. Smith		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	C. Penitito	M. Lauria	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		

The Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy of Melbourne & Holy Redeemer Servant Community, Invite you to come and celebrate **LENTEN RECOLLECTION**
 A call to conversion and Behold the Glory of the Kingdom.
Saturday 24th March, St. Brigid's Parish Hall 9.30am to 5.00pm With Baptism in the Spirit and Anticipated Mass of Palm Sunday.
 For further details please contact:
 Fr. Lito Asis on 0404 261 228

The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to reflect on the **SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS on the Cross** during this Year of Youth and the Silver Jubilee of the Chaplaincy.
GOOD FRIDAY, 30 March 2018
9.30am to 12 noon at St. Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North.
 Featuring Young Leaders to give Reflections. Filipino Chaplaincy Choir of Melbourne & Filipino Choir of St. Anthony, Noble Park.

Pilgrimage Information Night Thursday 19th April 2018
 Christian Pilgrimage presents an exceptional opportunity to join in an 18-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Led by Fr. Dean Bradbury. Join us for an information night Thursday 19th April at 7.00 pm. at St Christopher's Catholic Church parish Hall, 7 Doon Avenue, Syndal, Vic Please register your interest by contacting
randa@christianpilgrimage.com.au
 or call Randa on 0431 125 533.

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.


Volunteer with Palms Australia-
"Get out there and be the Church, bruised, hurting and dirty"
 Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!**
Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/


St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
 1st Collection \$590 - 00
 2nd Collection \$330 - 00
 Envelopes \$161 - 00


The Combined Societies of Mary 30th Year Celebration 1988-2018
Invite You to WALK WITH MARY
 Next Sunday 18th March 2018 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place East Melbourne Commencing at 2.00pm with Prayers, Holy Mass at 3.00pm with Bishop Peter Elliott, followed by Procession through the city to St. Paul's Cathedral for Evensong.
All welcome!


Receptivity- a Holy Week Reflection from a feminine perspective.
 Saturday, 24th March (10am-12pm) Kildara Centre, Rear 39 Stanhope St. Malvern Morning Tea provided. A small donation to cover costs, if able, would be appreciated. Contact Andrea on 9548 9432 or at avenier@bigpond.com by Wed, 21st March

WALK WITH OUR LADY OF SORROWS, TA'PINU SHRINE, 15 Flanagans Drive, Bacchus Marsh. Saturday 24 March 2018. The afternoon begins at **1pm** with a walk with the Mother of Sorrows on a special Lenten pilgrimage along the 14 Stations of the Cross, led by the Brothers and Sisters of the Alliance of the Two Hearts. Mass for Our Lady of Sorrow is at **2.00pm** followed by the Rosary procession around the church with the statue of Our Lady. Benediction will conclude the afternoon.
Details: phone 5367 7006, 0412 360 231 or email infotapinu@optusnet.com.au

ENTRATA:
VIENI, GESU', VIENI

 Vieni, Gesù, vieni, vieni in mezzo a noi
 E spezza ancora il pane come facesti un dì.
 Vieni tu che preghi, vieni tu che soffri: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
 Vieni tu che piangi, vieni tu che servi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
 Vieni tu che canti, vieni tu che speri: il pane è sulla mensa manchi solo tu.
 Vieni tu che ami, vieni tu che cerchi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

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: INNI E CANTI

 Inni e canti sciogliamo, o fedeli, al Divin Eucaristico Re;
 Egli ascose nei mistici veli cibo all'anima fedele si die'.
Dei Tuofigli lo stuolo, qui prono, o Signor dei potenti, Ti adora. Per i miseri implora perdono, per i deboli implora pietà.
 O Signor, che dall'Ostia radiosa sol di pace ci parli e d'amor, in Te l'anima smarrita riposa, in Te spera chi lotta e chi muor.
Dei Tuofigli lo stuolo, qui prono, o Signor dei potenti, Ti adora. Per i miseri implora perdono, per i deboli implora pietà.

FINE: MIRA IL TUO POPOLO

 Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora, che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora. Anch'io festevole corro ai tuoi pie'.
O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.
 Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore Porta e rifugio del peccatore. Tesori e grazie racchiude in sè.
O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.
 In questa misera valle infelice, tutti t'invocano: Soccorritrice. Questo bel titolo conviene a te.
O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.