

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:

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you

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.**

Entrance: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To Jerusalem, that binds them together in unity, the tribes of the

Lord go up to give him praise.

Offertory:

OUR SUPPER INVITATION

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Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.

Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.

Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.

Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Communion:

FATHER I HAVE SINNED

Text and music: Eugene O'Reilly; © CJM MUSIC

Father I have sinned, help me find my way.
Help me find my way Remember not my sin
Just let me hear you say

Refrain:

I forgive you, I love you
You are mine, Take my hand
Go in peace, Sin no more beloved one

Father I have turned My back and walked away
Depended on my strong
And lived life my own way. **(Ref)**

Father I have closed My heart to those in need
Thought only for myself
A victim of my greed. **(Ref)**

Father I have loved If love's the word to use
I've played so many games
They left me so confused. **(Ref)**

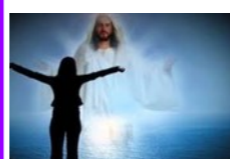
Father I've returned I'm home with you to stay
Standing by your door
Knowing that you'll say. **(Ref)**

Final:

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

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In the Lord
I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord
I will rejoice.
Look to God,
do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices,
the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices
the Lord is near.



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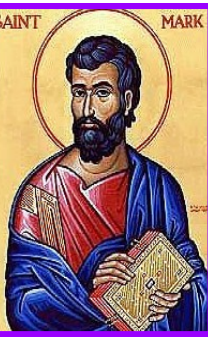
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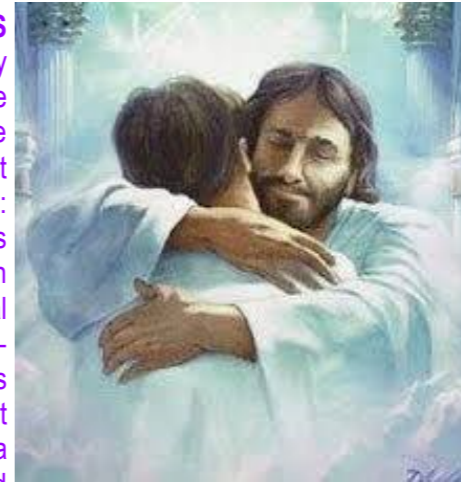
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

LET US REJOICE BECAUSE GOD LOVES US:

The fourth Sunday of lent is commonly known as "Laetare Sunday". The entrance antiphon invites to "rejoice and be joyful". The reason for this rejoicing in the middle of lent comes from the good news in today's Gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life". The image of the lifted serpent in the desert helps us to understand how generous God's love for us is. The people in the desert were murmuring against God and were given a hard time to Moses. Because of that, they had to face the test of the serpents' invasion. They implored for help and God was not indifferent. God asked Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live". This image brings us to look at Jesus on the cross offering salvation to us all so that "whoever believes in Him will not be condemned". This is the ratification that in spite of our unfaithfulness our Loving God offers us life and healing in his Son who died on the cross for us. The followers of Jesus Christ are to find life in Him and to become life givers by loving one another as God has loved us. The invitation from the Gospel today is not only to rejoice but above to believe in the One who gives us fullness of life. Faith in Him will save us. This is the reminder of St. Paul's in the second reading: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). This is a clear statement that good works do not count in the salvation of believers but purely the grace of God on those who believe. It doesn't mean passivity on our side since in the following verse St. Paul also says: "For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life". In other words, our coming to faith in Christ was made possible only by God's grace. Our belonging to Christ is made possible only by faith. But our life as people who already believe in Christ should be marked by good works. As God's people in the world, good works should be our way of life.



RALLEGIAMOCI PERCHÉ DIO CI AMA: La quarta domenica di Quaresima si titola domenica in Laetare dall'antifona con cui inizia la celebrazione eucaristica: "Rallegrati (laetare), Gerusalemme, e voi tutti che l'amate, riunitevi. Esultate e gioite, voi che eravate nella tristezza: saziatemi dell'abbondanza della vostra consolazione". Certamente il motivo dell'essere gioiosi non è dato perché siamo giunti alla metà del percorso quaresimale, ma dalla grande rivelazione dell'amore di Dio per l'umanità che troviamo nel Vangelo d'oggi: "Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito perché chiunque crede in lui non vada perduto, ma abbia la vita eterna". L'immagine-profezia

del serpente di bronzo innalzata nel deserto ci aiuta per capire quanto grande è l'amore di Dio per noi. Gli Ebrei, dopo una ennesima mormorazione, si trovano davanti alla prova con una invasione di serpenti. Al loro grido di supplica, Dio ordinò a Mosè di collocare su un'asta un serpente di bronzo, chi l'avesse guardato era salvo. Ebbene, Gesù salva il mondo inchiodato e innalzato in croce sul monte Calvario. E da lì fino alla fine del mondo egli resterà a braccia aperte, "perché chiunque crede in lui non muoia, ma abbia la vita eterna". Cristo innalzato sulla croce come un condannato, agli occhi dell'evangelista Giovanni è la glorificazione, "quando sarò innalzato attirerò tutti a me". La salvezza piena di amore che Dio intende porgere all'umanità, si identifica con la persona del Figlio che dona all'uomo la vita in abbondanza. Credere significa accogliere già questa vita che associa l'uomo alla stessa vita di Dio. Non credere equivale a rifiutare il dono della vita divina. La fede, elemento discriminante tra la vita e la morte, ha una caratteristica: è una scelta interiore. Credere nel Figlio significa affidarsi a lui, mettere la propria vita nelle sue mani e ricevere, in cambio, la vita eterna. "Dio non ha mandato il Figlio nel mondo per giudicare il mondo, ma perché il mondo si salvi per mezzo di lui". Infatti siamo salvati dalla grazia di Dio mediante la fede, ce lo ricorda Paolo nella seconda lettura, come un dono di Dio. Questo non vuole dire passività di parte nostra perché ce lo ricorda pure San Paolo: "siamo infatti opera sua, creati in Cristo Gesù per le opere buone, che Dio ha preparato perché camminassimo". Dunque, ralleghiamoci perché Dio ci ama e ci salva con la sua grazia ma da parte nostra bisogna avere fede e vivere sulla strada delle buone opere.

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**

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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 13th February 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B" "VIGIL"	<i>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son".</i>		6.00pm Carmen GALEA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Paul Emilio MANRIQUEZ MEDINA Isabella Sofia MORENO Congratulations!
Sunday/Domenica 14th February 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year "B"	<i>Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito".</i>	8.30am John & Moya PERRETT	9.45am 11.00am PRO-POPULO	
Monday/Lunedì 4th week of Lent 15th 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>		9.15am 7.30pm Rosa MALIGNAGGI (1st Ann.)	
Tuesday/Martedì 4th week of Lent 16th 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>		9.15am 11.30am Rosary and Funeral Mass for the late Anna CASICI.	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Anna CASICI. May our loving God give her eternal rest and peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>
Wednesday/Mercoledì 17th March 2021 ST. PATRICK, bishop Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-12	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.</i>		9.15am ST. PATRICK, 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 4th week of Lent 18th 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>		9.15am 7.30pm Tomasina NICOLAZZO (1mth)	
Friday/Venerdì 19th March 2021 ST. JOSEPH 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The son of David will live forever.</i>	8.00am Mass ST. JOSEPH 	9.15am ST. JOSEPH 7.00pm Via Crucis 7.30pm Spanish Mass in honour to St. Joseph	7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (Italian/English) Followed by confessions

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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	Choir Member	T. Toscano	
Responsorial Psalm	M. De. Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	T. Toscano	
II Reading	M. De. Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	P. La Marca	

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, Confirmations in our parish will be on Sunday 11th July 2021

Join Our Virtual Stations of the Cross



Majellan Media is producing a virtual Way of the Cross which will be available to watch on YouTube, Facebook and on our website. Redemptorist Father John Hill CSsR will take you through each of the 14 Stations of the Cross which is a Good Friday tradition leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. This prayerful reflection can be viewed from Saturday March 20 at:
www.majellan.media/stations/

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.

The Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy of Melbourne
Saturday 27 March, 2021
10.30am A Lenten Way of the Cross followed by the Holy Mass.
Ta Pinú Shrine, 15 Flanagan Drive, Bacchus Marsh, Further details, ring Fr. Asis 0404 261 228

Good Friday 2 April 9.30am - 12noon Meditations on the SEVEN Last Words Here at St Brigid's Church Livestreaming also via: You Tube and Facebook

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1st Collection \$640 - 00
2nd Collection \$440 - 00
Envelopes \$ 96 - 00

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



Caritas AUSTRALIA
Fourth Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021
Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. To date: \$1040
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting 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. Totale \$1040

ENTRATA: PADRE, PERDONA
Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore.
A te guardiamo, Redentore nostro, da te speriamo gioia di salvezza: Fa' che troviamo grazia di perdono.
Rit.
Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono.
Rit.
O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita.
Rit.

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 ascoso nei mistici veli cibo all'alma fedele si die'.
Dei Tuoi figli lo stuolo, qui pronò, 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'alma smarrita riposa, in Te spera chi lotta e chi muor.
Dei Tuoi figli lo stuolo, qui pronò, 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.