

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart (Isa 30:19,30).

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (40:1-5,9-11)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Get you up to high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R/**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R/**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

A reading from the Second Letter of St Peter (3:8-14)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire! But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you wait for these, be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!** (Lk 3:4,6).

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight - ." John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Bar 5:5; 4:36).

ENTRANCE

A VOICE CRIES OUT

Console my people,
the ones dear to me
Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
The time of your mourning
is ended now
the Lord of life will come

Refrain:

**A voice cries out in the wilderness
prepare a way for the Lord
A voice cries out in the wilderness
make straight a highway for God**

Every valley is made a plain every
mountain is leveled

The glory of God shall be revealed
and nations will sing your
praise (**Refrain**)

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OFFERTORY

LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me
to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true...
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for you...

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COMMUNION

THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING FOR LOVE

We're waiting for Jesus like Mary,
We're waiting for Jesus the Lord.

Refrain

**Come down, Lord Jesus!
Come quickly, Lord Jesus!
The whole world is waiting for Love
The whole world is waiting for Love.**

We're laying a manger for Mary.
A manger for Jesus the Lord. **Ref:**

We're making it lovely for Mary,
So lovely for Jesus the Lord. **Ref:**

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offered by Fr. Savino, available at
the entrance to the church.
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FINAL THE VOICE OF GOD

The voice of God
goes out to all the world;
God's glory speaks
across the universe.

The great King's herald
cries from star to star:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"

The Lord has said,
"Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world,
my pledge made fresh,
a lamp to every nation,
light from light:
"With power, with justice,
Christ will be the way!"

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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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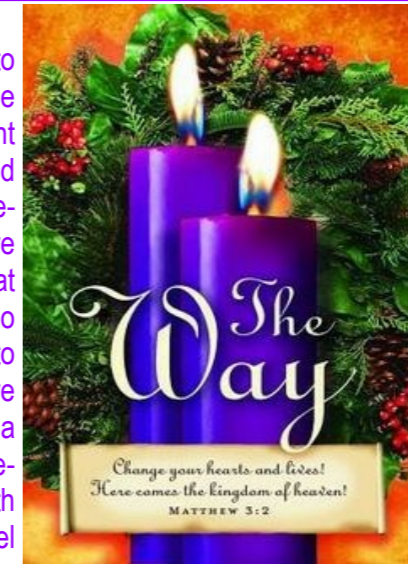
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD:

On this second Sunday of advent we are invited to go into the desert and to hear the voice of John the Baptist: "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths". To go into the desert is to leave behind the worldly attachments on which we tend to depend. God cannot do much with us as long as we hope and trust in these things as the first things that give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. We have first to let go of what our heart is holding on to before we can embrace God. This letting go is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert. In the Bible the desert has come to mean a place of encounter with God. It was in the desert that the people of Israel met God and learnt the ways of God. There they became God's own people and the Lord became their God. Jesus, before beginning his public ministry, spent forty days and nights in the desert. It was a time of discovering and deepening his personal relationship with God. By calling the people into the desert John was calling them to let go of their false hopes and securities and learn to hope and trust in God alone. John lived what he preached. By his lifestyle, his dressing and eating habits, he showed that the meaning of life is not to be found in the abundance of material possessions but in relationship with God. Simplicity of life and detachment from unnecessary cares and worries of social life frees the heart for a personal relationship with God. To go into the desert is the first step in true repentance. It means abandoning our usual hiding places and putting ourselves in a situation where God can easily reach us. It is the levelling of those hills and the filling of those valleys that make it difficult for God to reach us and save us. In the season of advent the church extends to us the call of John the Baptist to repent and confess our sins in preparation for the One who is to come. It is an opportunity to rediscover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, and our hearts are restless till they rest in God.



PREPARATE LA VIA DEL SIGNORE:

Nell'orazione odierna così ci rivolgiamo al buon Dio: "Padre di ogni consolazione, che agli uomini pellegrini nel tempo hai promesso terra e cieli nuovi, parla oggi al cuore del tuo popolo, perché in purezza di fede e santità di vita possa camminare verso il giorno in cui manifesterai pienamente la gloria del tuo nome". Chiediamo di approssimarci al santo Natale percorrendo una via nuova in "purezza di fede e santità di vita", per comprendere al meglio la manifestazione della gloria del Signore, per fare cioè un buono e santo Natale. Nel deserto senza segnali e senza

strade, dove facilmente ci si smarrisce, si apre una via nuova, sicura, la voce di Giovanni è il segnale che riconduce a Cristo: lo stesso Figlio di Dio grida al mondo "Io sono la Via, chi segue me non cammina nelle tenebre". Occorre soltanto riconoscere nella Verità le nostre colpe, mostrarci sinceramente pentiti e riprendere la via della santità, come ci dice l'Apostolo Pietro. In questa luce comprendiamo meglio la missione di Giovanni Battista, inviato a preparare la via al Signore, con la sua estrema umiltà, con l'inflessibile austerità, con un battesimo di conversione per avere il perdono dei peccati. Si dice di lui che è l'ultimo e il primo dei profeti, ma possiamo anche dire che è il primo degli apostoli: sarà lui infatti a battezzarlo nelle acque del Giordano, lui ad indicarlo al mondo come l'Agnello che toglie i peccati del mondo, lui infine a testimoniare con il martirio la sua fedeltà.

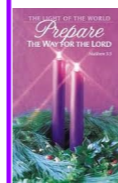
Prayer for Advent Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord, who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek his will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spiritual resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org
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Our Parish is committed to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity of all children and
vulnerable adults.

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 5th December 2020 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."</i>	Wedding Celebration for: Jason FATONE & Danielle SANGIULIANO Congratulations! 	6.00pm PRO-POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Liam Rangel MONJE Mariangel PINEDA Samaray HOYOS RIVERA Jacobo HURTADO LOPEZ Congratulations!
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 6th December 2020 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent 	<i>"Preparete la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri".</i> 	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Nikolaj PREZELJ 11.00am Nerso MAZZON Onorina (Onori) SANDONÁ Isidoro e Rosa CAMMAROTO Caterina e Giovanni FOLINO GALLO Nonni CURCIO e famiglia Nonni FOLINO GALLO e fam	Baptism Celebration for: Valentina CORSO Penelope Zoi PAOLINI Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 7th November 2020 St. Ambrose, bishop Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	Responsorial Psalm <i>Our God will come to save us.</i>	8.00am No Mass 	9.15am 7.00pm (Spanish) Candle Night Mass and Procession	
Tuesday/Martedì 8th December 2020 Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	Responsorial Psalm <i>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.</i>	8.00am No Mass 	9.15am The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.00pm Adoration in Church (Spanish Community)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 9th December 2020 2nd week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	Responsorial Psalm <i>Benedici il Signore, anima mia. O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino)	
Thursday/Giovedì 10th December 2020 2nd week of Advent Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 7.00pm Mario CARUSO Maria GALLO 	
Friday/Venerdì 11th December 2020 2nd week of Advent Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	Responsorial Psalm <i>Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am	

Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707 Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Mob: 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: 0411 206 858	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain Fr. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228
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3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 12th & 13th Dec. 2020	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	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	Volunteer
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	Mario e Silvia Durante

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held in our parish **THISweekend 5th/6th December**. *This Christmas, Wishes can come true with your donation. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.*

L'APPELLO NATALIZIO per la Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli si svolgerà nella nostra parrocchia **QUESTO weekend 5/6 Dicembre**. *Questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la vostra donazione. Le buste sono ottenibili in chiesa.*

Mass at St. Mark will only be celebrated on Sunday at 8.30am. There will be no 8.00am weekday morning mass until further notice.

La Messa a S. Marco sarà celebrata soltanto la Domenica alle 8.30am
Per il momento, non ci sarà la messa durante la settimana alle 8.00am.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections



1 Collection	\$ 450 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 340 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 265 - 00

Canto D'Entrata
VIENI, O SIGNORE
Vieni, o Signore, la terra ti attende. Alleluia, alleluia!

O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia. *Rit.*

O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. *Rit.*

All'uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell'ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l'amore. *Rit.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
Thursday / Giovedì Dicembre 24 December
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual
Friday / Venerdì Dicembre 25 December
8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

"Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal - 12th & 13th December 2020"

Thank you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some \$200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living stands to people. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating. *Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more inf. or to donate.*


There are Mission envelopes in church available for your donation. Thank you.

Canto D'Offertorio
VIENI, GESÙ, 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 canti, vieni tu che speri: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

Vieni tu ch ami, vieni tu che cerchi; il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.



MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES
(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
From 15 - 23 December
7.30pm St. Brigid's Church. Each night a different Migrant Community comes together with the celebration of Holy Mass and Christmas Songs in their language, followed by fellowship. This event has been organized by the Filipino Chaplaincy and St. Brigid's Parish. All welcome.

Looking for a retired or semi retired person, experienced and passionate for garden work and general maintenance. If interested, or you know of anyone, please contact Fr. Savino on 0434089707.

Si cerca persona, pensionato oppure semi-pensionato con esperienza e passione per il giardino e manutenzione. Se siete interessati, oppure conoscete qualcuno, per favore contattate padre Savino al 0434 089 707


Willow Group & St Patrick's Cathedral present Handel's **Messiah - Part 1 excerpts, Hallelujah Chorus and Christmas Carols**
18 Professional Singers directed by Christopher Watson, with Christopher Cook, organ
Thursday 17 December 2020, 7.30pm
Tickets \$40; Children under 15 free.
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Canto Finale
O BELLA REGINA
O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all'Angiol t'inchini, ancella fedel.

Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.

Di grazia sei piena e t'ama il Signor; Tuo Figlio è Dio, uman Redentor.

O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò al mondo in peccato che egli salvò.



Canto di Comunione
DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI
Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.

Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!

Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. *Rit.*

Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. *Rit.*

Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. *Rit.*

Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. *Rit.*

Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. *Rit.*

