

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, 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.

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

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

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 3:8-11

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

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

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise 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.

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
(Ref.)

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Offertory: BLESSED BE GOD

Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this bread we offer
Fruit of the earth,
work of our hands
It will become the bread of life

Refrain:

*Blessed be God,
Blessed be God
Blessed be God,
forever Amen
Blessed be God,
Blessed be God
Blessed be God,
forever Amen*

Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this wine we offer
Fruit of the vine,
work of our hands
It will become
the cup of joy (Ref)

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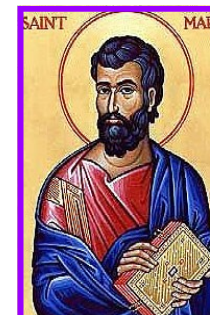
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

Homily Notes

The scripture readings for this Second Sunday of Advent (as also those of next week too) focus on John the Baptist and his summons to repentance given the coming of the Lord.

CONVERSION FROM SIN

'The Lord' is, of course, Jesus himself, Messiah and Son of God (1:1) and the 'way' that has to be prepared for him is no longer a path through the desert but a way constructed in human hearts. The 'way' is the conversion from sin called for in John's message, enacted in the water baptism that he celebrates for the crowds. John's appearance - his clothing and his diet - portray him in the guise of Elijah, the great prophet traditionally expected from Mal 3:1; 4:5-6, to return to earth to preach repentance before the coming of the Lord. But, beyond the summons to repentance, John has a Christological confession to make. He points to the One who is to follow him as One of far higher rank. In Jewish rabbinic tradition, students carried the sandals of their teachers as a mark of respect, but John is not worthy even to untie the sandals of the One who is to come.

Unlike John, who baptises with water, this coming stronger One will 'baptise' with the Holy Spirit. He will bind up the 'strong man' (Satan; see 3:22-27), who currently holds human beings captive alienating them from God and from their own true humanity. Empowered by the Spirit (1:10-11), Jesus will reclaim human lives from all the captivities (sin, ignorance, disease, etc.) that hold them bound and draw them into his own life-giving intimacy with God. This is the meaning of 'baptising with the Spirit'.

HOME-COMING

Thus the 'good tidings' of 'home-coming' (from Exile) that (Second) Isaiah proclaimed concerning Israel has become the 'Gospel' of humanity's return to its true home within the 'family' of God. Each Advent invites us to revisit a longing for that 'home-coming' existing in the depths of our souls.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 3 December 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



Riflessione

In confronto all'introduzione discreta nel tempo dell'Avvento avvenuta domenica scorsa, l'annuncio di oggi è spettacolare: "Ecco, io mando il mio messaggero davanti a te... Voce di uno che grida nel deserto: preparate la strada del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri". Giovanni Battista fa il suo ingresso spettacolare nel mondo, vestito di peli di cammello. Le sue parole bruciano l'aria, le sue azioni frustano il vento. Predica "un battesimo di conversione per il perdono dei peccati" ed immerge i suoi discepoli nelle acque del Giordano. Il suo messaggio, pur legato a un momento della storia, è eterno. Si rivolge anche a noi. Anche noi dobbiamo preparare la strada del Signore, poiché un sentiero si spinge fino ai nostri cuori. Sfortunatamente, troppo spesso, durante l'Avvento, molte distrazioni ci ostacolano nell'accogliere, spiritualmente, il messaggio del Vangelo. Non dovremmo, invece, cercare di dedicare un po' di tempo alla meditazione di quanto dice san Pietro: "Noi aspettiamo nuovi cieli e una terra nuova, nei quali avrà stabile dimora la giustizia"?

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*Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>
8/12/2023*

The Parish Community of St Brigid's and St Mark's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY's** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units**
Telephone :9926 5621 E:psu@cam.org.au W:melbournecatholic.org safeguarding



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2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 9th December, 2023 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ."</i>	Wedding Celebration for Chloe DANIELS & Mitchell MOLLER <i>Congratulations!</i>	5.00pm Adoration and benediction followed by Mass at 6.00pm 7.00pm Mass (Spanish)	Baptism Celebrations for: Juana POSADA Valentina RUSCIO MOYA Luca MIFSUD Isabella DA CRUZ ROCHA <i>Congratulations!</i>
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 10th December 2023 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent	<i>"Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate I suoi sentieri".</i>	8:30am 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am 11.00am Ylenia USELI †	Baptism Celebrations for: Amira DE SOUSA Giovanna FATONE <i>Congratulations!</i>
Monday/Lunedì "Year B" 2nd week of Advent 11th December 2023 Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our God will come to save us.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel	
Tuesday/Martedì Year "B" 2nd week of Advent 12th December 2023 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>		9:15am Mass in the chapel	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 2nd week of Advent "Year B" 13th December 2023 Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 St. Lucy, virgin, martyr	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel St. Lucy 10.30am Funeral Mass for Olinda SAGRADA 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	 <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Olinda SAGRADA. May she rest in peace.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì Year "B" 2nd week of Advent 14th December 2023 Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11:11-15 St. John of the Cross, priest	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel St. John of the Cross	
Friday/Venerdì Year "B" 15th December 2023 Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel 7.30pm Mass Christmas Novena	

<p>HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE(2024): Europe Pilgrimage and Tour To: Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024; And Egypt and Jordan Pilgrimage from 26/08/2024-03/09/2024. <i>Spiritual Director: Fr Emmanuel-tv. Contact us ASAP</i> For details: Mob: 0417999553, Tel: (08) 9341 3079 holyspiritp@gmail.com; fremmanueltv@gmail.com;</p>	<p>Intercultural Mass & Dinner is on Saturday, 16th December 2023 at 6:00pm. Please contact the parish office for RSVP by 15th December 2023</p>	<p>We will have raffle tickets to raise money for the new church carpet. The raffle will be drawn on our Parish Feast Day, 18th February 2024. Thank you for your loving support.</p>
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<p>Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangmint,cs Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890</p>	<p>Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo & Maggy Mihardja Tel: (03) 9489 6777</p>	<p>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain Fr. Gesner Felix, CS Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910</p>	<p>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462</p>	<p>Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228</p>
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3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

16th&17th December 2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	L. Eyles	G. Piantella	G. Barrett	T. Toscano
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	D. Dunlevie	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	B. Koh	P. La Marca
Altar Servers			C. Smith	

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE 2023
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE 2023

ST. BRIGID'S AND ST MARK'S
CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Sunday 24th Dec.

8.30am St. Mark's (Italian/English)
10.00am St. Mark's (Portuguese)

9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)
7.00pm St. Brigid's (English)

10.00pm St. Brigid's Carols/Canti di Natale
10.30pm St. Brigid's (Italian/English)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th December

8.30am St. Mark's (Italian/English)
10.00am St. Mark's (Portuguese)

9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)
7.00pm St. Brigid's (Spanish)

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Monday/Lunedì 1st January 2024

8.30am St. Mark's (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's (Portuguese)

9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)
7.00pm St. Brigid's (Spanish)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held in our parish over two weekends 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th 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 le prossime due weekends 2/3 e 9/10 Dicembre. *Questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la vostra donazione. Le buste sono ottenibile all'entrata della chiesa.*

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH Every First Monday of the month (after 9:15am Mass) at the ex-convent
Every 3rd Friday of the month (after 6:30PM Holy Hour of Divine Mercy) at the Welcome Room

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES
Organized by the Filipino chaplaincy
From 15th -23rd December 2023 at 7.30pm
(6.00pm on Satur-

Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to [St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy](https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453) or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link.
<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>

HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY
Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY** every 2nd,3rd & 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.

Christmas Carols at the Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
Next Sunday 17 December 2023
3.00 – 4.15pm
Come along for a family concert of traditional and modern Christmas carols in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick's Cathedral. Featuring Cathedral Brass, Cathedral Schola and the Grand Organ, this performance will include plenty of audience participation, a children's segment and 'special guest' appearance.
Tickets: Adult- \$30 Concession— \$25 Children 15 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available at the door. (via cash or card)

COMMUNIONE: QUANDO NELL'OMBRA
Quando nell'ombra cade la sera,

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection
1st Collection \$500 - 00
2 Collection \$360 - 00
Envelopes \$105 - 00

ENTRATA: NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE
Noi canteremo gloria a Te, Padre che dai la vita, Dio d'immensa carità, Trinità infinita.

Tutto il creato vive in Te, segno della tua gloria; tutta la storia ti darà onore e vittoria.

La tua Parola venne a noi, annuncio del tuo dono; la tua Promessa porterà salvezza e perdono.

Cristo il Padre rivelò, per noi aprì il suo cielo; egli un giorno tornerà glorioso, nel suo regno.

OFFERTORIO: UNA SPIGA DORATA
Una spiga dorata dal sol Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor.
Comunione formiamo insiem, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor, Dio ci fa eucaristia nell'amor.

Come grano che forma il pan, Come note tessute nel cantar, Come gocce raccolte tra le sponde del mar. I cristiani un solo corpo formeran.

E ci nutriamo del Corpo tuo, Signor, E beviamo il Tuo sangue, Salvator. Tu trasformaci in una cosa sola, Amor, In un corpo sol con te che sei Signor.

È questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera: Fa pura e santa l'anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave.

E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno, All'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia. Ave Maria, Ave.

Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura: Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave.

FINE: È L'ORA CHE PIA
È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel. Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!

Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù.
Rit.

A te, Immacolata, la lode, l'amor: Tu doni alla Chiesa il suo Salvator.
Rit.

Di tutti i malati solleva il dolor, consola chi soffre nel corpo e nel cuor.
Rit.

Proteggi il cammino di un popol fedel, Ottieni ai tuoi figli di giungere al ciel.
Rit.