

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. (Is 30:19,30)

A reading from the Book of Baruch (5:1-9)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R./**

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R./**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R./**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of songs, carrying their sheaves. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:3-6,8-11)

Brethren, I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias Tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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, he 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)**



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...



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.**



**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!"

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

Available this weekend
Lots of interesting reading.
Cost: Donation

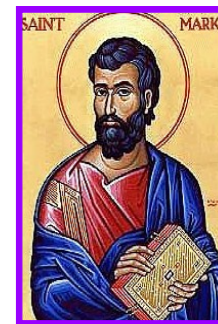


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Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

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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.*

Second Sunday of Advent

The word of God, today, brings us to the time when the promises of salvation announced by all the prophets are about to be realised. It is the voice of St. John the Baptizer who went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance and announcing: "All mankind shall see the salvation of God". The centuries-long time of waiting has ended and the time of welcoming the promised salvation has arrived. The word of God today brings us to the precise historical moment of God' intervention, through the entry of Jesus in our world, and the change of course of humanity. The pressing invitation is of welcoming this saving action God is about to accomplish with our conversion: to open our heart to receive the gift of salvation God is bringing. In this is the meaning of John's words: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight". We cannot bring about our salvation but by conversion permit God to come to us and offer us his saving gift. The history of mankind and our history tell us that we are always searching for salvation understood as search for a life of happiness, in peace and tranquillity. In the present time, people are very concerned of the many problems and challenges confronting us every day to be able to obtain peace and justice in life. We are also ready for sacrifices to reach this goal. But without God we work in vain, walking in uncertainty like on a path barely visible in a desert. The working for improvement in life, without God, has often left our society and ourselves disappointed. The saving key for a truly and lasting improvement is to accept the action of God. Conversion, therefore, means to live in submission to God who will guide us towards a life of goodness, justice and peace with his love and truth... but not without our sacrifice to renounce evil, what is false, the seeking self-gratification in selfishness, pride, passions, vanity. To really prepare ourselves to welcome God-with-us, Jesus, this Christmas, is to humbly accept our moral and spiritual fragility and allow God's action of grace to erase in us "the human dirt" and dress us in new goodness and beauty. The visible sign of our will to conversion is "to walk on the road traced by Christ" in celebrating our faith in God and in the commitment to foster around us love, justice, smile and hope. A new life is the best greeting and gift we can give this Christmas.

This time of Advent is also a time to prepare for the Plenary Council 2020. The Church in Australia is experiencing a time of challenges from within and from without: thus God is urging us to prepare its future with humility, courage and faith. The question to reflect upon is: "What is God asking of us and of the community in Australia?" We pray for wisdom and light to discern and to commit ourselves to a more generous, trusting and faithful response in walking along with God who shapes the time and history with the power of his love.

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Seconda Domenica di Avvento

La Parola di Dio, oggi, ci porta al tempo preciso quando le promesse di salvezza annunciate da tutti i profeti si stanno per realizzare. E' la voce di Giovanni il Battista che, percorrendo tutta la regione del Giordano, predica un battesimo di conversione annunciando: "Ogni uomo vedra' la salvezza di Dio!" Il tempo dell'attesa dei secoli passati e' terminato ed e' arrivato il tempo dell'accoglienza e con essa inizia il tempo della salvezza. La Parola di Dio oggi ci porta nel pieno momento storico dell'intervento di Dio che, con l'entrata di Gesu' nella storia, ha cambiato l'umanita'. L'invito pressante e' di accogliere l'azione di salvezza che Dio sta' per operare con la propria conversione: aprire il proprio cuore per permettere a Dio di darci questo dono di salvezza. Ecco il senso delle parole di Giovanni: "Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri". Noi non operiamo la nostra salvezza, ma con la conversione permettiamo a Dio di venire a noi con il suo dono di salvezza. La storia dell'umanita' e la storia della nostra stessa vita ci

dicono che noi siamo sempre in cerca di salvezza intesa come ricerca di una vita piu' felice, tranquilla, sicura. L'uomo moderno e' molto sensibile ai gravi problemi e alle grandi sfide che deve affrontare ogni giorno per un vivere piu' sicuro e piu' giusto. Magari si sacrifica in qualche modo per realizzarlo. Ma senza il concorso di Dio fatica invano, cammina nell'incertezza come in un sentiero tracciato nella sabbia del deserto. La ricerca di un miglioramento umano senza Dio ha sempre lasciato delusa la societa' e la nostra stessa vita. Accogliere l'azione di Dio e' la chiave di un miglioramento vero e duraturo. La conversione, percio', sta' nel vivere in sottomissione a Dio che con amore e verita' ci guida verso una vita di bonta', giustizia e di pace... ma non senza il sacrificio di rinunciare al male, al falso, al gradimento di se' stessi nell'egoismo, nella superbia, nelle passioni, nella vanita'. La vera preparazione ad accogliere il Dio-con-noi, Gesu' nel Santo Natale, sta' nell'accettare umilmente la nostra fragilita' morale e spirituale e lasciare che la grazia di Dio tolga il "brutto umano" da noi e ci rivesti di una nuova bonta' e bellezza. Il segno visibile della nostra volonta' di conversione e' "camminare per la strada tracciata da Cristo" nella celebrazione della nostra fede in Dio e nell'impegno per far crescere intorno a noi l'amore, la giustizia, il sorriso, la speranza. Una vita nuova e' il miglior augurio e regalo in questo Natale.

Il tempo di Avvento e' anche tempo di preparazione per il Sinodo Plenario 2020. La Chiesa in Australia vive un tempo di tante sfide e incertezze dal di dentro e dal di fuori: cosi' Dio ci invita a preparare il suo futuro con umilta', coraggio e fede. Riflettiamo sulla domanda: "Che cosa Dio chiede da noi e dalla comunita' in Australia?" Preghiamo per ottenere sapienza e luce nel discernere e impegnarci verso una risposta piu' generosa, fiduciosa e fedele nel camminare con Dio che guida il tempo e la storia con la Potenza del suo amore.

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



Palms Australia

Make an Encounter in 2019 A Palms Encounter with the communities of Timor Leste, Samoa or Myanmar offers a rich immersive experience to challenge our perceptions **Join a Palms Encounter in 2019**
(www.palms.org.au/encounters)

Timor Leste - April 7-19 - Samoa - June 7-19
Timor Leste - September 1-13 - Myanmar - November 16-28

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 8th December 2018 Year "C" Second Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight".</i>		9.15am Feast day of the Immaculate Conception 6.00pm Anna Smyth 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Henry RUSSELL SERRANO Oliver SCARD Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 9th December 2018 Year "C" Second Sunday of Advent	<i>"Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri!"</i>	8.30am Michele e Arcangelina CONTESSA	9.45am Anna Smyth Giuseppina CALANDRA 11.00am Flora PETRINI (6th annv). 2.30pm Masss for Haimanot GHEBREMEDHEN	
Monday/Lunedì 10th December 2018 2nd week of Advent Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-126	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our God will come to save us!</i>	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 11th December 2018 2nd week of Advent Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our Lord our God comes in strength.</i>	8.00am	9.15am	6.00pm <i>Parish Pastoral Meeting in the Welcome In Room</i>
Wednesday/Mercoledì 12th December 2018 2nd week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Il Signore e grande nell'amore.</i> <i>O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass in honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 13th December 2018 St. Lucy, virgin, martyr Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11:11-15	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.</i>	8.00am St. Lucy	9.15am St. Lucy 7.00pm Donata NOVEMBRE	
Friday/Venerdì 14th December 2018 St. John of the Cross, priest 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>	8.00am St. John of the Cross	9.15am St. John of the Cross 7.00pm Mass Spanish Carismatic Group	

ARCHDIOCESE'S NEWS & INFORMATION
(Please check material at church entrance)
PARISH UPDATE Events in and around the Archdiocese
Positions Vacant and more.

Plenary Council Advent Prayer
*Be still Be still and know Be still and know that I am
Be still and know that I am your God. God of this Advent time As we watch,
wait, long and hope, Awaken our hearts to your presence Encourage us in
our efforts to listen humbly to each other Inspire in us the words to speak
boldly with each other Create within us a spirit of discernment
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue our journey to the Plenary Council.
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel — God-with-us. Amen.*

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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 15th & 16th Dec. 2018	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	A. Atherton	T. Toscano	A. Marchesan/ M. Del Roaso		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	C. Penitito	P. La Maca	N. Omenihu /J. Smith		
II Reading	M. de Souza	R. Simoncini	E. Elkins	T. Toscano	Toscano Family		

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held in our parish **This weekend 8th/9th December.** Your gift can mean food, support and a home for people in need **this Christmas.** 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 8/9 Dicembre.** La tua offerta questo Natale, significa cibo, sopporto e tetto per persone bisognose. Le buste sono ottenibile all'entrata della chiesa.
Total to date \$120. Thank you.

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS
Protect the miracle of *motherhood* this Christmas. Send a message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in the most vulnerable communities. When you choose a Global Gift Card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing **Water, Food and Sustainable Livelihoods** for women and children around the world. Order Global Gift Cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800024413

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 650 - 00
2 Collection \$ 400 - 00
Envelopes \$ 191 - 00

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE
Monday/Lunedì December 24 Dicembre
9.15am St. Brigid's Normal morning Mass
8.00am St. Mark's Normal morning Mass
CHRISTMAS VIGIL
7.00pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (English)
8.30pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (Spanish)
11.30pm St. Brigid's - Christmas Carols
12am St. Brigid's - Midnight Mass (It/Eng)
CHRISTMAS DAY
Tuesday / Martedì 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)
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Tuesday/ Martedì 1st January 2019
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
10.00am St. Brigid's Church (It/Eng)
Confessions / Confessioni
Saturday as usual - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursday/Giovedì
20 Dicembre/ December20
5.00pm to 6.00pm

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL THIS Weekend 8th & 9th Dec.
Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. Archbishop Peter Comensoli commends the fund to your continuing support.
Envelopes available at all Masses.
Please give generously. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

ADVENT SEASON REFLECTION
Saturdays 8, 15 and 22 December,
9.30am-5pm St Joseph's Home,
112B St Georges Road, Northcote
The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote will host four days of reflection over the Advent Season, guided by Fr Edward Moloney The reflection days are for single Catholic women aged 18 to 35 who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. These days will include Spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, Reconciliation, and time for personal and communal prayers.
Enq: Sr Mary Lourdes on 9489 8444

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Wednesday 12 December 2018,
7.00pm to 8.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral
\$20 no concessions. Children under 15 - free
50TH FESTIVAL OF PRAYERS CAROLS AND READINGS
Friday 14 December, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Canto D'Entrata
OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID
Osanna al figlio di David,
Osanna al Redentor!
Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno è il suo poter. **Rit.:**
O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**
O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! **Rit.:**

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 spera: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

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.**

Canto Finale
SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO
Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.
Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.
Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. **Rit.**
Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**