

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 second Book of Isaiah (11:1-10)

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R./**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R./**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R./**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R./**

A reading from the Second Letter to the Romans (15:4-9): Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name. The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (3:1-12):

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.* This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out. **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
repare 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)**

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:1-11.
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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)**

Text: Aniceto Nazareth
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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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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

Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

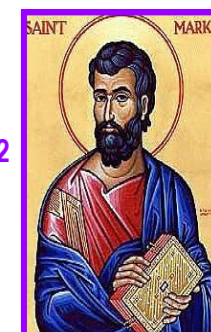
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

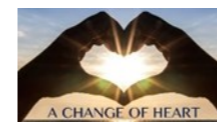
Homily Notes:



CONVERSION OF HEART

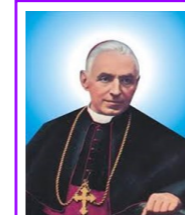
What is essential and truly preparatory to Jesus' proclamation of good news is John's summons to conversion of heart. The "way" that Isaiah wanted prepared in the wilderness is one that must be prepared in the wilderness of the human heart. The good news will then find a hearing when at last it is proclaimed.

The greatest obstacle to conversion of heart is complacency – a complacency that especially stems from privileged status ("We have Abraham for our father") and a sense that one is different from the despised outsiders and so can rest secure. Jesus will "baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire".



That is, he will seek to catch up human lives into the fire that is God's love, communicated through the Spirit (Rom 5:5). But only hearts that are truly repentant and converted will be able to be grasped within a "baptism" of this kind. John's baptism with water is a preparatory rite of conversion, readying human hearts for the entrance of this message about God's love, the true "knowledge of the Lord" that Jesus will impart.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, *The Australian Catholics*, 25 November 2022



Prayer to St. John Baptist Scalabrini

Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of a bishop and the zeal of an apostle you gave yourself completely to all. You listened to the cries of migrants, spoke in their name, defended their rights. You found sustenance in the Eucharist solace in the cross of Jesus, comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church. Through your intercession may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant peace to all humanity, protect those who cross seas and borders sustained by hope, bless us and our loved ones and grant us the grace that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen. Glory be to the Father

St. John Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us!



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org
Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

Note dell'Omelia:

CONVERSIONE DEL CUORE

Ciò che è essenziale e veramente preparatorio all'annuncio della buona novella di Gesù è l'invito di Giovanni alla conversione del cuore. La "via" che Isaia voleva preparare nel deserto è quella che deve essere preparata nel deserto del cuore umano. La buona notizia poi troverà un'udienza quando finalmente sarà proclamata.

Il più grande ostacolo alla conversione del cuore è l'autocompiacimento - un compiacimento che deriva soprattutto dallo

status privilegiato ("Abbiamo Abramo per nostro padre") e un senso che uno è diverso dagli estranei disprezzati e così può riposare sicuro. Gesù "battezzerà con lo Spirito Santo e con il fuoco".

Cioè, egli cercherà di raggiungere le vite umane nel fuoco che è l'amore di Dio, comunicato attraverso lo Spirito (Rm 5,5). Ma solo i cuori che sono veramente pentiti e convertiti saranno in grado di essere afferrati in un "battesimo" di questo tipo. Il battesimo di Giovanni con acqua è un rito preparatorio di conversione, che prepara i cuori umani all'ingresso di questo messaggio sull'amore di Dio, la vera "conoscenza del Signore" che Gesù impartirà.

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**Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal
NEXT WEEKEND 10th & 11th December 2022**

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in many needy countries around the world. The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Thousands of children and young people will have access to safe and engaging learning environments thanks to the generosity of the clergy and parishioners of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue.

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

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 3rd December 2022 SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT Year "A" VIGIL	<i>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."</i>		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Thomas David RINCON Noah PLAZAS VALENCIA Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 4th December 2022 Year "A" SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT 	<i>"Convertitevi, perchè il regno dei cieli è vicino!"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO 10.00am <i>Portuguese Mass</i>	9.45am Romeo NARVARTE Lourdes VILLAMONA Dec. members GOMEZ family 11.00am Grazia FERRARO (1mese) Marianna IOZZO 3.00pm Healing Mass <i>(Spanish Carismatic Group)</i>	Baptism Celebration for: James MCDONALD Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 5th December 2022 2nd week of Advent Is 35:1-10: Lk 5:17-26:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our God will come to save us!</i>		9.15am	
Tuesday/ Martedì 6th December 2022 2nd week of Advent Is 40:1-11: Mt 18:12-14:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Funeral Mass for Kevin James REILLY	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of</i> Kevin James REILLY <i>May he Rest in Peace</i>
Wednesday/Mercoledì 7th December 2022 2nd week of Advent Is 40:25-31: Mt 11:28-30: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>		9.15am Feast of St Ambrose 7.00pm Noche de las Velitas <i>(Spanish Mass)</i>	7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help <i>(Filipino Chaplaincy)</i> <i>(Convent Chapel)</i> 
Thursday/Giovedì 8th December 2022 Gen 3:9-15,20: Eph 1:3-6,11-12: The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.</i>	7.00pm Mass for Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception <i>(Portuguese)</i>	9.15am Feast of The Immaculate Conception 7.00pm Thanksgiving Mass for all Volunteers.	
Friday/Venerdì 9th December 2022 Is 48:17-19: Mt 11:16-19: 2nd week of Advent	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life..</i>		9.15am	


<p style="text-align: center;">A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Sunday 18 December 2022 3pm - 4.30pm</p> <p>A family concert of traditional and modern Christmas favourites, featuring Brass, Organ and Choir. Tickets \$25 at door or via trybooking. 15yrs and under free.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held in our parish over two weekends 3rd/4th & 10th/11th December.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This Christmas, Wishes can come true with your donation.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes are available in church. <i>(Lets help the less fortunate!)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">L'APPELLO NATALIZIO per la Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli si svolgerà nella nostra parrocchia durante due weekends 3/4 e 10/11 Dicembre.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la vostra donazione.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Le buste sono ottenibile in chiesa. <i>(Aiutiamo i meno fortunati!)</i></p>
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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 10th & 11th December 2022	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	N. Solomon	G.. Piantella	J. Smith	P. La Marca / N. Oro
II Reading	A. Linda	G.. Piantella	C. Smith	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Solomon	G.. Piantella	M. Pereira	T. Toscano

Moving with the times - Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to [St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy](#) or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE 2022

ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Saturday 24th Dec.

7.00pm **St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)**
 9.00pm **St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)**
 11.30pm - 12.00am **Carols / Canti di Natale**
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00am) Italian/English

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday 25th December

8.30am **St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)**
 9.45am **St. Brigid's Church (English)**
 10.00am **St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)**
 11.00am **St. Brigid's Church (Italian)**

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES

(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
Wednesday 15 to Friday 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.



INVITATION Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Friday** at 6:30pm in St. Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.



If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming and learning more about our rich Catholic Faith. Next RCIA meeting Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room. Interested in joining? Please contact the parish office on 94896777



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday/ Domenica 1st January 2023

8.30am **St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)**
 9.45am **St. Brigid's (English)**
 10.00am **St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)**
 11.00am **St. Brigid's (Italian)**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to
 Email: somml@bigpond.com
 (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

PARISH ADVENT PREPARATION

Friday, 9 December 2022
at 6:30PM -- 7:30PM
Holy Hour of Divine Mercy and Sacrament of Reconciliation

INTERCULTURAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, 17 December 2022
Mass 6:00 PM
Followed by Christmas Fellowship

Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Pizza Night — Thursday, 8 December 2022
 Mass at 7:00PM
 Followed by Pizza Night at Welcome Room

Six30 Holy Hour - ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
8th December 2022
Cathedral Place East Melbourne
Every Thursday nights at 6.30pm All welcome.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections


1st Collection	\$650 - 00
2nd Collection	\$400- 00
Envelopes	\$125 - 00

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 é 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.:**




Offertorio:
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.**



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.**

Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. **Rit.**



Fine:
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. **Rit.**

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

