

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:

Response: 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

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 levelled.
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!"



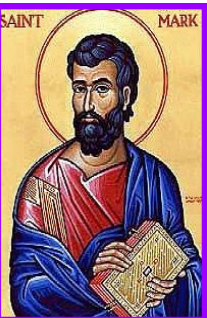
Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.*

2nd Sunday of Advent

(34) Serialised presentation from: *Compendium of the Catechism*

"Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary"

85. Why did the Son of God become man? (456-460) For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

86. What does the word "Incarnation" mean? (461-463;483) The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the "Incarnation". To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made "flesh" (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

87. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man? (464-467;469) Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father," he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

94. What is the meaning of the expression "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit...?" (484-486) This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:35).

95. "...Born of the Virgin Mary": Why is Mary truly the Mother of God? (495;509) Mary is truly the *Mother of God* because she is the Mother of Jesus (John 2:1, John 19:25). The One who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became truly her Son is actually the eternal Son of God the Father. He is God himself.

96. What does the "Immaculate Conception" mean? (487-492;508) God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was *conceived immaculate*. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception.

97. How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation? (493-494;508-511) By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace" (Luke 1:28), "the all holy". When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.



Seconda Domenica di Avvento

Dal Compendio del Catechismo (34)

"Gesu' Cristo fu concepito per opera dello Spirito Santo, nacque da Maria Vergine".

85. Perché il Figlio di Dio si è fatto uomo? (456-460) Il Figlio di Dio si è incarnato nel seno della Vergine Maria per opera dello Spirito Santo, per noi uomini e per la nostra salvezza, ossia: per riconciliare noi peccatori con Dio; per farci conoscere il suo amore infinito; per essere il nostro modello di santità; per farci «partecipi della natura divina» (2 Pt 1,4).

86. Che cosa significa la parola «Incarnazione»? (461-463;483) La Chiesa chiama «Incarnazione» il Mistero dell'ammirabile unione della natura divina e della natura umana nell'unica Persona divina del Verbo. Per realizzare la nostra salvezza, il Figlio di

Dio si è fatto «carne» (Gv 1,14) diventando veramente uomo. La fede nell'Incarnazione è segno distintivo della fede cristiana.

87. In che modo Gesù Cristo è vero Dio e vero uomo? (464-467;469) Gesù è indiscutibilmente vero Dio e vero uomo, nell'unità della sua Persona divina. Egli, il Figlio di Dio, che è «generato, non creato, della stessa sostanza del Padre», si è fatto vero uomo, nostro fratello, senza con ciò cessare di essere Dio, nostro Signore.

94. «Concepito per opera dello Spirito Santo...»: che cosa significa quest'espressione? (484-486) Significa che la Vergine Maria ha concepito il Figlio eterno nel suo grembo per opera dello Spirito Santo e senza la collaborazione di uomo: «Lo Spirito Santo scenderà su di te» (Lc 1,35), le ha detto l'Angelo nell'Annunciazione.

95. «...Nato dalla Vergine Maria»: perché Maria è veramente la Madre di Dio? (495;509) Maria è veramente *Madre di Dio* perché è la madre di Gesù (Gv 2,1; 19,25). In effetti, colui che è stato concepito per opera dello Spirito Santo e che è diventato veramente suo Figlio, è il Figlio eterno di Dio Padre. È Dio egli stesso.

96. Che cosa significa «Immacolata Concezione»? (487-492;508) Dio ha scelto gratuitamente Maria da tutta l'eternità perché fosse la Madre di suo Figlio: per compiere tale missione, è stata *concepita immacolata*. Questo significa che, per la grazia di Dio e in previsione dei meriti di Gesù Cristo, Maria è stata preservata dal peccato originale fin dal suo concepimento.

97. Come collabora Maria al disegno divino della salvezza? (493-494;508-511) Per la grazia di Dio Maria è rimasta immune da ogni peccato personale durante l'intera sua esistenza. È la «piena di grazia» (Lc 1,28), la «Tutta Santa». Quando l'Angelo le annunciava che avrebbe dato alla luce «il Figlio dell'Altissimo» (Lc 1,32), ella dà liberamente il proprio assenso con «l'obbedienza della fede» (Rm 1,5). Maria si offre totalmente alla Persona e all'opera del suo Figlio Gesù, abbracciando con tutta l'anima la volontà divina di salvezza.

Organ Concert in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, Melbourne VIC
Thomas Heywood – Friday 22 December 2017 at 6.30 pm **A Christmas Fantasia!**
Admission: \$20 at the door; no concessions. Children under 15 free. Bookings/tickets: not require
paul.taylor@cam.org.au or 9926 5753 (w) (Wed-Sun)



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

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 9th December 2017 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	<i>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."</i>	<i>Baptism Celebration for Luke BRESSEL Congratulations!</i> 	6.00pm Nerso MAZZON Giuseppina CALANDRA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	<i>Wedding Celebration for Linda WARNE Orlando GARRAFFA Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAYDOMENICA 10th December 2017 Year "B" Second Sunday of Advent 	<i>"Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri".</i> 	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Antonietta VILLELLA (1st anniversary)	<i>Wedding Celebration for Jazmina D'ANGELO Salvatore GRASSO Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 2nd week of Advent 11th December 2017 Is 35:1-10; Lk 5: 17-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our God will come to save us.</i>	8.am NO MASS TODAY at ST. MARK'S	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 2nd week of Advent 12th December 2017 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>	8.00am Jane BRENNAN (Healing Intentions)	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 13th December 2017 Santa Lucia Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Sei tu, Signore, il nostro rifugio.</i> <i>O bless the Lord, my soul.</i>	8.00am Feast of St. Lucy 	9.15am Festa di Santa Lucia Nicolina e Vito D'ASSONE 7.30pm Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy (Church	
Thursday/Giovedì 14th December 2017 St. John of the Cross 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 Feast of St. John of the Cross	9.15am Feast of St. John of the Cross 7.00pm Gregory CICERO (1st anniversary)	
Friday/Venerdì 15th December 2017 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	9.15am	

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.

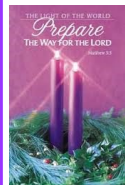
Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

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.



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

Liturgy of the Word 16th & 17th Dec. 2017	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	Volunteer	L. Murphy	A. Smyth	T. Toscano	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Volunteer	P. La Marca	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	R. Simoncini	Volunteer	T. Toscano	Toscano Family		

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the **CHRISTMAS APPEAL** which took place last weekend. There are still envelopes available. Total to date \$835
La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli vi ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'**APPELLO NATALIZIO** che si è svolto il weekend scorso 2/3 Dicembre. Ci sono ancora le buste se volete donare. Totale \$835

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL THIS Weekend 9th & 10th Dec. Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria and Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart 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 MORNING PRAYER, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL Wednesdays 13 and 20 Dec. 8.40am-9am St Patrick's Cathedral. 1 Cathedral Pl., Melbourne You are warmly invited to join the archdiocese for twenty minutes of Advent prayer on either or both of the two remaining Wednesday mornings before Christmas. The devotions will take place in the Sacred Heart chapel at the right of the main altar.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE
Sunday / Domenica Dicembre 24 December
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
9.45am St. Brigid's Church (English)
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)
CHRISTMAS VIGIL
7.00pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (English)
8.30pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (Spanish)
12am St. Brigid's - Midnight Mass (Bi-lingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday / Lunedì 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)
Weekend 30th/31st December
Masses as usual
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Monday 1st January 2018
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
10.00am St. Brigid's Church (Bi-lingual)
Confessions / Confessioni
Saturday as usual - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursday/Giovedì 21 Dicembre/ December 21
5.00pm to 7.00pm

VIATOUR 2018 PELLEGRINAGGIO MARIANO con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$6340. Si visita Fatima, Lourdes, Padova, Assisi, Medjugorje, San Giovanni Rotondo, Salerno, Capri, Monte Cassino, Roma, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 14 Maggio al 4 Giugno 2018. Alla fine potete far ritorno, oppure continuare con il pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa, prezzo \$2160 con guida, dal 4 al 11 Giugno. Se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Savino.

LATIN MASS
Latin Mass is been celebrated every Sunday and also weekdays at 10.00am in the Chapel of St. Brigid's Convent, 27 Alexandra Parade North Fitzroy (Entrance via church grounds) by Fr. Kevin Eaton. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: FESTIVAL OF READINGS, PRAYERS AND CAROLS NEXT Friday 15 Dec.
7.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
Join the Most Reverend Denis Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne, as he presides over the 49th annual Festival of Readings, Prayers and Carols. **Cost: Free**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 440 - 00
2 Collection \$ 240 - 00
Envelopes \$ 144 - 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.

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.
Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, vedremo la sua gloria.
Rit.
Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: resta con noi per sempre.
Rit.

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.

