

**MIDNIGHT MASS: Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour. Christ the Lord. Alleluia.** (Lk2:10-11)

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke**

**(2:1-14)**In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (1:1-5, 9 -14)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**HOLY FAMILY: Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!** (Cf Acts 16:14))

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



**Weekly Parish Newsletter**  
**Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale**

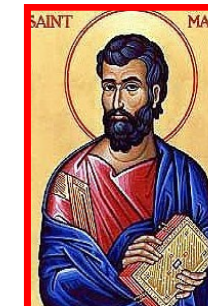
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**Jesus is Born among Us as One of Us**

**Dear Friends of St Brigid's and St Mark's, Rejoice, God is with us!**

God has spoken and continues to speak to us directly through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ whose birthday we celebrate today. Our loving and gracious God loves us so dearly that He wants not only to be close to us or speak to us but also to enter deeply into the world of our humanity with all its mess and beauty, pain, and joy. In other words, God is with us in all circumstances of life. This is the Good News of our salvation. This is the primary cause of our joy which can never be taken away from us. Friends, I invite you today to spend some time to read and meditate on the liturgical readings. I also invite you to visit our nativity scene in our Churches or in any other churches. Spend some time before the nativity scene pondering on the mystery it presents to you personally. And ask yourself these two questions: What is God saying to me? What does the celebration of the birth of Jesus in the manger mean to me at this moment in my life? As you wrestle to find the answers to these questions for yourself, try being mindful of whatever situation you are in at that moment. Rest assured of God's loving presence here and now in your life. May the lights of Christmas, *hope, peace, joy, and love* enkindle our hearts and our relationships with God and with one another. Merry Christmas to you and your lovely family! Fr Frank cs (Parish Priest)



**Gesù nasce tra noi come uno di noi**  
Cari amici,  
**Gioite, Dio è con noi!**

Dio ci ha parlato e continua a parlarci direttamente attraverso il Suo unigenito Figlio, Gesù Cristo di cui celebriamo oggi il suo compleanno. Il nostro Dio amorevole e misericordioso ci ama così tanto che vuole non solo essere vicino a noi o parlarci, ma anche entrare profondamente nel mondo della nostra umanità con tutta la sua confusione e bellezza, dolore e gioia. In altre

parole, Dio è con noi in tutte le circostanze della vita. Questa è la Buona Novella della nostra salvezza. Questa è la causa primaria della nostra gioia, che mai ci potrà essere tolta. Amici, oggi vi invito a dedicare un po' di tempo alla lettura e alla meditazione delle letture liturgiche. Vi invito anche a visitare il nostro presepe nelle nostre Chiese o in altre chiese. Passa un po' di tempo davanti al presepe a riflettere sul mistero che ti presenta personalmente. E fatevi queste due domande: Cosa mi sta dicendo Dio? Cosa significa per me la celebrazione della nascita di Gesù nella mangiatoia in questo momento della mia vita? Mentre combatti per trovare le risposte a queste domande per te, cerca di essere consapevole di qualsiasi situazione in cui ti trovi in quel momento. Siate certi della presenza amorevole di Dio qui e ora nella vostra vita. Che le luci del Natale, *la speranza, la pace, la gioia e l'amore* accendino i nostri cuori e le nostre relazioni con Dio e gli uni e gli altri. Buon Natale a te e alla tua bella famiglia! Padre Frank cs (Parroco)

**Entrance:**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing. And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns. Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love.



**Offertory: THE FIRST NOWELL**

The first Nowell he angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Born is the King of Israel.**

When they looked up they saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night. (Ref)



**Communion: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.



He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and weak and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood He would honour and obey Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay; Christian children all must be kind, obedient, good as He.

For He is our childhood's pattern Day by day like us he grew He was little weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew.

And He feel for our sadness and He share in our gladness.



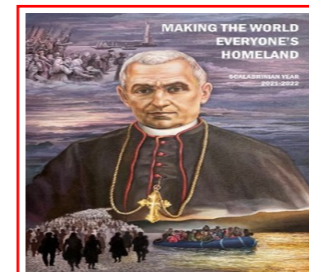
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heav'n above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

**Final: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plain and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strain.

**Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the New Born King! Ref.



**Prayer to Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini**

*O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism, and father to the migrants.*

*We rely on your intercession to receive God's blessings on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace ... (pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.*

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**  
**ENVELOPES available on the seats and on the table at the entrance to the church. The Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your kindness and generosity.**

**BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE**  
**si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.**








**IMPORTANT REMINDER**  
**Due to Advent and Christmas celebrations HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY will resume on Friday 14th January 2022 6.00pm**



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

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



Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY / SABATO</b> 25th December 2021 <b>NATIVITY of the LORD</b> <b>NATALE Del SIGNORE</b>	<i>And the Word became flesh and lived among us.</i>		6.00pm 7.00pm <b>Spanish Mass</b>	
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 26th December 2021 <b>The HOLY FAMILY</b> <b>Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> <b>LA SACRA FAMIGLIA</b> Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe	<i>"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"</i>	8.30am Deac. memb. Rebeschini family. John & Moya PERRETT 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am (Vedere elenco prossima pagina)	
Monday/Lunedì 27th December 2021 St John, apostle 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:2-8	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let the just rejoice in the Lord.</i>		9.15am <b>St. John</b> Tomas CALLUS	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Daniela PERERA</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Tuesday/Martedì Year 'C' 28th December 2021 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.</i>		9.15am <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	
Wednesday /Mercoledì 29th Dec 2021 5th day in Octave of the Nativity Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let heaven and earth exult in joy!</i>		9.15am	
Thursday Giovedì 30th December 2021 6th day in Octave of the Nativity Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let heaven and earth exult in joy!</i>		9.15am 10.30am <b>Funeral mass for</b> <b>Giuseppina SMARRELLI</b>	<b>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of</b> <b>Giuseppina SMARRELLI</b> <b>May God grant her eternal rest.</b> 
Friday/Venerdì 31st December 2021 7th day in Octave of the Nativity 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let heaven and earth exult in joy!</i>		9.15am	

**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**AUGURANDO A TUTTI UN FELICE ANNO NUOVO**

<b>Parish Community</b> <b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta, CS 0406 086 432  <b>Assistant Parish Priests:</b> Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707  Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890	<b>Parish Office</b> Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  <b>Parish Secretary</b> Giovanna Bellissimo & Rachel Mamone  Tel: (03) 9489 6777	<b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana</b>  <b>Chaplain</b> Duque Supulveda, CS Fr. Gesner Felix, CS  Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910	<b>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa</b>  <b>Chaplain</b> P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS  Mob: 0410 001 462	<b>Filipino Pastoral Community</b>  <b>Chaplain</b> Mons. Joselito Asis  Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228
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Liturgy of the word 1st & 2nd January 2022	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir member	T. Toscano
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir member	T. Tosacno
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir member	P. La Marca

### 11.00am INTENZIONI

Domenica COSMA - Angela MEDDI  
Santo COLOSIMO - Joseph THEUMA  
Antonio & Palmina ANTONICELLI  
Domenico & Domenica BELLISSIMO  
Angelo & Ascenzina PETRUCCI  
Def. memb famiglia CAPITO  
Emilia MASCIA - Antonietta BERNAR  
Giovanni e Nella GARRA

### PILGRIMAGE : MAY 2022 \$6899

Conducted by P. Savino Bernardi  
Going to Fatima, Lourdes, Medugorje,  
S. Giovanni Rotondo, Pompeii, Rome  
**Participation is open!**

### PELLEGRINAGGIO : MAGGIO 2022

Costo \$6899. Condotta da P. Savino Bernardi  
Si visiterà Fatima, Lourdes, Medugorje,  
Pompeii e Roma  
Se siete interessati, oppure conoscete qualcuno che potrebbe essere interessato, parlate con Padre Savino, oppure telefonate in ufficio 94896777

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"

Thank you to everyone who donated. Total amount raised \$520  
Grazie di cuore a tutti voi che avete donato. Totale raccolto \$520

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Saturday/Sabato Dicembre 25 December**

8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)  
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)  
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)  
6.00pm St Brigid's Church (English)  
7.00pm St Brigid's Church (Spanish)

**Sunday/Domenica 26th December**  
**Normal Sunday Mass times for**  
**St. Brigid's and St. Mark's**

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Saturday/Sabato 1st January 2022**

8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)  
10.00am St. Brigid's Church  
6.00pm St. Brigid's Church  
7.00pm St Brigid's Church (Spanish)

This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 22nd/23rd January 2022. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

Questo è l'ultimo bollettino per quest'anno. La pubblicazione riprenderà l'ultimo weekend del 22/23 gennaio 2022. Augurandovi un Buon Santo Natale e un prospero e felice anno nuovo.

**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 <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>



### PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY

**SUNDAY 20th February 2022**  
**FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare**  
"Our Patron Saint" The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE combined Mass at 10.30am** with Procession.

**PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 20 FEBBRAIO 2022 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA**  
"Nostra Patrona" Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e S. Messa. **Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**

### St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

I Collection \$480.00  
2 Collection \$300.00  
Envelopes \$103.00

Thank You!

### Canto Finale TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE

Tu scendi dalle stelle,  
o re del cielo;  
e vieni in una grotta  
al freddo e al gelo;  
e vieni in una grotta  
al freddo e al gelo.  
**O bambino mio divino,**  
**io ti vedo qui a tremar,**  
**o Dio beato!**  
**Ah! Quanto ti costò**  
**l'avermi amato (2v)**  
A Te che sei del mondo  
il creatore,  
mancano panni e fuoco,  
o mio Signore;  
mancano panni e fuoco,  
o mio Signore.  
**Caro eletto pargoletto,**  
**quanto questa povertà**  
**più m'innamora!**  
**giacché ti fece amor**  
**povero ancora (2 v)**



### Canto D'Ingresso

#### VENITE FEDELI

Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita,  
venite, venite a Betlemme.

**Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore.**  
**Venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo,**  
**venite adoriamo il Signore Gesù.**

La luce del mondo  
brilla in una grotta;  
la fede di guida a Betlemme.  
**Rit.:**

Il Figlio di Dio, Re dell'universo,  
si è fatto Bambino a Betlemme.  
**Rit.:**

Sia gloria nei cieli, pace sulla terra",  
un angelo annunzia a Betlemme.  
**Rit.:**



### Canto D'Offertorio

#### IL NATALE DEL SIGNORE

Il Natale del Signore  
torna ancora tra noi  
per ridarci la vita la gioia, l'amor.  
Gesù nasce ancor  
per rinascere in noi,  
per condurre più in alto  
chi crede in Lui.

**Veniamo a Te,**  
**noi crediamo in Te:**  
**Tu sei salvezza,**  
**sei porta del ciel.**

O fratelli, adoriamo  
Dio disceso tra noi,  
per redimere il mondo  
si è fatto bambin.  
Gesù dall'altar  
tutti invita a seguir  
la sua pace che è pegno  
di un nuovo avvenir. **R.:**



### Canto Di Comunione

#### ASTRO DEL CIEL

Astro del ciel, pargol divin,  
mite agnello redentor!  
Tu che i vati da lungi sognar,  
Tu che angeliche voci nunziar  
**luce dona alle menti,**  
**pace infondi nei cuor (2)**

Astro del ciel, pargol divin,  
mite agnello redentor!  
Tu di stirpe regale decor,  
Tu virgineo mistico fior,  
**luce dona alle menti,**  
**pace infondi nei cuor (2)**

Astro del ciel, pargol divin,  
mite agnello redentor!  
Tu disceso a scontare l'error,  
tu sol nato a parlare d'amor,  
**luce dona alle menti,**  
**pace infondi nei cuor (2)**