

A reading from the Book of Sirach (3:2-6,12-14) The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R/**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R/**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!. **R/**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:12-21)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Entrance **HARK THE HERALD**

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
**Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"**

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays his glory by,
Born that man no more die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth

**Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"**



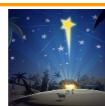
Offertory **O HOLY NIGHT**

O Holy Night
the stars
are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear
Saviour's birth
Long lay the world
in sin and error pining
'til he appeared
and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary
world rejoices
For yonder breaks
a new and glorious morn!

Chorus:

**Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angels' voices**

**Oh night divine
Oh night when
Christ was born
Oh night divine, oh night
Oh night divine.**



Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. **Alleluia!** (Col 3:15-16)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (2:13-15,19-23)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us. (Bar 3:38)

Wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous 2020

Communion: **DO YOU HAVE ROOM?**

(by Shawna Belt Edwards©)

They journeyed far, a weary pair,
They sought for shelter from the cold night air.
Some place where she could lay her head,
Where she could give Her Babe a quiet bed.
Was there no room? No corner there?
In all the town a spot someone could spare?
Was there no soul come to their aid?
A stable bare was where the family stayed.

[Chorus]

**Do you have room for the Savior?,
And do you seek Him anew?
Have you a place for the One who lived and died for you?
Are you as humble as a Shepherd Boy,
Or as Wise as men of old?
Would you have come that night?
Would you have sought the light?
Do you have room?**

A star arose, a wondrous light
A sign from God this was the Holy Night
And yet so few would go to see
The babe who came to rescue you and me.
This child divine is now a King
The gift of life to all the world He brings
And all man kind He saves from doom
But on that night for Him there was no room
[Chorus]



Final **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

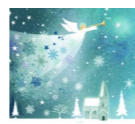
Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain:



**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

See him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**



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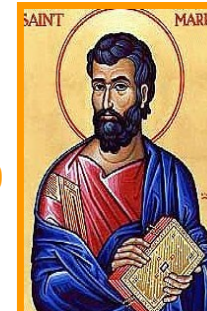
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The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph "Year A" 29th December 2019

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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.

Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

(A Reflection by Pope Francis in "The Joy of Love")

The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. As the Synod on Marriage and Family noted, for all the many signs of crisis in the institution of marriage, "the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant, especially among young people, and this is an inspiration to the Church". As a response to that desire, "the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed". The Synod process allowed for an examination of the situation of families in today's world, and thus for a broader vision and a re-newed awareness of the importance of marriage and the family. (1-2)

We must be grateful that most people do value family relationships that are permanent and marked by mutual respect. They appreciate the Church's efforts to offer guidance and counselling in areas related to growth in love, over-coming conflict and raising children. Many are touched by the power of grace experienced in the sacrament of marriage and in the Eucharist, grace that helps them face the challenges of marriage and the family. Nowadays we are grateful too for the witness of marriages that have not only proved lasting, but also fruitful and loving. (38) This is hardly to suggest that we cease warning against a cultural decline that fails to promote love or self-giving. Here I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. I think too of the fears associated with permanent commitment, the obsession with free time, and those relationships that weigh costs and benefits for the sake of remedying loneliness, providing protection, or offering some service. (39) "At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say that we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. In some countries, many young persons "postpone a wedding for economic reasons, work or study. Some do so for other reasons, such as the influence of ideologies which devalue marriage and family, the desire to avoid the failures of other couples, the fear of something they consider too important and sacred, the social opportunities and economic benefits associated with simply living together, a purely emotional and romantic conception of love, the fear of losing their freedom and independence, and the rejection of something conceived as purely institutional and bureaucratic". We need to reach the hearts of young people, appealing to their capacity for generosity, commitment, love and even heroism, and in this way inviting them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage, where love is central to the Christian experience of marriage and the family. (40)



Festa della Sacra Famiglia di Nazaret

Ogni famiglia dovrebbe guardare all'immagine della Sacra Famiglia di Nazaret.

(Riflessioni di Papa Francesco nell'Istruzione "La gioia dell'amore")

La gioia dell'amore che si vive nelle famiglie è anche il giubilo della Chiesa. Come il Sinodo sul Matrimonio e la Famiglia ha indicato, malgrado i numerosi segni di crisi del matrimonio, «il desiderio di famiglia resta vivo, in specie fra i giovani, e motiva la Chiesa». Come risposta a questa aspirazione «l'annuncio cristiano che riguarda la famiglia è davvero una buona notizia». Il cammino sinodale ha permesso di allargare il nostro sguardo e di ravvivare la nostra consapevolezza sull'importanza del matrimonio e della famiglia. (1-2)





Dobbiamo ringraziare per il fatto che la maggior parte della gente stima le relazioni familiari che vogliono durare nel tempo e che assicurano il rispetto all'altro. Perciò si apprezza che la Chiesa offra spazi di accompagnamento e di assistenza su questioni connesse alla crescita dell'amore, al superamento dei conflitti e all'educazione dei figli. Molti stimano la forza della grazia che sperimentano nel Sacramento del Matrimonio e nell'Eucaristia, che permette loro di sostenere le sfide del matrimonio e della famiglia. Nel mondo attuale si apprezza anche la testimonianza dei coniugi che non solo hanno perseverato nel tempo, ma continuano a portare avanti un progetto comune e conservano l'affetto. (38) Questo non significa non riconoscere la decadenza culturale che non promuove l'amore e la dedizione. Mi riferisco, per esempio, alla rapidità con cui le persone passano da una relazione affettiva ad un'altra. Penso anche al timore che suscita la prospettiva di un impegno permanente, all'ossessione per il tempo libero, alle relazioni che calcolano costi e benefici e si mantengono unicamente se sono un mezzo per rimediare alla solitudine, per avere protezione o per ricevere qualche servizio. (39) A rischio di banalizzare, potremmo dire che viviamo in una cultura che spinge i giovani a non formare una famiglia, perché mancano loro possibilità per il futuro. In alcuni paesi, molti giovani «spesso sono indotti a rimandare le nozze per problemi di tipo economico, lavorativo o di studio. Talora anche per altri motivi, come l'influenza delle ideologie che svalutano il matrimonio e la famiglia, l'esperienza del fallimento di altre coppie che essi non vogliono rischiare, il timore verso qualcosa che considerano troppo grande e sacro, le opportunità sociali ed i vantaggi economici che derivano dalla convivenza, una concezione meramente emotiva e romantica dell'amore, la paura di perdere la libertà e l'autonomia, il rifiuto di qualcosa concepito come istituzionale e burocratico». Abbiamo bisogno di trovare le parole, le motivazioni e le testimonianze che ci aiutino a toccare le fibre più intime dei giovani, là dove sono più capaci di generosità, di impegno, di amore e anche di eroismo, per invitarli ad accettare con entusiasmo e coraggio la sfida del matrimonio. (40)



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 28th December 2019 Vigil Year "A" The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	"He shall be called a Nazarene."		6.00pm Carmen GALEA 7.00pm Spanish Mass Berenice URDANETA	Baptism Celebration for: Lorenzo CEGARRA GIL Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 29th December 2019 Year "A" The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	"Sarà chiamato Nazareno"	8.30am	9.45am 11.00am Carmelo GALTIERI	Wedding Celebration for: Vera ONG & Wilson ALBERTO Congratulations! 
Monday 30th December 2019 6th day in the Octave of the Nativity 1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2:36-40	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Let heaven and earth exult in joy!	8.00am Carmelo CALANDRA	9.15am 10.15am Rosary 10.30am Funeral Mass for Giovanni DE MARCO 1.00pm Rosary 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Maria GALLO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Giovanni DE MARCO and Maria GALLO. May the Lord of Mercy grant them eternal rest and give peace and comfort to their loved ones.</i> 
Tuesday/Martedì 31st December 2019 7th day in the Octave of the Nativity 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Let heaven and earth exult in joy!	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Spanish Mass	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st January 2020 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Num 6: 22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2: 16-21	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> May God bless us in his mercy. 	8.30am SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 10.00am Portuguese Mass	10.00am SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD P. Luigi SERENA 7.30pm Mass in Honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 2nd January 2020 Sts. Basil and Gregory 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.	8.00am Feast of Sts. Basil and Gregory	9.15am Feast of Sts. Basil and Gregory Carmelina CAFARELLA 7.30pm Vincenzo CONDINO	
Friday/Venerdì 3rd January 2020 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29 - 34	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.	8.00am	9.15am	

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 4th & 5th Jan 2020	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	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti		Lolita Ferrera
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	L. Murphy	M. C. Sisters	P. La Marca	Volunteer		
II Reading	M. de Souza	R. Simoncini	M. C. Sisters	T. Toscano	C. Zorzi / L. Di Fanco		

This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 1st/2nd February 2020. Wishing everyone many blessings and may the New Year bring peace, health and happiness.

Questo è l'ultimo bollettino per quest'anno. La pubblicazione riprenderà il 1/2 Febbraio 2020. Auguri a tutti voi per un Felice Anno Nuovo colmo di pace, salute e felicità.

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the Christmas appeal. Total to date \$825. La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'appello natalizio. Totale \$825

Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal
A big thank you to those who have donated. Envelopes still available. Total to date \$940

FEAST OF JESUS THE BLACK NAZARENE
Triduum Masses in Honour of The Black Nazarene 7 to 9 January 2020 7.30pm
St. Mary's Star of the Sea, 33 Howard St, W. Melb.
Feast Day - Friday 10 January 2020
7pm Procession followed by Solemn concelebrated Mass. Contact Mons. Lityo 0404 261 228

SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED AT ST. BRIGID'S DURING 2019
Baptisms 87 - Weddings 18
Funerals 55 - 1st Communions 3
Confirmations 21

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 16th February 2020 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. A light lunch will follow in the hall.

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 16 FEBBRAIO 2020 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"
Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e Santa Messa. Dopo la Messa segue il pranzo in sala. Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES available on the seats and on the table at the entrance to the church. The Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your generosity.
BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE
Si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.

APPRECIATION
Thank you to all who have generously supported in many ways the needs of our Church and the life of the Parish. Thank you also for your support, best wishes, gifts and Christmas Offering. May you and your families be rewarded a hundredfold by the Love of God. Wishing you all a blessed and very happy New Year. Your parish priest Fr. Savino and fathers: Vito, Joselito, José & Fabio.

Grazie a tutti coloro che durante quest'anno hanno contribuito all'aiuto alla nostra Chiesa e alla vita della nostra Parrocchia. Grazie di cuore anche per il vostro supporto, auguri, regali e Offerta Natalizia. Che l'Amore di Dio ricompensi voi e le vostre famiglie cento volte tanto. Auguri e Felice Anno Nuovo. Il vostro parroco P. Savino e con i padri: Vito, Joselito, José e Fabio.


NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on Monday 27th Jan. 2020 at 7.30pm in the Church.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1st Collection \$460 - 00
2nd Collection \$300 - 00
Envelopes \$178 - 00

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.*

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.*

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)**

Fine: 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 (2v)
