

**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"**

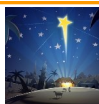
Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace  
Hail the Son of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more die  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth

**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 Luke (2:41-52)

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking 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. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man. ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

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

#### 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**

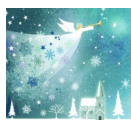
Angels we have  
heard on high  
Sweetly singing  
o'er the plain  
And the mountains  
in reply, echoing  
their joyous strain:



**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.**



## Weekly Parish Newsletter *Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale*

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The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph "Year C" 30th December 2018

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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**  
(Exhortation: "The Joy of Love" by Pope Francis)

The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. As the Synod Fathers 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".<sup>1</sup> As a response to that desire, "the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed". (n.1)

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2:11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family's challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families. (n.30)

#### Prayer to the Holy Family

**Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again experience  
violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.**



#### Festa della Sacra Famiglia di Nazaret

(Esortazione: "La gioia dell'amore" di Papa Francesco)

La gioia dell'amore che si vive nelle famiglie è anche il giubilo della Chiesa. Come hanno indicato i Padri sinodali, malgrado i numerosi segni di crisi del matrimonio, «il desiderio di famiglia resta vivo, in specie fra i giovani, e motiva la Chiesa». [1] Come risposta a questa aspirazione «l'annuncio cristiano che riguarda la famiglia è davvero una buona notizia». (n.1)

Davanti ad ogni famiglia si presenta l'icona della famiglia di Nazaret, con la sua quotidianità fatta di fatiche e persino di incubi, come quando dovette patire l'incomprensibile violenza di Erode, esperienza che si ripete tragicamente ancor oggi in tante famiglie di profughi rifiutati e inermi. Come i magi, le famiglie sono invitate a contemplare il Bambino e la Madre, a prostrarsi e ad adorarlo (cfr Mt 2,11). Come Maria, sono esortate a vivere con coraggio e serenità le loro sfide familiari, tristi ed entusiasmanti, e a custodire e meditare nel cuore le meraviglie di Dio (cfr Lc 2,19.51). Nel tesoro del cuore di Maria ci sono anche tutti gli avvenimenti di ciascuna delle nostre famiglie, che ella conserva premurosamente. Perciò può aiutarci a interpretarli per riconoscere nella storia familiare il messaggio di Dio. (30)

#### Pregliera alla Santa Famiglia

**Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe,  
in voi contempliamo**

**lo splendore del vero amore,  
a voi, fiduciosi, ci affidiamo.**

**Santa Famiglia di Nazaret,  
rendi anche le nostre famiglie  
luoghi di comunione e cenacoli di preghiera,  
autentiche scuole di Vangelo  
e piccole Chiese domestiche.**

**Santa Famiglia di Nazaret,  
mai più ci siano nelle famiglie  
episodi di violenza, di chiusura e di divisione;  
che chiunque sia stato ferito o scandalizzato  
venga prontamente confortato e guarito.**

**Santa Famiglia di Nazaret,  
fà che tutti ci rendiamo consapevoli  
del carattere sacro e inviolabile della famiglia,  
della sua bellezza nel progetto di Dio.**

**Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe,  
ascoltateci e accogliete la nostra supplica.  
Amen.**

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



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2	Liturgical Calendar and activities			
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 29th December 2018 Vigil Year “C” The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	“How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”		6.00pm  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Matthew LUPO FORERO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 30th December 2018 Year “C” The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	“Perché mi cercavate? Non sapete che io devo occuparmi delle cose del Padre mio?”	8.30am	9.45am Carmelo CALANDRA  11.00am Immacolata e Luigi CAPODANNO	<b>Baptism Celebration for:</b> <b>Aria LAMOND</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Monday 31st December 2018 7th day in the 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>	8.00am	9.15am	<i>Wishing everyone a</i> 
Tuesday/Martedì 1st January 2019 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Num 6: 22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2: 16-21	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>May God bless us in his mercy.</i>	8.30am SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 10.00am Portuguese Mass	10.00am P. Luigi SERENA SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 2nd January 2019 Ss. Basilio Magno e Gregorio 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Risplende nei giusti la sapienza del Signore.</i> 	8.00am Feast of Sts. Basil and Gregory St. John Paul II	9.15am Gaetano e Carmelina CAFARELLA  7.30pm Mass in Honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 3rd January 2019 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29 - 34	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  1.00pm Funeral Mass for the late Angela MEDDI	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Angela Meddi. May the Lord of Mercy grand her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>
Friday/Venerdì 4th January 2019 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35 - 42	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Teresa MURACA  7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	

**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.**

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Liturgy of the Word 5th & 6th Jan 2019	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	G. Piantella	Choir Member	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso		Lolita Ferrera
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	E. Mascia	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu		
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	M. Lauria	P. La Marca / T. Bozzetto		

**This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 2nd/3rd February 2019**  
**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 3 Febbraio 2019. Auguri a tutti voi per un Felice Anno Nuovo colmo di pace, salute e felicità.*

**A big thank you to those who have generously donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal and the Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal.**  
Your donation will make a difference to so many needy families.  
**Total Donated:**  
**St. Vincent Christmas Appeal - \$920**  
**Melbourne Overseas Missions - \$ 855**  
**Thank you - Grazie - Merci - Gracias**  
**Obrigado - Salamat.**  
**May the birth of Jesus reward each and everyone with many blessings.**

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1st Collection \$610 - 00  
2nd Collection \$380 - 00  
Envelopes \$184 - 00

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY**  
**SUNDAY 10th February 2019**  
**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 10 FEBBRAIO 2019 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 un rinfresco in sala.**  
**Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**

**Just for the records**  
**SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED AT ST. BRIGID’S DURING 2017**  
**Baptisms 90 - Weddings 19**  
**Funerals 30 - 1st Communions 2**  
**Confirmations 19**

**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 hundred-fold 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 28th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Church.

**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 inTe: 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 (2 v)**