

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

**A reading from the second Book of Isaiah (57:7-10)**  
How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, Your God is king! Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response:** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *R.*

The Lord has made known his salvation; Has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *R.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *R.*

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. *R.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**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,  
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)*

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (1:1-6)** At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me.* Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.* *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. *Alleluia!*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (1:1-18:)** In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: "This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me." Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**COMMUNION:**

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky  
looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus,  
no crying He makes;  
I love Thee Lord Jesus,  
look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay.  
Close by me forever  
and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children  
in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven  
to live with Thee there.

**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.*

**Next RCIA meeting will  
resume in the new year.**  
Interested in joining? Please  
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# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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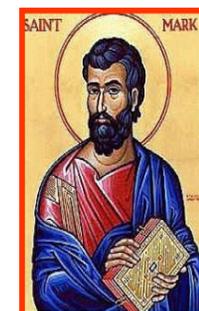
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.  
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**WISHING EVERYONE A HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS - AUGURI PER UN BUON SANTO NATALE**

**A story of faith**

The Christmas story adds wonder to the ordinary, hope to weariness, and possibility to routine. Some years we need to remind ourselves that the eating, drinking, family gathering, present giving and receiving, and rush are not all that there is to Christmas.

The Christian stories of Jesus' birth take us into a joyful event, but also into the harsher realities of taxation, forced travel, homelessness, flight from a murderous king, refugee life and the shadow of a future life that will end with execution. It also takes us into the illnesses and loss that mark our own families, and into the lives of people in our own society who are impoverished and ill-treated.

This Christmas time, however, we don't need reminding of harder times. Harsh realities are part of our everyday lives. Taxation, the reality and threat of homelessness, inflation, people fleeing from Ukraine, the threat of war, of dereliction before climate change, and the certainty of harder times next year, are all inescapable parts of our world. The feasting, gathering and gift giving of Christmas will remind us of the need to encourage a hope of life beyond its present restrictions and threats. We need assurance that our hopes are not illusory but are real.

The stories of Jesus' birth tell us that our human life is not a farce, not a tragedy nor meaningless but is a comedy that takes us through pain, dislocation and grief to laughter and celebration. They are stories of a world that is a gift, of a God who is love, of political chaos and disruption that do not have the last word, of a murderous king stared down by babies, of foreigners and shepherds who are wiser than the local experts, of a paddock lean-to that will become remembered longer than a king's palace. They are stories about laughter breaking through tears and pain, about hope that survives loss. It is not a straightforward story of events running their predestined course, but one of surprise, of the irruption of God into the world, and of paradox.

The Christmas story, of course, is a story of faith, of a particular faith, which not all in our society share, though many are touched by it and by the way it is reflected in the writing, music and customs we have inherited. The Christmas story puts questions to the self-assertion of the day. It adds wonder to the ordinary, hope to weariness, and possibility to routine. For those of us who believe in the large story of a God who shares our human life in Jesus, the Christmas story makes us see a shadowed world in bright colour. It gives depth both to birth and death in our own families, and frees us to hope.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, 15 December 2022, *Australian Catholics*,  
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



**Una storia di fede**

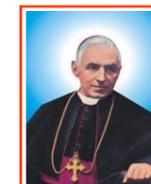
La storia di Natale aggiunge meraviglia all'ordinario, speranza alla stanchezza e possibilità alla routine.

Alcuni anni abbiamo bisogno di ricordare a noi stessi che il mangiare, bere, riunione di famiglia, dare presente e ricevere, e la fretta non sono tutto ciò che c'è di Natale.

Le storie cristiane della nascita di Gesù ci portano in un evento gioioso, ma anche nelle realtà più dure della tassazione, dei viaggi forzati, dei senzatetto, della fuga da un re assassino, della vita dei rifugiati e dell'ombra

di una vita futura che finirà con l'esecuzione. Ci porta anche nelle malattie e nelle perdite che caratterizzano le nostre famiglie e nella vita delle persone nella nostra società che sono impoverite e maltrattate.

La storia del Natale, naturalmente, è una storia di fede, di una fede particolare, che non tutti nella nostra società condividono, anche se molti ne sono toccati e dal modo in cui si riflette nella scrittura, nella musica e nei costumi che abbiamo ereditato. La storia di Natale pone domande per l'affermazione di sé del giorno. Aggiunge meraviglia per l'ordinario, la speranza di stanchezza, e la possibilità di routine. Per quelli di noi che credono nella grande storia di un Dio che condivide la nostra vita umana in Gesù, la storia di Natale ci fa vedere un mondo in ombra di colore brillante. Dà profondità sia alla nascita che alla morte nelle nostre famiglie, e ci libera dalla speranza.



**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.*

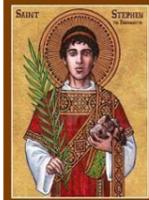
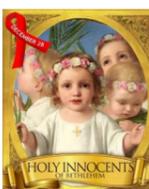
*Glory be to the Father ....  
St. John Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us!*



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians [www.Scalabrini.org](http://www.Scalabrini.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.*

# Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<h2>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</h2> <h2>VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE</h2>				
<h2>CHRISTMAS DAY</h2> <h2>SANTO NATALE</h2>				
		<p><i>Wishing everyone a Holy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas</i></p>  <p><i>Augurando a tutti un Buon Santo Natale colmo di pace e di tante benedizioni</i></p>	<p><b>7.00pm</b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> Carmen &amp; Rodney GALEA Thomas CALLUS</p> <p><b>9.00pm Spanish Mass</b></p> <p><b>11.30pm Carols</b></p> <p><b>12.00am Midnight Mass</b> Emilio e Luisa BERTOLI</p> 	
		<p><b>8.30am</b> Vincenzo &amp; Mario BOFFA Antonio MARCHESAN</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> Portuguese Mass</p>	<p><b>9.45am</b> Antonio &amp; Palmina ANTONICELLI</p> <p><b>11.00am</b> (Vedere elenco prossima pagina)</p> 	
<p>26th December 2022 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59: Mt 10:17-22: St Stephen, the first martyr</p>	<p><i>Into you hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.</i></p> 	<p><b>9.15am</b> <b>Feast of St Stephen</b></p> <p><b>BAPTISM CELEBRATION FOR:</b> <b>Javier Manolo VARGAS</b> <b>CONGRATULATIONS!</b></p>		
<p>Tuesday/ Martedì 27th December 2022 1 Jn 1:1-4: Jn 20:2-8: St John, apostle, evangelist</p>	<p><i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let the just rejoice in the Lord.</i></p> 	<p><b>9.15am</b> <b>Feast of St John</b></p> <p><b>BAPTISM CELEBRATION FOR:</b> <b>Thomas CABRERA</b> <b>CONGRATULATIONS!</b></p>		
<p>Wednesday/Mercoledì 28th December 2022 1 Jn 1:5-2:2: Mt 2:13-18: The Holy Innocents</p>	<p><i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.</i></p> 	<p><b>9.15am</b> <b>Feast of The Holy Innocents</b></p>		
<p>Thursday/Giovedì 29th December 2022 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35: 5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.</p>	<p><i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let heaven and earth exult in joy!</i></p>	<p><b>9.15am</b> <b>5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b></p>		
<p>Friday/Venerdì 30th December 2022 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.</p>	<p><i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.</i></p> 	<p><b>9.15am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b></p> <p><b>10.00am Funeral Mass for Sebastiano LEONE</b></p>	<p><i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sebastiano LEONE</i> <i>May God grant him eternal rest.</i></p>  	

<p><b>Parish Community</b> <b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta,CS 9489 6777</p> <p><b>Assistant Parish Priest &amp; Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community:</b> Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890</p>	<p><b>Parish Office</b> <b>Monday to Friday</b> 9.30am - 4.30pm</p> <p><b>Parish Secretaries</b> Giovanna Bellissimo Rachel Mamone Tel: (03) 9489-6777</p>	<p><b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana</b></p> <p><b>Chaplain</b> Fr. Gesner Felix, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Mob: 0432 214 910</p>	<p><b>Comunidade Pastoral De Lingua Portuguesa</b></p> <p><b>Chaplain</b> P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462</p>	<p><b>Filipino Pastoral Community</b></p> <p><b>Chaplain</b> Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Mob: 0404 261 228</p>
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# Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word	7.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
31st Dec-22 & 1st Jan. 2023	N. Solomon	G.. Piantella	J. Smith	N. Oro / G. Catena
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	A. Linda	G.. Piantella	C. Smith	T. Toscano
II Reading	N. Solomon	G.. Piantella	M. Pereira	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful				

**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.



**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)**



**11.00am INTENZIONI**  
**Vincenza e Mario BOFFA**  
Defunti membri famiglie BELLISSIMO, PETRUCCI, CAPITO, GARRA e THEUMA Annantonia PETRUCCI  
Angelo VARVIERI - Giovanna NICOLAZZO  
Tommasina e Michele NICOLAZZO  
Domenica e Bruno FAVARO  
Maria DI PIETRO - Emilia MASCIA  
Antonietta BERNAR - Maria ALESSI  
Antonietta e Sabino FABRIS  
Ricordiamo tutti i nostri Padri Scalabriniani defunti

**PLEASE NOTE!**  
Due to Advent and Christmas celebrations **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY** will resume on Friday 20th January 2023 at 6.00pm St. Brigid's Church All welcome!



**BAPTISM CELEBRATION FOR:**  
**Alice Elizabeth RINALDI**  
**Felix Zeppelin SILABAN**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES** 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 all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 12th February 2023 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.

**WEDDING CELEBRATION FOR:**  
**Diana LEON and Diego GARCIA**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"** Thank you to everyone who donated. Total amount raised \$870 Grazie di cuore a tutti voi che avete donato. Totale raccolto \$870

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1st Collection \$550 - 00  
2nd Collection \$360 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 94 - 00

**PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2023 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. **Note!** In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.

**Six30 Holy Hour— 29th December 2022 ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**  
Cathedral Place East Melbourne. Every Thursday nights at 6.30pm All welcome.

**ENTRATA: 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 bambino. Gesù dall'altar tutti invita a seguir la sua pace che è pegno di un nuovo avvenir. *Rit.*



**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)**