

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**A reading from the Book of Malachi 3:1-4** Thus says the Lord God: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the Lord. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord, as in the days of old, as in years gone by. **This is the word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **R.**

Who is this king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. **R.**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **R.**

Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory. **R.**

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. **Alleluia!** Lk 2:32

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples. Lk 2: 30-31

**Entrance**

**JOYFUL JOYFUL  
WE ADORE THEE**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold  
like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin  
and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

Always giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing, ever blest  
Well-spring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father,  
Christ our Brother,  
Let your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how  
to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

**Offertory**

**TAKE MY LIFE,  
AND LET IT BE**

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands,  
and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.



**Communion:  
THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

The Lord is my light,  
my help, my salvation.  
Why should I fear?  
With God I fear no one.  
God protects me all my life  
With the Lord what should I dread?

**The Lord is my light,  
the Lord is my help  
The Lord is my salvation**

There is one thing I ask  
of the Lord that I long for  
all of my days with God to be dwelling,  
gazing with awe, at the beauty of God  
and in wonder  
look on God's house (ref)

I know I will live  
to see the Lord's goodness now,  
in this life I'm sure I will see it  
Trust in the Lord,  
be strong and be brave  
wait in hope for God,  
our salvation (ref)



**Final SHINE JESUS SHINE**

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth  
you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

**Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land  
with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations  
with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood  
I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me (Ref)



## Weekly Parish Newsletter

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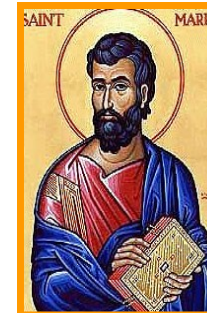
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The PRESENTATION of the LORD

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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 PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

It was laid down by the Jewish Law that 40 days after the birth of a first born child the mother would seek purification by presenting herself with an offering to the temple and the child be consecrated to God, in remembrance of that night when the angle of God saved all the first-



born of the Israelites from death and God freed the Jewish people from the slavery of Egypt. Mary and Joseph present Jesus with an offering of a pair of turtledoves and two young pigeons: the sacrifice of the poor. The Oriental Church celebrated this event since the early centuries. The Church of Rome and in the West introduced this Feast in the VI and VII centuries and later on it introduced a solemn procession with candles as an expression of purification from sins and thus offer to God a pure and holy sacrifice. The celebration, therefore, acquired a penitential character. At the centre of the celebration we see Jesus offered to God in anticipation of his obedient offering of himself on the cross for our salvation, and Mary his mother united to Jesus' mission of salvation which will bring her to Calvary at the foot of her son Jesus dying on the cross. The celebration of the Presentation is the beginning and forerunner of the sorrowful celebration on Good Friday and Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. The luminous aspect of this celebration is the realization of Simeon's prophetic words that this child: "Will be light to enlighten the pagans and the glory and the rising of many". Anna, dedicated to prayer in the temple, also glorified God saying that this child will bring deliverance: "to all who look forward to salvation". The celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice to which we are participating today is the continuation in time and the realization of the sacrifice Christ is offering of himself for our salvation. The blessing of the candles symbolises the fact that we too must be "consumed" in a sacrifice of obedience to God and thus be united in the sacrifice of Christ to obtain the glory of our salvation.

### FESTA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE DI GESU' AL TEMPIO

La Legge ebraica imponeva che 40 giorni dopo la nascita di un figlio primogenito la madre fosse purificata presentandosi al tempio con una offerta, e il figlio primogenito fosse consacrato a Dio che aveva salvato i promogeniti degli ebrei la notte che uscirono dalla schiavitù d'Egitto. Maria e Giuseppe

presentano Gesù con l'offerta di una coppia di tortore e due colombe, l'offerta dei poveri. La Chiesa d'Oriente celebrava questa ricorrenza fin dai primi secoli. La Chiesa di Roma e dell'Occidente introdussero questa Festa nel VI e VII secolo e più tardi si introdusse una solenne processione illuminata da candele come espressione di purificazione dai peccati per offrire a Dio un sacrificio puro e santo dei fedeli. Perciò acquistò anche un'espressione penitenziale. Al centro della celebrazione vediamo Gesù offerto al Padre e anticipo della sua offerta obbediente sulla croce per la nostra salvezza, e la madre Maria che si unisce al mistero della missione del figlio che porterà anche lei sul Calvario ai piedi di Gesù morente in croce. La celebrazione della Presentazione diventa così l'inizio e un anticipo della dolorosa celebrazione del Venerdì Santo e il sacrificio di Cristo morto per la nostra salvezza. L'aspetto luminoso di questa celebrazione è la realizzazione profetizzata dal santo Simeone che questo bambino "Sarà luce per illuminare le genti e gloria di risurrezione per molti". Anna, dedicata alla preghiera nel tempio, anche lei "Si mise a lodare Dio" profetizzando che il bambino avrebbe portato la salvezza "a quanti aspettavano la redenzione di Gesrusalemme". La celebrazione del sacrificio eucaristico in cui ora partecipiamo è la continuazione nel tempo e la realizzazione dell'offerta che Cristo fa di sé stesso per la nostra salvezza. La benedizione delle candele diventi un richiamo che anche noi ci dobbiamo "consumare" in un sacrificio di obbedienza a Dio e così unirli al sacrificio di Cristo per ottenere la gloria della nostra salvezza.

A big thank you to all who donated to the National Catholic Bushfire Appeal. A cheque for \$2520 has been sent to St. Vincent De Paul Society "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal".

Grazie di cuore a tutti voi che avete donato al National Catholic Bushfire Appeal. Un cheque di \$2520 è stato inviato alla Società di San Vincenzo De Paolo, "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal".



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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
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 1st February 2020 Vigil Year "A" The PRESENTATION of the LORD	"Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord".		6.00pm Nicolina CALANDRA Concetta LAMBERTI (1yr) Espiretto MAZZON (1yr)  7.00pm Spanish Mass	
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 2nd February 2020 Year "A" The PRESENTATION of the LORD	"Ogni maschio primogenito sarà sacro al Signore".	8.30am Nicolina CALANDRA	9.45am Carmelina CAFARELLA  11.00am Caterina PASQUALE (6th annv) Antonietta GIORGIONE (1yr) Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	
Monday/Lunedì 3rd February 2020 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20	Responsorial Psalm Lord, rise up and save me.	8.00am Margherita GIAQUINTA	9.15am Nicolina CALANDRA	
Tuesday/Martedì 4th February 2020 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 -19:3; Mk 5:21-43	Responsorial Psalm Listen, Lord, and answer me.	8.00am Margherita GIAQUINTA	9.15am Nicolina CALANDRA	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 5th February 2020 Sant'Agata, vergine e martire 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6 Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.	Responsorial Psalm Sei tu, Signore, il nostro rifugio, 	8.00am Margherita GIAQUINTA	9.15am Nicolina CALANDRA  7.30pm Mass in Honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 6th February 2020 St Paul Miki and companions 1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13	Responsorial Psalm Lord, you are exalted over all.	8.00am Margherita GIAQUINTA	9.15am Nicolina CALANDRA	
Friday/Venerdì 7th February 2020 Sirach 47: 2-11; Mk 6:14-29	Responsorial Psalm Blessed be God my salvation	8.00am Margherita GIAQUINTA	9.15am Nicolina CALANDRA  7.30pm 1st Friday Mass (Spanish Chaplaincy)	

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707  Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo  Tel: (03) 9489-6777 Fax: (03) 9489-9926	Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Fax: (03) 9489-9926  Chaplain P. José Gutierrez, CS Mob: 0481 127 374	Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS  Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0410 001 462	Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis  Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0404 261 228

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

Liturgy of the Word 8th & 9th Feb. 2020	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Church Cleaning
I Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	R. Omenihu	L. Colosimo	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	Lolita Ferrera
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	J. Smith	M. Lauria	P. Elkins / S. Atherton	
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	N. Cavallin	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco	

**PELEGRINAGGIO IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES**  
Domenica 9 febbraio al Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla (Melway: 177-G9)  
10.00am Arrivo della Statua - Confessioni  
11.00am Messa Solenne  
Cel: Vescovo Terry Curtin  
2.30pm Seconda Messa e Consacrazione  
Cel. Padre Savino Bernardi  
4.00pm Processione con la Statua.  
La comunità é invitata a partecipare.

**2020 Strength in Weakness Conference**  
Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm,  
400 City Road, Southbank  
(Planetshakers Centre)  
A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online. For more information & free registration visit [www.strengthinweakness.com.au](http://www.strengthinweakness.com.au)

**SAINT BRIGID FEAST DAY**  
**SUNDAY 16th February 2020**  
**FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare "Our Patron Saint"**  
The parish, together with the Italian, Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.30am** with Procession.  
**Lunch and entertainment by various communities will follow in the hall.**

**DOMENICA 16 FEBBRAIO 2020**  
**FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA**  
"Nostra Patrona"  
Uniti alla comunità Italiana, Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con la Santa Messa e processione, accompagnata dalla Banda Bellini. Seguirà il pranzo nella sala parrocchiale e allietteranno il pomeriggio la Banda Bellini e altri gruppi etnici.  
**Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1st Collection \$470 - 00  
2nd Collection \$300 - 00  
Envelopes \$133 - 00

**Catholic Mission** thanks you for your response to the World Mission Day Appeal 2019. Your generosity empowers us to witness Christ's love in 160 countries of the world. In contributing \$930.00 you have joined fellow Catholics throughout the world, even in the poorest areas, in supporting Christ's mission to all people.

**Gospel of Matthew Retreat**  
Fr Frank Moloney SDB 3 – 6 February  
Fr Frank Moloney will lead this retreat on the Gospel of Matthew at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre. Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc). Further information and registration: Contact - Candy 9752 2432 or e-mail: [dbrclysterfield@gmail.com](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com)

**COMMISSIONING MASS FOR LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS**  
**WEDNESDAY 12 February 2.30pm**  
St. Mary of the Cross Chapel  
Daniel Mannix Building  
Australian Catholic University  
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy  
The Mass will be celebratd by Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Afternoon tea will follow For catering purposes, RSVP at [www.trybooking.com/BHYPN](http://www.trybooking.com/BHYPN) by Friday 7 February. Contact Johanna Carroll on 9926 5765 or email [ministry@cam.or.au](mailto:ministry@cam.or.au)

**Ingresso:**  
**TERRA TUTTA**  
**Terra tutta, dá lode a Dio**  
**Canta al tuo Signore**  
Servite Dio nell'allegrezza, con canti di gioia andate a Lui.  
**Rit.**  
Poiché il Signore é nostro Dio, da lui siam creati, e siamo suoi.  
**Rit.**  
Noi siamo il gregge che egli pasce Il popolo suo; gloria al Signor.  
**Rit.**  
Gloria al Signore, Padre e Figlio, e Spirito Santo. Lode al Signor.  
**Rit.**

**Offertorio:**  
**MISTERO DELLA CENA**  
Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.  
Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà.

**Comunione:**  
**SYMBOL**  
Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me.  
Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritorerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio.  
Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mi pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai E nel tuo perdono vivrò.

**Fine: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO**  
Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.  
**Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.**  
Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, otta per la verità. **Rit.**  
Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**