

First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6) A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11)

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 2:2)

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Entratta: VENITE FEDELI Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita, venite, venite a Betlemme. Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Rit. Venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo il Signore Gesù. La luce del mondo brilla in una grotta; la fede di guida a Betlemme. Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Rit. La notte risplende, tutto il mondo attende: seguiamo i pastori a Betlemme. Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Rit.	Offertorio : ACCOGLI I NOSTRI DONI Accogli i nostri doni, Dio dell'universo In questo misterioso incontro col tuo Figlio Ti offriamo il pane che Tu ci dai Trasformalo in Te, Signor Rit. Benedetto nei secoli il Signore Infinita sorgente della vita Benedetto nei secoli Benedetto nei secoli Accogli i nostri doni, Dio dell'universo In questo misterioso incontro col tuo Figlio Ti offriamo il vino che Tu ci dai Trasformalo in Te, Signor. 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, Rit. luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2v) Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu di stirpe regale decor, Tu virgineo mistico fior. Rit. Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu disceso a scontare l'error, tu sol nato a parlare d'amor. Rit.	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)
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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.



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St Brigid's Fitzroy North
WEEKDAY MASSES (in Chapel)

Monday-Friday 9:15am

WEEKEEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

6:00pm English

7:00pm Spanish

Mass in Swahili

3rd Sunday 5:00pm

Mass in Brazilian

Last Sunday 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Baptisms

Saturday 10:00am –12:30pm

Sunday 12noon

Weddings (by appointment)

Divine Mercy and Adoration

2nd – 3rd – 4th Friday 6:30pm

Adoration

2nd Saturday 5:00pm

Faith Formation

1st Monday 9:45am

3rd Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

1st – 2nd – 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

Sacred Heart Devotion

Mass in Spanish: 1st Friday 7:30pm

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Prayer in Spanish Friday 7pm in Chapel

Ijitos de Maria

Wednesday 7 pm

St Brigid's Food Pantry

1st Tuesday 11:00am

1st and 3rd Saturday 9:00pm

Parish Hall for Hire

Inquiries 0417534352

St Mark's Princess Hill

Sunday

8:30am English – Italian

10:00am Portuguese

Reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord

They offered him gifts. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

Excerpts from St Pauls Sunday Missal, 175.




Riflessione

Una stella ha guidato i Magi fino a Betlemme perché là scoprirono “il re dei Giudei che è nato” e lo adorassero. Matteo aggiunge nel suo Vangelo: “Entrati nella casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, e prostratisi lo adorarono”. Il viaggio dall’Oriente, la ricerca, la stella apparsa ai Magi, la vista del Salvatore e la sua adorazione costituiscono le tappe che i popoli e gli individui dovevano percorrere nel loro andare incontro al Salvatore del mondo. La luce e il suo richiamo non sono cose passate, poiché ad esse si richiama la storia della fede di ognuno di noi.

Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>

The Parish Community of St Brigid's and St Mark's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY's** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units**
Telephone :9926 5621 E:psu@cam.org.au W:melbournecatholic.org safeguarding

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 6 th January 2024 Year “B” The Epiphany of the Lord			6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	<i>Congratulation to Liam for the gift of baptism</i> 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 7 th January 2024 Year “B” The Epiphany of the Lord		8:30am Pro Populo 10:00am (Portuguese)	9.45am 11.00am † Francesco Florio 1 ^o † Maria Rosa Vigliarolo	
Monday/Lunedì 8 th January 2024 The Baptism of the Lord	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>You will draw water joyfully from the springs or salvation</i>		9.45am Mass in the chapel	
Tuesday/Martedì 9 th January 2024 1Sam1:9-20 Mk1:21-28	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour</i>		9:15am Mass in the chapel 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Maria Teresa Caridi †	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 10 th January 2024 1Sam3:1-10,19-20 Mk1:29-39	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel 10.30am Funeral for VINCENZO DE NINO †	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vincenzo De Nino. May he rest in peace</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 11 th January 2024 1Sam 4:1-11 Mk1 :40-45	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Save us, Lord in your mercy</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel 11.30am Wedding anniversary mass of Rosi y Fernando	
Friday/Venerdì 12 th January 2024 1Sam8:4-7, 10-22 Mk2:1-12	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel	.

13 th and 14 th January 2024	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	J. Santos	G. Catena
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	S. De Castro	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	C. Goodson	P. La Marca

Altar Servers			Carm. Smith	
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Raffle Tickets available now to raise funds for new church carpet. The draw will take place on the 18th Februry 2024 St. Brigid's Feast Day.
Price only \$2.00per ticket
1st Prize \$1,000 Travel Voucher
2nd Prize \$ 500 Gift Voucher
3rd Prize \$ 250 Gift Voucher
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St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection
1st Collection \$720 - 00
2nd Collection \$400 - 00
Envelopes \$ 74 - 00

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH will resume in February 2024


HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY will resume in February 2024 every 2nd,3rd & 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.

Saturday 10 February 2024, 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
A pilgrimage to Lourdes represents one of the most significant moments in the spiritual life of the Order's members and volunteers, and each year Lourdes dedicates the first weekend in May for the Annual Pilgrimage of the International Order of Malta.
For Australians unable to visit Lourdes, Lourdes Day Mass celebrations are held annually in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide where those attending receive a blessing for good health and a bottle of Lourdes water for their personal use.


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>

Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini
O Saint 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.
Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.
Pray for us!



gospel focus

Going home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.



Have you thought? Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the ‘Jewishness’ of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.