

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (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.**

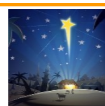
Entrance **HARK THE HERALD**

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



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!

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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]



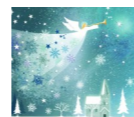
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

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.**



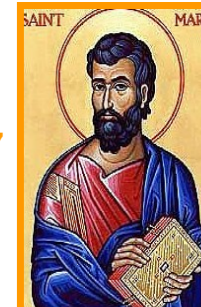
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Today the Liturgy celebrates the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Church invites all families to reflect on the daily life-relationship of Mary, Joseph and Jesus: an inspiration to all families, of all times. Today, marriage and family life are under increasing risk of losing their importance and meaning. Pope Francis said: **"The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected"**. A Booklet prepared by Life, Marriage and Family Office, contains the following Practical Advices:

(For Families) *The home is a beautiful place to experience friendship, fraternity, and love of God.*

Celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, religious feasts and other special occasions. It is important that life in the family is celebrated joyfully.

Eat meals together. It may be difficult, but try to share a family meal five times a week.

Keep Sunday holy – set it aside not just for Mass and prayer but spend time together enjoying each other's company.

Pray together as a family each day, even if just for a short time. A family that prays together stays together.

Be attentive to those who may be alone or struggling.

In every relationship, be generous with these words: please, thank you and I'm sorry.

(For Married Couples) *Pray for and with your spouse each day.*

Amidst the busyness of life, devote time each day to spending time together

(For Grandparents) *Share your stories and the larger story of the family with your grandchildren including your faith and love for God.*

May the New Year 2018 be blessed in God's unity with joy, peace and fruitfulness.



Festa della Sacra Famiglia di Nazaret

Oggi la Liturgia celebra la Sacra Famiglia e la Chiesa invita tutte le famiglie a riflettere sulla vita e la relazione di Maria, Giuseppe e Gesù a Nazaret: un' ispirazione per tutte le famiglie di ogni tempo. Oggi il matrimonio e la famiglia sono in pericolo di perdere la loro importanza e il loro significato. Papa Francesco disse: **"La famiglia è un bene che la società non può farne a meno e deve essere protetta"**. Un libretto preparato dall' Ufficio Diocesano del Matrimonio e Vita Familiare offre i seguenti consigli:

(Alle Famiglie) *La famiglia è l'ambiente opportuno per trovare amicizia, fraternità e amore di Dio.*

È importante celebrare anniversari, compleanni, feste religiose e altre ricorrenze. È importante che si celebri la vita con gioia.

Fare i pasti insieme. Nonostante sia difficile, si cerchi di mangiare assieme 5 volte la settimana.

Santificare la domenica – con la S. Messa, la preghiera e passare la giornata assieme in gioiosa compagnia.

Pregare assieme ogni giorno, anche se brevemente. La famiglia che prega insieme stà insieme.

Porre attenzione a chi è solo o sofferente.

Nel dialogo familiare, saper usare spesso : per piacere, grazie, scusami.

(Agli Sposi) *Pregate gli uni per gli altri e pregate insieme ogni giorno.*

Anche se molto occupati, trovate tempo da spendere insieme ogni giorno.

(Ai Nonni) *Raccontate le vostre storie e quelle della vostra famiglia ai nipoti, incluso storie di fede e di religione.*

A tutti un augurio che uniti con Dio possiate godere gioia, pace e prosperita' nel 2018.

Tutta la comunità è invitata a partecipare al **PELLEGRINAGGIO IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES**

Domenica 11 febbraio al Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla






10am Arrivo della Statua - Confessioni - Rosario — 11.00am Messa Solenne Cel: Vescovo Terry Curtin
2.30pm Seconda Messa e Consacrazione. Cel. Padre Savino Bernardi e Padre Bruno
4.00pm Processione con la Statua - Benedizione Degli Ammalati e Benedizione Eucaristica



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 30th December 2017 Vigil Year "B" The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel"		6.00pm Carmelo CALANDRA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebration for Lorena COLAIANNI & Robert FALCONE <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 31st December 2017 Year "B" The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	«Ecco, egli è qui per la caduta e la risurrezione di molti in Israele»	8.30am Pasquale VILLANI	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Ermanno e Nicoletta IEZZI Giuseppe MACCARONE	2018 <i>Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful new year.</i>
Monday 1st January 2018 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 10.00am Portuguese Mass	10.00am P. Luigi SERENA	
Tuesday 2nd January 2018 Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctor 1Jn 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 Gaetano e Carmelina CAFARELLA	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 3rd January 2018 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Gloria nei cieli e gioia sulla terra. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (In Church - Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday 4th January 2018 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35 - 42	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday 5th January 2018 Weekday of Christmas Time 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43 - 51	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Let all the earth cry out to God with Joy.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	

VIATOUR 2018 PELLEGRINAGGIO MARIANO Con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$6340. Si visita Fatima, Lourdes, Padova, Assisi, Medjugorje, San Giovanni Rotondo, Salerno, Capri, Monte Cassino, Roma, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 14 Maggio al 4 Giugno 2018. Alla fine potete far ritorno, oppure continuare con il pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa, prezzo \$2160 con guida, dal 4 al 11 Giugno. Se siete interessati, parlate con P. Savino.

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.

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 6th & 7th Jan 2018	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	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti		Lolita Ferrera
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	L. Colosimo	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	E. Mascia	D. Polla / T. Bozzetto		

This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 3rd/4th February 2018
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 4 Febbraio 2018. 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 - \$1385
Melbourne Overseas Missions - \$ 560
Thank you - Grazie - Merci - Gracias
Obrigado - Salamats.
May the birth of Jesus reward each and everyone with many blessings.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection	\$540 - 00
2nd Collection	\$ 340 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 279 - 00

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 18th February 2018
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 18 FEBBRAIO 2018 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.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on **Monday 29th January 2018 at 7.30pm** in the Church.

Just for the records
SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED AT ST. BRIGID'S DURING 2017
Baptisms 102 - Weddings 40
Funerals 50 - 1st Communions 3
Confirmations 12

2018 PROJECTS FOR ST. BRIGID'S
Renovations are continuing in our parish during 2018. At the moment works are underway for the replacement of the whole timber floor in the hall, and at the same time we are renovating the men's and ladies toilets. We are hoping to have the hall ready for the 18th February, St. Brigid's Feast Day. Another project is the removal of graffiti all along the brick fence a very costly and painful job, and trying to find a solution to resolve this big problem of graffiti. *(In the past, the Yarra Council helped with the cleaning, but no longer because it is private property).*
Any suggestions, most welcome!

HEALING MASS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Thursday 11 January 2018, 7.45pm
(praise and worship begins 7pm)
Newman College Chapel, 887 Swanston Street, Carlton. The National Charismatic Retreat for priests, deacons, religious and associates invites you to this special Healing Mass.

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 bambino. 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)

