

outside up at the
t so," he added, "shall your de-
ord, who credited it to him as an
Sarah as he had said he would;
became pregnant and bore Abra-
e that God had stated. Abraham
m Sarah bore him.

ers his covenant forever.

ake known his deeds among the
all his wonderful works! (R.)

that seek the Lord rejoice. Con-
seek his face. (R.)

is miracles, the judgements he
t, O sons of the Jacob he chose.

promise for a thousand genera-
n, the oath he swore to Isaac. R.

ews11:8.11-12.17-19

call to set out for a country that
descendants, and that he set out
as equally by faith that Sarah, in
ble to conceive because she be-
would be faithful to it. Because
e who was already as good as
uld be counted, as many as the
the seashore. It was by faith that

up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice
d been made to him and he had
ame will be carried on. He was

en to raise the dead; and
back Isaac from the dead.

ry AWAY IN A MANGER

a manger, no crib for a bed.
Lord Jesus,
n is sweet head.
s In the bright sky,
own where He lay.
e Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

are lowing,
Baby awakes.
Lord Jesus,
He makes.
ee, Lord Jesus,
n from the sky

to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Communion: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly mother,
In whose gentle arms He lay.

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.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him,

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land. We pay our respects to them for their

Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth
Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

(A Reflection by Pope Francis in "The Joy of Love")

The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. As the Synod on Marriage and Family 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". As a response to that desire, "the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed". The Synod process allowed for an examination of the situation of families in today's world, and thus for a broader vision and a re-newed awareness of the importance of marriage and the family. (1-2)

We must be grateful that most people do value family relationships that are permanent and marked by mutual respect. They appreciate the Church's efforts to offer guidance and counselling in areas related to growth in love, overcoming conflict and raising children. Many are touched by the power of grace experienced in the sacrament of marriage and in the Eucharist, grace that helps them face the challenges of marriage and the family. Nowadays we are grateful too for the witness of marriages that have not only proved lasting, but also fruitful and loving. (38) This is hardly to suggest that we cease warning against a cultural decline that fails to promote love or self-giving. Here I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. I think too of the fears associated with permanent commitment, the obsession with free time, and those relationships that weigh costs and benefits for the sake of remedying loneliness, providing protection, or offering some service. (39)

"At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say that we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. In some countries, many young persons "postpone a wedding for economic reasons, work or study. Some do so for other reasons, such as the influence of ideologies which devalue marriage and family, the desire to avoid the failures of other couples, the fear of something they consider too important and sacred, the social opportunities and economic benefits associated with simply living together, a purely emotional and romantic conception of love, the fear of losing their freedom and independence, and the rejection of something conceived as purely institutional and



tizia». Il cammino sinodale ha per
ravvivare la nostra consapevolezza
famiglia. (1-2)

Dobbiamo ringraziare per il fatto
relazioni familiari che vogliono du
to all'altro. Perciò si apprezza
gnamento e di assistenza su que
al superamento dei conflitti e all'e
della grazia che sperimentano ne
caristia, che permette loro di so
famiglia. Nel mondo attuale si ap
ugi che non solo hanno persever
avanti un progetto comune e con
ca non riconoscere la decadenza
dedizione. Mi riferisco, per esem
sano da una relazione affettiva
suscita la prospettiva di un imp
tempo libero, alle relazioni che ca
unicamente se sono un mezzo
protezione o per ricevere qualche
potremmo dire che viviamo in un
mare una famiglia, perché manca
paesi, molti giovani «spesso s
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le opportunità sociali ed i vantag
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di perdere la libertà e l'autonom

		7.00pm Spanish Mass	
<i>chiamato "areno"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am Bruna & Immacolata CAPODANNO 11.00am Def. memb. fam. COSTA Def. memb. fam. BOZZETTO	
<i>Psalm has escaped bird from the ter's net.</i>		9.15am The Holy Innocents	
<i>Psalm men and earth It in joy!</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Liliana BUDANO 7.00pm Mass (Filipino Chaplaincy)	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Liliana BUDANO. May our loving God give her eternal rest and peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>
<i>Psalm men and earth It in joy!</i>		9.15am	
<i>Psalm men and earth It in joy!</i>		9.15am	12.00am Happy New Year 
<i>Psalm men and earth It in joy!</i>	8.30am SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 10.00am Portuguese Mass	10.00am SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD P. Luigi SERENA	

h Office to Friday	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De	Filipino Pastoral Community
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This is the last Parish Newsletter for this year. It will resume on the weekend of 30th/31st January 2021. 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 30/31 Gennaio 2021. Auguri a tutti voi per un Felice Anno Nuovo colmo di pace, salute e felicità.

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the Christmas appeal. Total to date \$1100.

La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'appello natalizio. Totale \$1100

Melbourne Overseas Missions Appeal

A big thank you to those who have donated. Envelopes still available. Total to date \$250

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES available on the seats and on the table at the entrance to the church.

The 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.

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. Bit...

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.

Comunione: ASTRO DEL CIEL

Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu che i vati da lungi sognar, Tu che angeliche voci nunzian **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**

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 21st February 2021 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. **Please note! This year because of COVID, there won't be the usual luncheon in the hall.**

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 21 FEBBRAIO 2021 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.

Spiacente, quest'anno non seguirà il solito pranzo in sala, in rispetto alle regole di distanza del COVID.

Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa.

SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED AT ST. BRIGID'S DURING 2020

Baptisms 41 - Weddings 7 - Funerals 42
No 1st Communions or Confirmations celebrated this year because of COVID.

