

**A reading from the Book of Zephaniah (3:14-18)**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: Shout and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R./**

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. **R./**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R./**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to preach good news to the poor. **Alleluia!** (Lk 4:18)

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (3:10-18)**

The multitudes asked John, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people. *The Gospel of the Lord.*



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year "C" 16th December 2018

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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.*

**Third Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday is all full of a joyful theme. The Entrance Antiphon of today's Mass welcomed us with those words: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near". It is not a subjective joy made of transient feelings of sentiments and excitement, but an objective joy based on joyful realities which are already present and need only be welcomed by us. Also, it is not only a personal and private joy, but of the entire community of the believers. We heard in the first reading the

announcement made by the Prophet Zephaniah to the whole people of Israel: "Shout for joy, daughter of Zion... the Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior". St. Paul writes to the Philippians in an ecstasy of excitement: "The Lord is very near. There is no need to worry". John the Baptist calls people to conversion and so welcome the Messiah who is already in their midst and people, sinners, soldiers respond with the question: "What must we do?" to change their life. This is a song of joy as we have joyfully repeated in the Responsorial Psalm: "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the Lord, my strength and my song". True Christian life, yes, embraces conversion and sacrifice, but not with sadness and regret as if renouncing an exciting life, but with enthusiasm and joy because what we receive from the Lord is perfect joy and true peace. On this theme of joy in God, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, often returns in his Sunday address to the people in St. Peter's Square. He also published exhortations on the topic to spouses and families with "The Joy of Love" and to all with "The Joy of the Gospel". In this the Holy Fathers echoes the Apostolic Exhortation of Vatican II entitled: "Gadium et Spes - The Joy and Hope" as the mission of the Church. Truly, the Christian message should be a message of joy if understood properly and lived sincerely. This is the message to re-discover now at Christmas time and turn it into our way of Christian living. And God will not deceive us!

*This time of Advent is also a time to prepare for the Plenary Council 2020. The Church in Australia is experiencing a time of challenges from within and from without: thus God is urging us to prepare its future with humility, courage and faith. The question to reflect upon is: "What is God asking of us and of the community in Australia?" We pray for wisdom and light to discern and to commit ourselves to a more generous, trusting and faithful response in walking along with God who shapes the time and history with the power of his love.*



**Terza Domenica di Avvento**

Questa domenica è tutta pervasa dal tema della gioia. Le prime parole con cui siamo stati accolti nell'antifona iniziale della Messa, dicevano: "Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore; ve lo ripeto, rallegratevi: il Signore è vicino". Non si tratta di una gioia soggettiva, tutta intima e sentimentale, che tanto spesso è solo eccitazione, ma di una gioia oggettiva che si basa su delle realtà in se stesse gioiose, qualcosa che esiste già ed aspetta di venire in noi. Neppure si tratta

di una gioia individuale o privata, ma di una gioia comunitaria; e' come comunita' credente che noi siamo esortati oggi alla gioia. Nella prima lettura dal Profeta Sofonia si ascolta l'annuncio fatto al popolo intero d'Israele: "Gioisci, figlia di Sion... Il Signore tuo Dio in mezzo a te è un Salvatore potente". S. Paolo ai Filippesi scrive con slancio di fede: "Il Signore è vicino... rallegratevi nel Signore". All'esortazione di S. Giovanni Battista di convertirsi ed accogliere il Messia che già sta' in mezzo a loro, molti gli domandano cosa devono fare per migliorare la loro vita: sono le folle di ascoltatori, pubblicani, soldati. Questo canto di gioia si ispira all'azione di Dio presente in mezzo al popolo, come dice il Salmo Responsoriale: "Ecco, Dio è la mia salvezza, io confiderò non temerò mai, perché mia forza è mio canto è il Signore". La vera vita Cristiana si abbraccia la conversione e il sacrificio, ma non nella tristezza e con rammarico, come se si perdesse un dolce vivere, ma con entusiasmo e gioia perché ciò che riceve da Dio è gioia vera e pace profonda. In questo tema della gioia in Dio, il Santo Padre, Papa Francesco, insiste molto e spesso nei suoi discorsi domenicali e ci offre la sua riflessione nell'esortazione "La gioia dell'amore", rivolto agli sposi e alle famiglie; e "La gioia del Vangelo", rivolto a tutta la comunità Cristiana. In questo il Santo Padre raccoglie la riflessione del Concilio Vaticano II nel documento che presenta la Chiesa come strumento di "Gadium et Spes - Gioia e Speranza" per il mondo d'oggi. Veramente, il messaggio della fede Cristiana è un messaggio che porta gioia e pace se inteso in maniera retta e vissuto con fedeltà. È un messaggio da riscoprire in questo tempo del S. Natale e di abbracciare con forza nella vita giornaliera, sicuri che Dio non delude.

*Il tempo di Avvento è anche tempo di preparazione per il Sinodo Plenario 2020. La Chiesa in Australia vive un tempo di tante sfide e incertezze dal di dentro e dal di fuori: così Dio ci invita a preparare il suo futuro con umiltà, coraggio e fede. Riflettiamo sulla domanda: "Che cosa Dio chiede da noi e dalla comunità in Australia?" Preghiamo per ottenere sapienza e luce nel discernere e impegnarci verso una risposta più generosa, fiduciosa e fedele nel camminare con Dio che guida il tempo e la storia con la Potenza del suo amore.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.** (Is 35:4)

**ENTRANCE:**

**LIGHT ONE CANDLE**

Light one candle for hope,  
One bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to every heart.  
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for peace,  
One bright candle for peace.  
He brings peace to every heart.  
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for joy,  
One bright candle for joy.  
He brings joy to every heart.  
He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for love,  
One bright candle for love.  
He brings love to every heart.  
He comes. He comes.



**OFFERTORY:**

**OUR SUPPER INVITATION**

Take of my bread and eat,  
drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live,  
branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now;  
eat take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream;  
love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,  
drink my new wine.  
Be a sweet nourishment  
to good friends of mine.  
Let me befriend you now;  
eat, take your fill.  
Share with your people,  
that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,  
drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live,  
branch of my vine.



**COMMUNION:**

**O COME, O COME,  
EMMANUEL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high  
Who ord'rest all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**FINAL:**

**IN THE LORD  
I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL**

In the Lord  
I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord  
I will rejoice.  
Look to God,  
do not be afraid,  
Lift up your voices,  
the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices  
the Lord is near.



**ARCHDIOCESE'S NEWS  
& INFORMATION**

*(Please check material  
at church entrance)*

**PARISH UPDATE**

*Events in and around the  
Archdiocese*

**Positions Vacant  
Melbourne Catholic  
and more.**



**Make an Encounter in 2019** A Palms Encounter with the communities of Timor Leste, Samoa or Myanmar offers a rich immersive experience to challenge our perceptions **Join a Palms Encounter in 2019** ([www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters))



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

## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 15th December 2018 Year "C" Third Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	"I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire"		6.00pm Nerso MAZZON  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for: Stella Leslie VARGAS Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 16th December 2018 Year "C" Third Sunday of Advent	"Io vi battezzo con acqua; ma viene colui che è più forte di me e vi battezerà in Spirito Santo e fuoco"	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Angela CAVALLIN (1mth) Antonietta e Alfredo BERNAR Peter BILIC Angelo POLLA	<b>Baptism Celebration for: Lily Florence WORTNER Noelle Isabella SCIOLAN Congratulations!</b> 
Monday/Lunedì 17th December 2018 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Responsorial Psalm Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.	8.00am	9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 18th December 2018 3rd week of Advent Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24	Responsorial Psalm Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.	8.00am	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 19th December 2018 3rd week of Advent Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25	Responsorial Psalm Canterò senza fine, Signore, le tue meraviglie.	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm Mass in honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 20th December 2018 3rd week of Advent Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1:26-38	Responsorial Psalm Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm  (1 mth) Antonio D'ALESSANDRI	
Friday/Venerdì 21st December 2018 3rd week of Advent Song 2:8 -14; Lk 1:39-45	Responsorial Psalm Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him.	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm  Santa CONIGLIO (4 annv) Felice CONIGLIO (11annv)	

**Plenary Council Advent Prayer** *Be still Be still and know Be still and know that I am Be still and know that I am your God. God of this Advent time As we watch, wait, long and hope, Awaken our hearts to your presence. Encourage us in our efforts to listen humbly to each other. Inspire in us the words to speak boldly with each other Create within us a spirit of discernment Give us hopeful hearts as we continue our journey to the Plenary Council. We ask this in the name of Emmanuel — God-with-us. Amen.*

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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## 3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 22nd & 23rd Dec. 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	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	E. Mascia	B. Rigoni / M. Villani		Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	M. Lauria	Choir Members		
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	L. Colosimo	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES** available on the seats and 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 sui banchi e all'entrata della chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra gentilezza e generosità.

St Vincent De Paul Society thanks you for your donation to the Christmas appeal. Total to date \$290  
**La Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli vi ringrazia per la vostra donazione all'appello natalizio. Totale \$290**

**CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS**  
Protect the miracle of *motherhood* this Christmas. Send a message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in the most vulnerable communities. When you choose a Global Gift Card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing **Water, Food and Sustainable Livelihoods** for women and children around the world. Order Global Gift Cards online at- [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or 1800024413

**Canto D'Entrata**  
**CANTO PER CRISTO**  
Canto per Cristo che mi libererà  
Quando verrà nella gloria;  
Quando la vita con lui rinascerà,  
Allelu, alleluia.  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!**  
Canto per Cristo: in Lui rifiorirà ogni speranza perduta.  
Ogni creatura con Lui risorgerà.  
Allelu, alleluia.  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!**  
Canto per Cristo: un giorno tornerà!  
Festa per tutti sarà.  
Festa sul mondo che più non morirà.  
Allelu, alleluia.  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE**  
**ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE**  
**Monday/Lunedì December 24 Dicembre**  
9.15.am St. Brigid's - normal morning Mass  
8.00am St. Mark's - normal morning Mass  
**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**  
7.00pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (English)  
8.30pm St. Brigid's - Vigil Mass (Spanish)  
11.30pm St. Brigid's - Christmas Carols  
12am St. Brigid's - Midnight Mass (It/Eng)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**Tuesday / Martedì Dicembre 25 December**  
8.30 am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)  
9.45 am St. Brigid's Church (English)  
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)  
11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**Tuesday/ Martedì 1st January 2019**  
8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)  
10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)  
10.00am St. Brigid's Church (It/Eng)  
**Confessions / Confessioni**  
**Saturday as usual - 4.30pm - 5.30pm**  
**Thursday/Giovedì**  
**20 Dicembre/ December 20**  
**5.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Canto D'Offertorio**  
**Vieni O Signore**  
**Vieni o Signore la terra ti attende.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia R.  
O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. R.  
**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 600 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 360 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 184 - 00

**Canto di Comunione**  
**DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI**  
Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.  
**Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!**  
Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. **Rit.**  
Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. **Rit.**  
Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. **Rit.**  
Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. **Rit.**  
Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. **Rit.**

**Canto Finale**  
**È L'ORA CHE PIA**  
È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel.  
Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel.  
**Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**  
Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù. **Rit.**  
A te, Immacolata, la lode, l'amor: Tu doni alla Chiesa il suo Salvatore. **Rit**

**Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal** took place last weekend. A big thank you to those who have donated. There are still envelopes available in the church if you wish to make a donation. *Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.*

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 10th February 2019 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 10 FEBBRAIO 2019 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 S. Messa segue un rinfresco in sala.*  
**Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**