

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.

A reading from the second Book of Isaiah (11:1-10)

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:**Response: Lord come and save us.**

It is he who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R./**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R./**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St. James (5:7-10) Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me: he has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:2-11:)

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

ENTRANCE:**JOYFUL JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE**

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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.

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OFFERTORY:**LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER**

Lord accept the gifts we offer
at this Eucharistic feast,
Bread and wine
to be transformed now,
through the action of thy priest,
Take us too Lord and transform us,
may Thy grace in us increase.
May our souls be pure and spotless,
as the host of wheat so fine,
May all stain of sin be crushed out
like the grape that forms the wine,
As we too become partakers
in this sacrifice divine
Take our gifts Almighty Father,
living God eternal true,
Which we give through
Christ our Saviour
pleading here for us anew
Grant salvation to us present
and our faith and love renew.



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COMMUNION: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

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Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**
Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**
Oh, come, oh, come,
our Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times gave holy law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**
Oh, come O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save;
Bring them in vict'ry through the grave.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**FINAL:****SING TO THE MOUNTAIN**

Refrain:
**Sing to the mountain,
sing to the sea
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.
This is the day
the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice**
I will give thanks to you,
my Lord.
You have answered
my plea.
You have saved
my soul from death
You are my strength
and my song.
(Refrain)
Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
(Refrain)

Text based on Psalm 118:24;
Isaiah 6:3. Text and music
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Homily Notes: Change and Newness in Christ

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Matthew 11:2-3

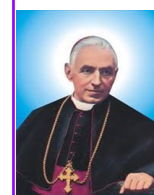
Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). So if John knew that Jesus was the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn't know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith...

In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the Christian life is all about change, transformation, and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.

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Prayer to St. John Baptist Scalabrini *Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of a bishop and the zeal of an apostle you gave yourself completely to all. You listened to the cries of migrants, spoke in their name, defended their rights. You found sustenance in the Eucharist solace in the cross of Jesus, comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church. Through your intercession may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant peace to all humanity, protect those who cross seas and borders sustained by hope, bless us and our loved ones and grant us the grace that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen. Glory be to the Father*



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.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.

Note dell'Omelia: Cambiamento e novità in Cristo

Quando Giovanni Battista sentì in prigione le opere del Cristo, mandò i suoi discepoli a Gesù con questa domanda: "Sei tu quello che deve venire, o dovremmo cercare un altro?" Matteo 11, 2-3

Perché san Giovanni Battista mandò i suoi discepoli a Gesù per porre questa domanda? Ricordate che Giovanni aveva precedentemente affermato su Gesù: "Ecco, l'Agnello di Dio, che toglie il peccato del mondo" (Giovanni 1:29). Quindi se Giovanni sapeva che Gesù era "l'Agnello di Dio, che toglie i peccati del mondo", allora perché avrebbe mandato i suoi discepoli a chiedere a Gesù se Egli è colui che deve venire?

I Padri della Chiesa esplorano molte ragioni, ma la maggior parte arriva alla conclusione che Giovanni ha fatto questo non perché non sapeva chi fosse Gesù, ma per il bene dei suoi discepoli, in modo che sarebbero venuti a seguire nostro Signore una volta che Giovanni fu ucciso da Erode. Quindi questo era un modo per cercare di indirizzare i suoi discepoli verso Gesù e incoraggiarli ad abbracciare questo nuovo cambiamento nella loro vita di fede...

In molti modi, questa è un'esperienza comune ogni volta che c'è un cambiamento nella nostra vita spirituale. Quando qualcosa è nuovo, spesso lottiamo con vari aspetti del cambiamento e della novità. Ma la vita cristiana è tutta cambiamento, trasformazione, novità di vita. E questo è bene. Dobbiamo cercare di cambiare, essere trasformati, costruire relazioni migliori e nuove, imparare nuovi modi di amare e raggiungere, e diventare molto confortevoli con ogni nuova esperienza che il nostro Signore pone nella nostra vita.

Riflettete, oggi, su qualsiasi modo in cui avete lottato con i cambiamenti nella vostra vita spirituale. Spesso, quelle cose con cui lottiamo sono in realtà gloriose opportunità per vivere la nostra fede cristiana e la carità su un nuovo livello. Cerca i cambiamenti che Dio ti sta chiamando ad abbracciare nella tua vita e sappi che anche se sono difficili, sono la via più sicura per una vita di maggiore santità per te.

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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 10th December 2022 THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT Year "A" VIGIL	<i>'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'</i>	Marriage Celebration for Brianna MAZZARELLA & Patrick MANCUSO Congratulations!	6.00pm PRO-POPULO  7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Pablo FAJARDO Erick & Elliot RIVERA Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 11th December 2022 Year "A" THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT	<i>"Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il mio messaggero, davanti a te egli preparerà la tua via".</i>	8.30am Vincenza & Mario BOFFA 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Carmela FERRANTE (Thanksgiving 100th Birthday) Vincenza & Mario BOFFA Filippo DI GIUSEPPE (4mths) Nicola DI GIUSEPPE Francesco & Evelina PERILLI	Baptism Celebration for: Dylan Walter FRYER Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 12th December 2022 3rd week of Advent Num 24:2-7,15-17: Mt 21:23-27:	Responsorial Psalm <i>Teach me our ways, O Lord.</i>		9.15am 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
Tuesday/ Martedì 13th December 2022 3rd week of Advent Zeph 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32 St Lucy, virgin, martyr	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>		9.15am Feast of St Lucy	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 14th December 2022 3rd week of Advent Is 45:6-8,18,21-26: Lk 7:19-23: St John of the Cross	Responsorial Psalm <i>Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.</i>		9.15am Feast of St John of the Cross 10.30am Rosary 11.00am Funeral Mass for Crescencia INGUANZO 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Crescencia INGUANZO May she Rest in Peace</i>   
Thursday/Giovedì 15th December 2022 Is 54:1-10: Lk 7:24-30: 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm <i>I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Masss	
Friday/Venerdì 16th December 2022 Is 56:1-3,6-8: Jn 5:33-36: 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm <i>O God, let all the nations praise you!</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Masss	


ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL *This Christmas, Wishes can come true with your donation.*
Envelopes are available in church. (Lets help the less fortunate!)
L'APPELLO NATALIZIO per la Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli. *Questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la vostra donazione. Le buste sono ottenibile in chiesa.* (Aiutiamo i meno fortunati!)

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

Liturgy of the Word 17th & 18th December 2022	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	Volunteer	G.. Piantella	J. Santos	T. Toscano / P. La Marca
II Reading	Volunteer	G.. Piantella	K. Chang	N. Oro
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	G.. Piantella	C. Goodson	G. Catena

Moving with the times - 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE 2022 ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL - Saturday 24th Dec.
 7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
 9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
 11.30pm - 12.00am Carols / Canti di Natale
 Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00am)
 Mid-night Mass (12.00am) Italian/English

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday 25th December

8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
 9.45am St. Brigid's Church (English)
 10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
 11.00am St. Brigid's Church (Italian)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday/ Domenica 1st January 2023
 8.30am St. Mark's Church (Bi-lingual)
 9.45am St. Brigid's (English)
 10.00am St. Mark's Church (Portuguese)
 11.00am St. Brigid's (Italian)

Six30 Holy Hour— 15th December 2022
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
 Cathedral Place East Melbourne.
 Every Thursday nights at 6.30pm All welcome.

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES


(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
Wednesday 15 to Friday 23 December
 7.30pm St. Brigid's Church. Each night a different Migrant Community comes together with the celebration of Holy Mass and Christmas Songs in their language, followed by fellowship. This event has been organized by the Filipino Chaplaincy and St. Brigid's Parish. All welcome.



Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal

Takes place THIS WEEKEND
"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10
 Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in many needy countries around the world. Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. Envelopes available in church.

INVITATION Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Friday** at 6:30pm in St. Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.



If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming and learning more about our rich Catholic Faith. Next RCIA meeting Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room. Interested in joining? Please contact the parish office on 94896777




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INTERCULTURAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Next Saturday, 17 December 2022 Mass 6:00 PM
 Followed by Christmas Fellowship at the Parish Hall.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
 1st Collection \$510 - 00
 2nd Collection \$300 - 00
 Envelopes \$121 - 00


ENTRATA: OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID
Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!
 Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno è il suo poter. **Rit.:**
 O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d'amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. **Rit.:**
 O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! **Rit.:**
 Onore, Lode e gloria Al Padre e al figlio, E allo Spirito Santo Nei secoli sarà. **Rit.:**



Offertorio: VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI
 Vieni, Gesù, vieni, vieni in mezzo a noi E spezza ancora il pane come facesti un di.
 Vieni tu che preghi, vieni tu che soffri: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
 Vieni tu che piangi, vieni tu che servi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.
 Vieni tu che canti, vieni tu che speri: il pane è sulla mensa manchi solo tu.



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



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, lotta 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.**

