

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (61:1-2a,10-11) The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold hence forth all generations will call me blessed. **R/**

For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. **R/**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy. **R/**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5:16-24) Brethren, rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. **Alleluia! (Lk 4:18).**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (1:6-8,19-28) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No." They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. **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 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 BLESSED BE GOD

Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this bread we offer
Fruit of the earth, work of our hands
It will become the bread of life

Refrain:

**Blessed be God, Blessed be God
Blessed be God, forever Amen
Blessed be God, Blessed be God
Blessed be God, forever Amen**

Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this wine we offer
Fruit of the vine, work of our hands
It will become the cup of joy (Ref)

Ready to eat olives in jars,
offered by Fr. Savino, available
at the entrance to the church.
You are welcome to take one.

COMMUNION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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. **Ref:**

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. **Ref:**

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 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.

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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.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – "Rejoice in the Lord always: The Lord is near."

Today, the Word of God invites us repeatedly to rejoice. The Prophet Isaiah proclaims: "They (the future generations) shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God". In the second reading, St James also invites the believers: "Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon". The Gospel translates this joyful coming in what Jesus is already accomplishing: "The blind see again and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor".

God wants our joy! The believers must know that the Good News of salvation is a message of joy and liberation from all the contradictions of human thinking and the promises of the world. Believers in Christ must express the joy of their faith, a sincere joy manifesting the certainty on Christ's victory who, despite the difficulties and the apparent contradictions, by his intervention, the future of humanity is progressing.

The most immediate joys for people are those coming from the security of everyday life seen as God's blessings: the joy of a work well done, the joy of a family united and in the togetherness of a meal, the joy of love, the joy of a child's birth. However, there is a deeper joy: the joy of those who are humble and obedient to God, recognising that all comes from God's love and persevere in their trust in God. Nothing will diminish this joy, not even the difficulties of life. God's joy is our strength. The joy of the believing community in its human experiences finds strength in the belief that time is given to constantly build a better life. The Eucharistic Celebration, then, is a privileged moment in which the Community draws from the fount of true joy: Jesus, the God with us. With this joyful vision we are preparing ourselves to celebrate the great event of Christmas.



3.za DOMENICA DI AVVENTO – "Rallegratevi perché il Signore è vicino"

La Parola di Dio oggi ci invita con insistenza alla gioia. Il profeta Isaia dice: "Essi (le generazioni future) vedranno la Gloria del Signore, la magnificenza del nostro Dio". S. Giacomo nella seconda lettura ripete l'invito: "Rinfrancate i vostri cuori, perché la venuta del Signore è vicina". Il Vangelo traduce questa gioiosa attesa nella realtà di ciò che Gesù compie: "I ciechi recuperano la vista, gli storpi camminano, i lebbrosi sono guariti, i sordi riacquistano l'udito, i morti risuscitano, ai poveri è predicata la lieta novella".

Dio vuole la nostra felicità! I cristiani devono sapere che la Buona Novella della salvezza è un messaggio di gioia e di liberazione da tutte le contraddizioni del pensiero e delle promesse del mondo. I cristiani devono comunicare la gioia di cui vivono, una gioia vera che esprime la certezza, fondata sulla vittoria di Cristo, che nonostante le difficoltà e le apparenti contraddizioni, per il suo intervento l'avvenire della umanità si stà edificando.

Le gioie più spontanee nell'uomo sono quelle recate dalle sicurezze della vita quotidiana, percepite come benedizioni di Dio: la gioia del lavoro ben fatto, la gioia di un pasto fraterno, la gioia di una famiglia unita, la gioia dell'amore, di una nascita, Ma esiste una gioia ancora più profonda: quella di coloro che si sono fatti umili e obbedienti dinanzi a Dio e attendono tutto da lui e dalla perseveranza nella fede. Nulla può allora diminuire questa gioia, nemmeno la prova. La gioia di Dio è forza. La gioia della Comunità Cristiana nella sua condizione umana e la gioia di un tempo dato per costruire una vita sempre migliore. La celebrazione Eucaristica è il momento privilegiato in cui la comunità attinge alla sorgente della vera gioia: Gesù, il Dio con noi. In questa prospettiva ci prepariamo a celebrare con rinnovata esultanza il grande evento del Natale.

Prayer for Advent Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at he wisdom and power of your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord, who enlists me in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek his will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spiritual resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Liturgical Celebration	Antiphon	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/ SABATO 12th December 2020 Year "B" Third Sunday of Advent "VIGIL"	"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'".		6.00pm PRO-POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/ DOMENICA 13th December 2020 Year "B" Third Sunday of Advent	"Io sono voce di uno che grida nel deserto: Rendete diritta la via del Signore".	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Nikolaj PREZELJ 11.00am Angelo POLLA	
Monday/Lunedì 14th December 2020 St. John of the Cross Num 24:2-7, 15-17 Mt 21: 23-27	Responsorial Psalm <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 7.00pm Santo Rosario per Michele PIATELLI	
Tuesday/Martedì 15th December 2020 3rd week of Advent Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21: 28-32	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 11.00am Messa funebre per Michele PIATELLI 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	 
Wednesday/Mercoledì 16th December 2020 3rd week of Advent Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-26; Lk 7: 19-23	Responsorial Psalm <i>Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Thursday/Giovedì 17th December 2020 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Responsorial Psalm <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 6.15pm Memorial Mass Salvatore CACAMO 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	
Friday/Venerdì 18th December 2020 3rd week of Advent Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1:18-24	Responsorial Psalm <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>	8.00am No Mass	9.15am 7.30pm Novena Nativity Mass	

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

Liturgy of the Word 12th & 13th Dec. 2020	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession
I Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	R. Omenihu	T. Toscano	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	J. Smith	T. Toscano	P. Elkins / S. Atherton
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	P. La Marca	Toscano Family

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL was held in our parish last weekend, but you can still donate. *This Christmas, Wishes can come true with your donation. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.*

L'APPELLO NATALIZIO per la Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli si è svolto lo scorso weekend, ma ci sono ancora le buste se volete donare. *Fate possibile, che questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la vostra donazione. Grazie!*

"Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal will take place THIS WEEKEND Thank you for your past support, which has funded many important projects for disadvantaged people to improve their living standards in many countries. Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more information or to donate. **There are envelopes in church available for your donation. Thank you.**

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
1 Collection \$ 370 - 00
2 Collection \$ 220 - 00
Envelopes \$ 203 - 00

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
ORARIO MESSE DEL SANTO NATALE
Thursday / Giovedì Dicembre 24 December
7.00pm St. Brigid's Church (English Mass)
9.00pm St. Brigid's Church (Spanish Mass)
Messa di Mezzanotte (12.00 am)
Mid-night Mass (12.00 am) - Bi-lingual
Friday / Venerdì 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)

JESUS IS CHRISTMAS: CAROLS SPECIAL SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER, 7PM
Broadcast on C31 (Channel 44 on digital TV) and www.youtube.com/archmelb

While our Christmas celebrations may look a little different this year, thankfully we can always return to the familiar sounds of Christmas to inspire and remind us of the reason for our Advent hope: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is Christmas – then, now, always. Together with your families, join us for this one-hour Christmas special from the comfort of your home, and sing along to your favourite carols sung by some of Melbourne's most talented musicians. Featuring Silvie Paladino, Gary Pinto, Michael Petruccelli, The Saga, Larissa Cairns, The Sully Family, Tongan Choir, Sunshine, CBD Parishes Virtual Choir and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES
 (Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
From 15 - 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.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation offers a one-year, part-time Spiritual Leaders Program for those engaged in positions of leadership in faith communities and outreach ministries. The Centre is now accepting applications for the Program. More information available at www.heartoflife.melbourne or telephone 03 9890 1101.

Willow Group & St Patrick's Cathedral present Handel's **Messiah – Part 1 excerpts, Hallelujah Chorus and Christmas Carols** 18 Professional Singers directed by Christopher Watson, with Christopher Cook, organ Thursday 17 December 2020, 7.30pm Tickets \$40; Children under 15 free. Enquiries: music@cam.org.au Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNGKY

Canto D'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.:

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. **Rit.**
 O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. **Rit.**

Canto di Comunione VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI
 Vieni, Gesù, vieni in mezzo a noi E spezza ancora il pane come facesti un dì.
 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.
 Vieni tu ch ami, vieni tu che cerchi; il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.

Canto Finale 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.**

