

4 **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

First reading:
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.
A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Words of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11) R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

or he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 2:2) Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Entratta: <u>VENITE FEDELI</u> Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita, venite, venite a Betlemme. Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Rit. Venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo, venite adoriamo il Signore Gesù. La luce del mondo brilla in una grotta; la fede di guida a Betlemme. Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Rit.	Offertorio : <u>ACCOGLI I NOSTRI DONI</u> Accogli i nostri doni, Dio dell'universo In questo misterioso incontro col tuo Figlio Ti offriamo il pane che Tu ci dai Trasformalo in Te, Signor Rit. Benedetto nei secoli il Signore Infinita sorgente della vita Benedetto nei secoli Benedetto nei secoli Accogli i nostri doni, Dio dell'universo In questo misterioso incontro col tuo Figlio Ti offriamo il vino che Tu ci dai Trasformalo in Te, Signor. Rit.	Comunione: <u>ASTRO DEL CIEL</u> Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu che i vati da lungi sognar, Tu che angeliche voci nunziar, Rit. luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2v) Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu di stirpe regale decor, Tu virgineo mistico fior. Rit. Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu disceso a scontare l'error, tu sol nato a parlare d'amor. Rit.	Fine: <u>TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE</u> 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 (2v)
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St Brigid's Fitzroy North

WEEKDAY MASSES (in Chapel)

Monday-Friday 9:15am

WEEKEEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

5:30pm English
7:00pm Spanish

Mass in Swahili

3rd Sunday 5:00pm

Sunday

9:45am English
11:00am Italian

Mass in Portuguese

(Brazilian Comm.)
Last Sunday 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Baptisms

Saturday 10:00am – 12:30pm
Sunday 12noon

Baptism Workshop

Last Tuesday of Month 7.30pm

Weddings by appointment

Office 03 9489 6777

Divine Mercy and Adoration

Every Friday at 8.30am in the chapel

Adoration 2nd Saturday 4:30pm followed by 5:30pm Mass

Faith Formation

1st Monday 9:45am
3rd Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

1st – 2nd – 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

Sacred Heart Devotion

Mass in Spanish: 1st Friday 7:00pm

CCR (Emmaus & Maranatha Prayer Groups)

Monday 7.30pm & Saturday 9.30am
in old convent

St Brigid's Food Pantry

1st Saturday after the 7.00pm Mass

Parish Hall for Hire

Inquiries 0417534352

St Mark's Princess Hill

Sunday 10:00am Portuguese

Reflection:

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS.

For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasurers in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need. Excerpts from S. Paul's Sunday Missal.



Riflessione:

L'evento dell'incarnazione del Verbo è la rivelazione perfetta e insuperabile del mistero di Dio. È nella "storia del Verbo" (san Bernardo) che l'uomo può vedere la gloria di Dio e così la vita eterna è già donata all'uomo, mentre ancora vive n e l t e m p o . Il disegno misterioso di Dio sull'umanità ora è pienamente svelato: a chi accoglie il Verbo fatto carne viene donato il potere di diventare figlio di Dio. L'uomo è chiamato a divenire partecipe della stessa filiazione divina del Verbo: ad essere nel Verbo Incarnato figlio del Padre. E il Padre genera nel Verbo Incarnato anche ogni uomo e in lui vede e ama ogni persona umana. È la suprema rivelazione della dignità di ogni persona umana, della singolare preziosità di ogni uomo. Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>

Dear parishioners,

The Scalabrinian Fathers would like to express our gratitude for your continued loving support and prayers. May your year ahead be filled with peace, health, joy, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful New Year 2026.

Warm regards and with every blessing,
The Scalabrinian Fathers
Fitzroy North Parish

The Parish Community of St Brigid's and St Mark's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY's** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units**
Telephone: 9926 5621 E: psu@cam.org.au W: [melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

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Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 3rd January 2026 Year “A” Vigil	<i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>		5:30pm Mass 7:00pm Spanish Mass	11:00AM BAPTISM of Sienna May BUTTERFIELD <i>Congratulation!</i>
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 4th January 2026 Year “A” The EPHIPHANY of the LORD	<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am Mass 11.00am Italian Mass Roslyn & Ronald Keith PATTERSON †	1:00PM WEDDING of Isabella NOCERA & Anthony CUSMANO <i>Congratulation!</i>
Monday/Lunedì 5th January 2026 Weekday of Christmas Time	<i>I will give you all the nations for your heritage.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 6th January 2026 Weekday of Christmas Time	<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 31st December 2025 7th day in Octove St Raymond of Penyafort, priest	<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	
Thursday/Giovedì 8th January 2026 Weekday of Christmas Time	<i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>			
Friday/Venerdì 9th January 2026 Weekday of Christmas Time	<i>Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.</i>		8:30pm Divine Mercy Adoration (Chapel)	2:00PM Memorial Mass for Marino Rendón MUÑOZ
The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representative of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasis the ‘Jewishness’ of Jesus, the witness to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.				
10th January 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	11th January 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		J Boffa	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		V Lobo	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sister	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Fatima Malana/ Fawaz Jeneby	
 The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959				

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 PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of 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. St John the Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us.	St Brigid’s Car Park Repair Project – 2026 Dear friends, The condition of St Brigid’s car park, particularly the main entrance to the church, has deteriorated and now presents safety concerns. There have been incidents of people tripping over broken concrete, and the situation requires urgent attention. For this reason, the parish is planning a major car park repair project in 2026. The proposed works will include: <i>an engineering inspection and assessment, excavation and surface restoration, the laying of new concrete, improved drainage, and final line marking.</i> This is a significant project that will require substantial funding. Further information will be shared in due course, including details on how parishioners can support this important work. In the meantime, your prayers and continued support are sincerely appreciated as we prepare for this project for the safety and wellbeing of our parish community. Thank you, and may you and your lovely family have a blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year 2026. With every blessing, Fr Frank Yangmintá, CS Parish Priest – Fitzroy North Parish 
PASTORAL LETTER on the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025 <i>As the Jubilee Year 2025 journeys toward conclusion in our local churches on 28th Dec, I write to you with gratitude-gratitude to God above all, and gratitude to you, the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the way you have received this year of Jubilee with faith, trust, hope and generosity.</i> <i>As we now mark the formal conclusion of the Jubilee Year, we do not bring its spirit to an end. Rather, we are invited to carry it forward. The call to be pilgrims of hope remains with us– in our families, our parishes, or workplaces, and our communities. We are sent forth to continue walking together, attentive to the presence of the Lord who journeys with us, and responsive to the needs of those we meet along the way. I encourage you to hold fast to the practices that sustained you during this year; prayer that opens the heart, the sacraments that nourish and heal, and a generosity of spirit that reflects the mercy of God. May the seeds sown during this Jubilee continue to grow, bearing fruit in lives shaped by faith, hope and love.</i> Most Rev Peter Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne. 	Online Giving Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation to The parish, <i>Thank you.</i> St. Brigid’s Collection Christmas Collection 1st Collection: \$ 1,190 2nd Collection: \$ 274 Weekend Collection 1st Collection: 436 2nd Collection: 249 Thank you for your generosity! 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. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adult) Instructions have commenced Sundays 11.00am in the Convent Conference Room.
PILGRIM & TOURISTS 10th—25th October 2026 Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France Accompanying Priest: Fr Delmar CS Escorted by Richard de Haast and Anna Wiilson For mor information: 0419 042 907 pilgrimage@scalabrini.com.au	
A COMBINE MASS PARISH FEAST OF ST BRIGID WILL BE AT PARISH HALL, SUNDAY—15TH FEBRUARY 2026—10:00AM	
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025 Envelopes for cash donations can be found in the foyer of the church. Every contribution is crucial in helping families facing financial challenges. Thank you.	