

4 **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**
The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First reading:
Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14
He who fears the Lord respects his parents
The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:
Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R./

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house, your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R./

Indeed thus shall be blessed, the man who fears the Lord bless you from Zion, all the days of your life!. R./

Second reading: Collosian 3:12-21 Family life in the world
You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.
Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
The flight into Egypt and the return to Nazareth
After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.’ So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:
I called my son out of Egypt.
After Herod’s death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.’ So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:
‘He will be called a Nazarene.’ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon:
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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. Rit.: Il Figlio di Dio, Re dell'universo, si è fatto Bambino a Betlemme. Rit.: "Sia gloria nei cieli, pace sulla terra", un angelo annunzia a Betlemme. Rit.:	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. O fratelli, adoriamo Dio disceso tra noi, per redimere il mondo si è fatto bambino. Gesù dall'altar tutti invita a seguir la sua pace che è pegno di un nuovo avvenir. R.:	Comunione: ASTRO DEL CIEL Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu che i vati da lungi sognar, Tu che angeliche voci nunziar 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, pace infondi nei cuor (2) Astro del ciel, pargol divin, mite agnello redentor! Tu disceso a scontare l'error, tu sol nato a parlare d'amor, luce dona alle menti, pace infondi nei cuor (2)	Fine: TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE 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
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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	Sunday 9:45am English 11:00am Italian
Mass in Swahili 3 rd Sunday 5:00pm	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: FLEE TO EGYPT

The Gospel of Matthew highlights the many difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph before and after the birth of Jesus. But Matthew highlights also the abiding presence of God, who is with them on every step of their journey. We see in these early episodes what Jesus will make explicit at the end of the Gospel: And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Excerpts from S. Paul's Sunday Missal.

Riflessione: Santa Famiglia di Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe

Contempliamo la Santa Famiglia e, nelle parole del vangelo di questa festività, consideriamo Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe. Subito dopo l'adorazione dei Magi, Matteo narra nel suo Vangelo la fuga in Egitto, la strage degli innocenti e il ritorno dall'Egitto: tre episodi collegati alla storia della Santa Famiglia e presentati nel Vangelo come altrettanti compimenti di profezie dell'Antico Testamento. L'angelo del Signore è apparso in sogno a Giuseppe e gli ha detto: "Alzati, prendi con te il bambino e sua madre e fuggi in Egitto, e resta là finché non ti avvertirò, perché Erode sta cercando il bambino per ucciderlo". Dio, colui che è il Salvatore, agisce in diversi modi. Un tempo aveva salvato un altro Giuseppe, sempre in Egitto, facendo sì che sfuggisse ai suoi fratelli, uscisse dalla prigione e avesse, infine, autorità e potere per aiutare i suoi fratelli e l'intera famiglia di Giacobbe, suo padre. Davvero Dio salva in diversi modi. Questa volta salva la Santa Famiglia grazie all'aiuto di un altro "giusto": san Giuseppe, spinto ad obbedire alle parole dell'angelo proprio dalla sua fiducia nel disegno divino e nel compimento della volontà celeste. "Giuseppe, destatosi, prese con sé il bambino e sua madre nella notte e fuggì in Egitto", proprio mentre Betlemme e i dintorni stavano per risuonare di pianti e lamenti, provocati dalla strage degli innocenti. Dopo la morte di Erode, sempre obbedendo alle parole dell'angelo, Giuseppe ritorna dall'Egitto, portando con sé Gesù e Maria, per stabilirsi a Nazaret. La fede in Dio e l'obbedienza alla sua parola possono cambiare il cammino della nostra vita. Così, è per la nostra salvezza che Dio ha salvato la Santa Famiglia. Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>

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