

4 **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. (Is 30:19,30)

A reading from the prophet Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, ‘Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.’ Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. *The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. *R./*

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *R./*

The heathens themselves said: “What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *R./*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *R./*

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of songs, carrying their sheaves. *R./*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:4-6,8-11) Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6) In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar’s reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Bar 5:5;4:36)

Canto D’Ingresso <u>VIENI, O SIGNORE</u> <i>Vieni, o Signore, la terra ti attende. Alleluia, alleluia!</i> O Sole che spunti da oriente, splendore di eterna bellezza, porta la luce nel mondo e la gioia. <i>Rit.</i> O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. <i>Rit.</i> All’uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell’ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l’amore. <i>Rit.</i> 	Canto D’Offertorio <u>DIO S’È FATTO COME NOI</u> Dio s’è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.  <i>Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!</i> Vieni dal grembo d’una donna, la Vergine Maria. <i>Rit.</i> Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. <i>Rit.</i> Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. <i>Rit.</i>  Our new Parish Logo “designed by” Venn Theodore	Canto Di Comunione <u>INNALZATE NEI CIELI</u> Innalzate nei cieli lo sguardo: la salvezza di Dio è vicina. Risvegliate nel cuore l’attesa, per accogliere il Re della gloria. <i>Vieni, Gesù, vieni, Gesù! Discendi dal cielo, Discendi dal cielo.</i>  Sorgerà dalla Casa di David, il Messia da tutti invocato, prenderà da una vergine il corpo, per potenza di Spirito Santo. <i>Rit.</i> Benedetta sei tu, o Maria, che rispondi all’attesa del mondo: come aurora splendente di grazia, porti al mondo il sole divino. <i>Rit.</i> Vieni, o Re, discendi dal cielo: porta al mondo il sorriso di Dio; nessun uomo ha visto il suo volto, solo tu puoi svelarci il mistero. <i>Rit.</i>	Canto Finale <u>O BELLA REGINA</u> O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all’Angiol t’inchini, ancella fedel. <i>Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria.</i> Di grazia sei piena e t’ama il Signor; Tuo Figlio è Dio, uman Redentor. O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò al mondo in peccato che egli salvò. 
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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.



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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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St Brigid's Fitzroy North

WEEKDAY MASSES (in Chapel)

Monday-Friday 9:15am

WEEKEND 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 Brazilian

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 5:00pm

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 7:30pm

CCR (Emmaus & Maranatha Prayer Groups)

Monday 7.30pm & Saturday 9.30am

in old convent

St Brigid's Food Pantry

1st Tuesday 11:00am

1st and 3rd Saturday 9:00pm

Parish Hall for Hire

Inquiries 0417534352

St Mark's Princess Hill

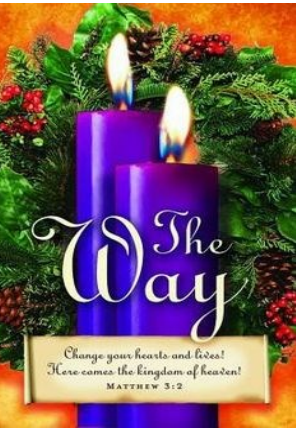
Sunday

8:30am English – Italian

10:00am Portuguese

Reflection: PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

The season of Advent is a time in which we prepare for the Lord's coming. We prepare for the feast of Christmas which commemorates his first coming as a child in Bethlehem. And we prepare also for his final coming in glory. We do this by heeding, John the Baptist's call to repentance, and by striving for 'peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. *Excerpts from St. Pauls Sunday missal*



Riflessione: PREPARATE LA VIA DEL SIGNORE

«*Prepare la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri*». Giovanni Battista ripete l'oracolo raccolto nel rotolo di Isaia e che si ritrova anche nei manoscritti di Qumran. Chiaramente, il precursore non vuole che sia dimenticata questa divina esortazione.

«*Prepare la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri*». Questo messaggio è indirizzato a ognuno di noi. Gesù bussa alla nostra porta, come un pellegrino che porta

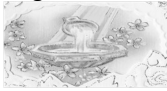
la salvezza. Nella nostra esistenza quotidiana ci sono troppi alti e bassi che devono essere livellati in modo da poter essere testimoni coerenti. **Ciò richiede la nostra fede.**

· «*Prepare la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri*». Questo messaggio coinvolge tutta la Chiesa. In tutti i luoghi della terra e in ogni situazione sociale e politica la Chiesa è chiamata ad annunciare la presenza di Dio e la venuta del suo Regno. Lo esige il **ministero profetico di annuncio della speranza.**

· «*Prepare la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri*». Questo messaggio è stato consegnato a tutta l'umanità. Credenti e non credenti sono responsabili per migliorare le condizioni di questo mondo. Per preparare un mondo migliore per tutti. Questo è il **grande compito affidato all'amore.**

Estratti da <https://www.maranatha.it> › *Festiv2*

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

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 7 th December 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “C” Vigil Mass	“Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight”.		5.30pm Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass Fiesta de las Valitas	Baptism Celebration for: Jakov Stevan GLUSICA Lorenzo GARCIA LEON Hannah Charlotte CHIVATA HERNANDEZ
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 8 th December 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “C”	“Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri!”	8.30am Mass (This mass will be closed effective in January 2025) 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am Nicola COLOSIMO	Baptism Celebration for: Noah Anthony AIELLO Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 9 th December 2024 The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Responsorial Psalm Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.		9.15am (Chapel) The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Tuesday/Martedì 10 th December 2024 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm The Lord our God comes in strength.		9.15am (Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 11 th December 2024 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm O bless the Lord my soul.		9.15am (Chapel) 7.30pm (Chapel) Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 12 th December 2024 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.		9.15am (Chapel)	
Friday/Venerdì 13 th December 2024 2nd week of Advent SAINT LUCY	Responsorial Psalm Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.		9.15am (Chapel) SAINT LUCY	
Prayer for 2nd week of Advent: Heavenly Father, You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent, cause us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding. That first Christmas, when you sent your Son, you sent the one who is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Even the angels cried out, ‘Glory to God in the Highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’ The angels knew your purpose. They know the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love that Christmas held. They recognized the fullness of God was wrapped in the tiny flesh of an infant as you humbled yourself and dwelt among us. Emmanuel. God with us as the baby Jesus.				
14 th Nov. & 15 th Dec.2024	5.30pm Vigil St.Brigid	8.30am	9.45am	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. deSouza	G. Piantella	G. Barrett	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. deSouza	G. Piantella	V. Lobo	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. deSouza	G. Piantella	K. Chang	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F. Sirianni
	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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<u>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024</u> <u>ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE</u> <u>ST. BRIGID’S AND ST MARK’S</u> <u>CHRISTMAS VIGIL - TUESDAY 24 DEC.</u> <u>ST. MARK’S - NO MASS!</u> <u>ST. BRIGID’S</u> 6.30pm (Spanish) 8.00pm (English) 9.30pm Christmas Carols 10.00pm Italian/English <u>CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY 25 DEC.</u> <u>ST. MARK’S</u> 8.30am (Italian/English) <u>*The last Mass!</u> 10.00am (Portuguese) <u>ST. BRIGID’S</u> 9.45am (English) 11.00am (Italian) 7.00pm (Spanish) <u>NEW YEAR - WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2025</u> <u>S. MARK’S</u> 8.30am <u>*this Mass is closed, effective today!</u> 10.00am (Portuguese) <u>ST. BRIGID’S</u> 9.45am (English) 11.00am (Italian) 7.00pm (Spanish)	PARISH ADVENT PREPARATION 2024 <u>2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION</u> (COMMUNAL CELEBRATION) THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2024 6.00pm - 7.00pm <u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u> 15th — 23rd DECEMBER at 7.30pm (5.30pm on SATURDAYS) <u>PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> MASS and DINNER SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER at 6.30pm ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A PLATE (FOOD FROM YOUR COUNTRY) TO SHARE! Everyone is welcome to HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY Friday at 8.30am in the Chapel. PILGRIMS & TOURISTS Portugal — Spain — France — Italy 27th May to 17th June 2025 Accompanied by our own Fr. Fabio Esteban. If you are interested in a life-time experience and visiting many pilgrimage places like (Fatima, Lourdes, Padre Pio and many more) Contact Vi-aTour (02) 9799 3222 or Father Fabio on 0410001462 For more details, please see flyer at the entrance. EXCELSIS As a choir, Excelsis has a very special reason to look forward to the Christmas season: once again, we join other choirs to participate in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. We do hope you will join us again this year as we sing in the spirit of Christmas 2024. Details are as follows Date: This Sunday 8th December 5:30pm St Martin’s Anglican Church, 27 Cromwell Road, South Yarra This is a free event just come along to celebrate Christmas with us! Christmas Appeal This Christmas, families like Sakhina’s are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world’s largest refugee camp. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas. Donate today at caritas.org.au/christmas	 Online Giving Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation to the parish. Thank you. <u>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</u> <u>“CHRISTMAS APPEAL”</u> will take place from this weekend to Sunday 15 December. Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance to the church. Please take one and bring it back with your donation by Sunday 15 December. Thank you! <u>APPELLO NATALIZIO</u> Buste della Società di San Vincenzo de Paoli per l’Appello Natalizio si trovano sul tavolo all’entrata della chiesa. Vi preghiamo di prenderne una e portarla indietro con la vostra offerta Domenica 15 Dicembre oppure prima. Grazie! <u>CARPET REFURBISHMENT UPDATE</u> Donations to date: \$17,000 Total cost: \$82,000 Remaining budget: \$65,000 Church will be closed from 28th Jan-28th Feb 2025 St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection 1st Collection \$ 690 - 00 2nd Collection \$ 400 - 00 JUBILEE YEAR 2025 2025 will be marked as the Jubilee year by Pope Francis. There will be pilgrimages and programs that the parishioners can download through the Archdiocese of Melbourne’s website: Parish Jubilee Pack - Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne 2025.pdf 