

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.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10
A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse ,a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid,calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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./**

For 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./**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R./**

A reading from the Letter to the Romans (15:4-9) Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the ex-amples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name. **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 Matthew (3:1-12)
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:
A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to pro-duce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for re-pentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

ENTRATA:
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
Rit.
O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita.
Rit.
All'uomo che piange tristezza E geme nell'ombra di morte, porta la tua speranza e l'amore.
Rit.



OFFERTORIO:
VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI
Vieni, Gesù, vieni, 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



COMUNIONE:DIO S'È FATTO COME NOI
Dio s'è fatto come noi, per farci come lui.
Vieni, Gesù, resta con noi! Resta con noi!
Vieni dal grembo d'una donna, la Vergine Maria. *Rit.*
Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. *Rit.*
Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. *Rit.*
Egi ci ha dato la sua vita, insieme a questo pane. *Rit.*
Noi, che mangiamo questo pane, saremo tutti amici. *Rit.*
Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, Vedremo la sua gloria. *Rit.*
Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi: Resta con noi per sempre. *Rit.*



FINALE:
NOME DOLCISSIMO
Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore.
Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!
Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella.
Ascolta il grido dell'alma mia: Ave Maria, ave Maria
Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero,
Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!





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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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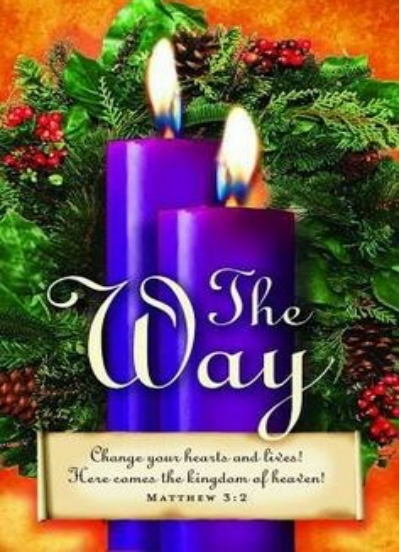
St Brigid's Fitzroy North
WEEKDAY MASSES (in Chapel)
Monday-Friday 9:15am
WEEKEEND MASS TIMES

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 (For the 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: GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR:
John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas. Excerpts from S. Paul's Sunday Missal.



Riflessione: SECONDA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO
In san Matteo e san Marco, la predicazione di Giovanni Battista è il segnale dell'inizio dell'azione pubblica di Gesù. Con il suo discorso che chiama alla conversione, la presenza vicina diventa il messaggio di Gesù: "Il regno dei cieli è vicino!", e la differenza con questo si fa chiara: i battesimi di Giovanni non permettono di rimettere i peccati. San Matteo con le sue parole ci dà un'idea della grande importanza di Giovanni Battista, della sua influenza e della sua azione. Nelle parole di san Matteo si legge la convinzione che Israele si trovi in una situazione senza uscita. Non vi è più la sicurezza collettiva che derivava dall'appartenenza alla discendenza di Abramo. L'avvenire di ognuno dipende dalle proprie azioni: "Fate frutti degni di conversione!". Tuttavia l'avvenire è anche nelle mani di Dio, cioè nelle mani di colui che verrà dopo Giovanni: la mano che separa il buon grano dalla zizzania compirà presto la sua opera. Il giudizio che verrà è anche la ragione per cui Giovanni invita alla conversione. Israele è alla fine della sua sapienza. Anche se Giovanni Battista non ha ancora un'idea chiara di colui che verrà dopo di lui, sa una cosa: egli è il più forte. Giudicare è fare una scelta. Così, prepararsi al giudizio è prendere una decisione. <https://www.lachiesa.it>

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		Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 6th December 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “A” Vigil	“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”	Baptism Celebration for: Sebastian ZELADA Congratulations! 	5.30pm Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebration for: Jessica PARKER & Gregorius OJO Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 7th December 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “A”	“Convertitevi, perchè il regno dei cieli è vicino!”.	St. Mark’s Church 10.00am Mass <i>(Portuguese Community)</i>	9.45am Dec. Members of the ONGARATO Family 11.00am Intenzioni <i>(vedere prossima pagina)</i>	3.00pm Healing Mass CCR Melbourne
Monday/Lunedì 8th December 2025 Year ‘A’ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Responsorial Psalm <i>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Mary KERR †	
Tuesday/Martedì 9th December 2025 Year ‘A’ 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord our God comes in strength.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) ANTON †	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 10th December 2025 Year ‘A’ 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm <i>O bless the Lord my soul.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Betty and Leo FITZGERALD †	7.30pm Mass in Chapel In Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  <i>(Filipino Chaplaincy)</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 11th December 2025 Year ‘A’ 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Mary and Adele BYRNE †	
Friday/Venerdì 12th December 2025 Year ‘A’ 2nd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm <i>Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.</i>		8:30pm Divine Mercy and Adoration(Chapel) 9.15am Mass (Chapel) Rita and Lawrie HIGGINS †	
13th December 2025 (Vigil)	5.30pm	14th December 2025	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		F. Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		S. Atherton	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sister	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C. Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC				
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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Parish News...
Notizie di casa nostra...

Please be reminded that our next PPC Meeting is on

Tuesday, 9 December at 6pm.

Hope all can come to the meeting so that we can organise as early as possible the Christmas Mass and Party on Saturday 20th December.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES/ ORARIO DELLE MESSEDEL S. NATALE 2025

ST BRIGID’S & ST MARK’S

CHRISTMAS VIGIL
WEDNESDAY, 24th DECEMBER 2025

ST MARK’S
NO MASS!

ST BRIGID’S
6:30PM (SPANISH)
8:00PM (ENGLISH)


ST BRIGID’S
9:30pm (CHRISTMAS CAROLS)
10:00pm (ITA/ENGLISH)

CHRISTMAS DAY
THURSDAY, 25th DECEMBER 2025

ST MARK’S
10:00am (PORTUGUESE)

ST BRIGID’S
9:45am (ENGLISH)
11:00am (ITALIAN)

NEW YEAR
THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY 2026

ST MARK’S
10:00am (PORTUGUESE)

ST BRIGID’S
9:45am (ENGLISH)
11:00 (ITALIAN)

MIERCOLES
31 DECIEMBRE

ST BRIGID’S
7:00pm MISA VIGILIA (ESPAÑOL)

St. Brigid’s Collection
1st Collection \$430 - 00
2nd Collection \$300 - 00

11.00am MASS INTENTIONS
Defunti Membri della famiglia ONGARATO
C. PIANTELLA - S. e A. ANDREETTA
B. e L.. PIANTELLA – P. GANEO - L. MOLARO
Emilia MASCIA - Antonietta BERNAR
Maria ALESSI - Sabino FABRIS
Ulisse FURLANETTO - Santo COLOSIMO

FESTA IN ONORE DI SANTA LUCIA
Domenica 14 Dicembre 2025, qui alle ore 2.30pm.
Tutti invitati a parteciapre.


We thank 17 young people from our parish together with more than 6,000 young pilgrims from around Australia who attended the ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival) on 30 Nov—2 Dec 2025. It was indeed a life-changing event of faith, friendship and transformative encounters with Jesus Christ.


ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held in our parish over two weekends 6/7th & 13th/14th December 2025
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 si svolgerà nella nostra parrocchia durante due weekends 6/7 e 13/14 Dicembre 2025
Questo Natale, i desideri possono diventare realtà con la vostra donazione. Le buste sono ottenibile in chiesa. (Aiutiamo i meno fortunati!)

Online Giving
Please scan this QR Code
if anyone wishes to make an online donation to The parish, Thank you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER
SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER AT 6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME !

PLEASE BRING A PLATE (FOOD FROM YOUR COUNTRY) TO SHARE ! Thank You.

PARISH ADVENT PREPARATION 2025
2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION (COMMUNALCELEBRATION)
THURSDAY, 18th DECEMBER 2025
6:00pm-7:00pm

MULTI-CULTURAL NATIVITY NOVENA MASSES

(Simbang Gabi/ Misa de Aguinaldo)
Monday 15th to Tuesday 23th 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 are welcome.



OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Instructions have commenced
Sundays 11.00am
in the Convent Conference Room.