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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

A reading from the prophet Malachi 3:1-4
The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **R./**

Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. **R./**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **R./**

Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory. **R./**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 2:14-18
Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Entrata: TERRA TUTTA <i>Terra tutta, dá lode a Dio</i> Canta al tuo Signore Servite Dio nell'allegrezza, con canti di gioia andate a Lui. Rit. Poiché il Signore é nostro Dio, da lui siamo creati, e siamo suoi. Rit. Noi siamo il gregge che egli pasce Il popolo suo; gloria al Signor. Rit. Gloria al Signore, Padre e Figlio, e Spirito Santo. Lode al Signor. Rit. 	Offertorio: GUARDA QUESTA OFFERTA Guarda questa offerta Guarda noi, Signor. Tutto noi t'offriamo Per unirci a te. Nella tua messa La nostra messa Nella tua vita La nostra vita Che possiamo offrirti Nostro Creator, ecco il nostro niente prendilo, Signor. Rit. 	Comunione: SYMBOL Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me. Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio. Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mi pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai	Fine: 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, otta 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. 
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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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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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 3 rd Sunday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:45am English 11:00am Italian Mass in Brazilian Last Sunday 5:00pm
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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

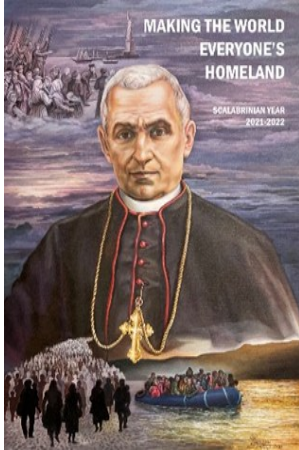
Sunday
10:00am Portuguese

Reflection:
A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS.
Forty days have passed since the feast of Christmas. We have long since taken down our Christmas decorations with their multi coloured lights. But hopefully the light of Christ continues to shine brightly among us. The candles we use in liturgy remind us that Christ is our light and that we, in turn, are called to reflect this light to others.

Riflessione:
PRESENTAZIONE DEL SIGNORE
Il vecchio Simeone, certo della promessa ricevuta, riconosce Gesù e la salvezza di cui il Cristo è portatore e accetta il compiersi della sua esistenza. Anche Anna, questa profetessa ormai avanti negli anni, che aveva però passato quasi tutta la sua vita in preghiera e penitenza riconosce Gesù e sa parlare di lui a quanti lo attendono. Anna e Simeone, a differenza di molti altri, capiscono che quel bimbo è il Messia perché i loro occhi sono puri, la loro fede è semplice e perché, vivendo nella preghiera e nell'adesione alla volontà del Padre, hanno conquistato la capacità di riconoscere la ricchezza dei tempi nuovi. Prima ancora di Simeone e Anna è la fede di Maria che permette all'amore di Dio per noi di tramutarsi nel dono offertoci in Cristo Gesù. Giovanni Paolo II nella "Redemptoris Mater" ci ricorda che "quello di Simeone appare come un secondo annuncio a Maria, poiché le indica la concreta dimensione storica nella quale il Figlio compirà la sua missione, cioè nell'incomprensione e nel dolore" (n. 16).
Estratti da <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

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 1 st February 2025 Year “C” Vigil Mass THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	<i>"Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord".</i>		5.30pm Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass	<i>Baptism celebration for: Thomas REYES-OJEDA Carlton Noah CHIVERS Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 2 nd February 2025 Year “C” THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	<i>"Ogni maschio primogenito sarà sacro al Signore".</i>	10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am	<i>All month of February weekend masses will be celebrated in the parish hall.</i>
Monday/Lunedí 3 rd February 2025 4th Week in Ordinary Time	<i>Responsorial Psalm Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 4 th February 2025 4th Week in Ordinary Time	<i>Responsorial Psalm They will praise you Lord, who long for you.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 5 th February 2025 Saint Agata	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Saint Agata 7.30pm (Chapel or Hall) Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Thursday/Giovedì 6 th February 2025 Saint Paul Miki and Companions	<i>Responsorial Psalm God, in your temple, we ponder your love.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Saint Paul Miki and Companions	
Friday/Venerdì 7 th February 2025 4th Week in Ordinary Time	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>		8.30am (Chapel) Divine Mercy chaplet and adoration 9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.30pm (Parish Hall) 1st Friday Spanish Mass	
8 th February 2025 (Vigil)	5.30pm	9 th February 2025	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		E. Tran	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C & C Smith / J. D'Souza	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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Church will be closed from Monday, 3rd February—28th February 2025 Due to carpet refurbishment. Parishioners who would like to donate can use the QR Code and choose ‘payment’ for <u>carpet refurbishment</u>. <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> 	FESTA IN ONORE DELL MADONNA DI LOURDES Domenica prossima 9 Febbraio 2025 Inizio alle 2.30pm con la Santa Messa celebrata nella sala parrocchiale seguita dalla processione intorno al cortile della chiesa. Si conclude la celebrazione con la Benedizione Eucaristica. Un cordiale invito é rivolto a tutta la comunità.	Online Giving Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation to the parish. Thank you. 
	St. Brigid’s Collection (2wks) 1st Collection \$600 - 00 2nd Collection \$440 - 00	
 The Jubilee Prayer Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.	 A Combine Mass PARISH FEAST OF ST BRIGID will be at Parish Hall, SUNDAY, 16th February 2025 10:30am Light refreshments to follow.	CARPET REFURBISHMENT UPDATE Donations to date: \$18,050 Total cost: \$82,000 Remaining budget: \$63,950
	CONGRATULATIONS and BLESSINGS Our parish community joins in congratulating and offering our prayers and best wishes to our two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne Rev. Fr Thinh Nguyen and Rev Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ who on Saturday 1 February 2025 their Episcopal Ordination took place at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Main Celebrant Archbishop Peter Comensoli joined by many bishops, priests, deacons family and friends. May our Loving God fill them with blessings and guide them In this new and important appointment.	Everyone is welcome to HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY Friday at 8.30am in the Chapel.
YEAR OF JUBILEE ARCHDIOCESE PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE The designated Pilgrim Places are: • St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne • St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family), West Melbourne • St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs • St Luke’s, Lalor • St Mary Magdalene’s, Trentham • Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/ Essendon • St Dominic’s, Camberwell East • St Francis Xavier, Mansfield • Sacred Heart, Croydon • Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough • Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough • St Patrick’s, Mentone • St Macartan’s, Mornington 	THANK YOU FR. TOMAS We sincerely thank Fr.Tomas Ruiz who kindly offered his spiritual guidance and service while Fr. Gesner was away on holiday, he will be back on the 15th February 2025.	Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and of the Church, man of charity and communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle of the catechism, and father to the migrants. We rely on your intercession to receive God’s blessings on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity, through your intercession, grant us the grace ... (pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen. Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us! 
	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 ViaTour (02) 9799 3222 or Father Fabio on 0410001462 For more details, please see flyer at the entrance.	