

A reading from the Book of Zephaniah (3:14-18)
Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
R./

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted.
R./

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
R./

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)
I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3: 10-18
When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’ A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them
The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. (Is 35:4)

Canto D’Ingresso CANTO PER CRISTO Canto per Cristo che mi libererà Quando verrà nella gloria; Quando la vita con lui rinascerà, Allelu, alleluia. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA! Canto per Cristo: in Lui rifiorirà ogni speranza perduta. Ogni creatura con Lui risorgerà. Allelu, alleluia. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA! Canto per Cristo: un giorno tornerà! Festa per tutti sarà. Festa sul mondo che più non morirà. Allelu, alleluia. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELU, ALLELUIA!	Canto D’Offertorio VIENI O SIGNORE <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>R.</i> O Re della terra e dei popoli, che guidi con forza e dolcezza porta la pace nel mondo e la vita. <i>R.</i>	Canto Di Comunione DIO S’È FATTO COME NOI 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> Tutta la storia lo aspettava: il nostro Salvatore. <i>Rit.</i> Egli era un uomo come noi e ci ha chiamato amici. <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> Noi, che crediamo nel suo amore, vedremo la sua gloria <i>Rit.</i> Vieni, Signore, in mezzo a noi, resta con noi per sempre <i>Rit.</i>	Canto Finale È L’ORA CHE PIA È l’ora che pia la squilla fedel. Le note c’invia dell’Ave del ciel. <i>Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, ave, Maria!</i> Nel piano di Dio l’eletta sei tu, Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù. <i>Rit.</i> A te, Immacolata, la lode, l’amor: Tu doni alla Chiesa il suo Salvatore. <i>Rit</i>
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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: REJOICE IN THE LORD!

A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

Excerpts from St. Pauls Sunday missal.



Riflessione:

RALLEGRATEVI SEMPRE NEL SIGNORE

L'annuncio profetico di Giovanni Battista trova un'eco in quelli che lo ascoltano. Vanno da lui per domandargli:“Cosa dobbiamo fare?”. Giovanni si rifà alla tradizione dei profeti e risponde che la condizione necessaria è il compimento del

comandamento dell'amore del proprio prossimo, espressione reale dell' amore di Dio. Giovanni non esige la durezza della vita che egli conduce, non disapprova neanche le attività proprie ai laici che vanno verso di lui. Tuttavia, egli sa indicare a ognuno quello che deve convertire in se stesso, e come realizzare i propri doveri verso il prossimo, e nello stesso tempo indicare loro chiaramente dove risiedono l'ingiustizia e l'errore che devono essere superati.Quando gli si domanda se egli è il Messia, Giovanni Battista risponde di no, e non accetta alcun legame alla sua persona, nessuna adesione personale qualunque essa sia. Con umiltà proclama che il Messia si trova sulla terra, che lui solo possiede il battesimo vero. Questo non si farà con l'acqua, ma con lo Spirito Santo e il fuoco, per tutti coloro che vorranno vivere la conversione completa. Solo il Messia potrà riunire il frumento e bruciare la paglia in un rogo, dettare il giudizio della misericordia. Giovanni non è neanche degno di slegare i suoi sandali; a lui, Giovanni, è stato solo chiesto di preparare il cammino del Signore.

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](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid		Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 14 th December 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “C” Vigil Mass	“I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire”		4.30pm Adoration followed by 5.30pm Mass <u>NO 7.00pm Spanish Mass</u> Mass 9.30am Tomorrow at the Marian Centre Bacchus Marsh		Baptism Celebration for: Gabriel David CALCEDO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 15 th December 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “C”	“Io vi battezzo con acqua; ma viene colui che è più forte di me e vi battezzera in Spirito Santo e fuoco”	8.30am Mass † Anna MARCHESAN (This mass will be closed effective in January 2025) 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am † Gaeton BONGIOVANNI 2.30pm Santa Messa in Onore di Santa Lucia 7.30pm Christmas Novena		
Monday/Lunedí 16 th December 2024 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm Teach me your ways, O Lord.		9.15am (Chapel) 7.30pm Christmas Novena		
Tuesday/Martedì 17 th December 2024 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.		9.15am (Chapel) 7.30pm Christmas Novena		
Wednesday/Mercoledì 18 th December 2024 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.		9.15am (Chapel) 7.30pm Christmas Novena		
Thursday/Giovedì 19 th December 2024 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!		9.15am (Chapel) 10.00am Funeral Mass for Anna MARCHESAN † 6.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7.30pm Christmas Novena		Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our dear parishioner Anna MARCHESAN May she rest in peace. 
Friday/Venerdì 20 th December 2024 3rd week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.		9.15am (Chapel) 7.30pm Christmas Novena		
21 st Nov. & 22 nd Dec.2024	5.30pm Vigil St.Brigid	8.30am	9.45am	11.00am St. Brigid	
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	L. Eyles	G. Piantella	F. Malana	T. Toscano	
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	P. La Marca	
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	C Smith	G. Catena	
Altar Servers			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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<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) <i>*The last Mass!</i> 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 <i>*this Mass is closed, effective today!</i> 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! <i>We will need volunteers for table setting at the hall from 11am</i> 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. 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	 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: \$18,000 Total cost: \$82,000 Remaining budget: \$64,000 Church will be closed from 28th Jan-28th Feb 2025 A special thank you to a very kind parishioner who last week donated \$1000. God bless you. St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection 1st Collection \$ 600 - 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
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		