

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawn-ing brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and in-cense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1.

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 judge-ment. (R.)
2.

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.)
3.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4.

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.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Je-sus, through the gospel. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Ingresso:	Offertorio:	Comunione:	Fine:
VENITE FEDELI	IL NATALE DEL SIGNORE	ASTRO DEL CIEL	TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE
Venite Fedeli, l'angelo ci invita, venite, venite a Betlemme. Nasce per noi Cristo Salvatore. Venite adori-amo, venite adoriamo, venite adori-amo 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 an-nunzia a Betlemme. Rit:.	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 inTe: Tu sei salvezza, sei porta del ciel. O fratelli, adoriamo Dio disceso tra noi, per redimere il mondo si è fatto bambin. Gesù dall'altar tutti invita a seguir la sua pace che è pegno di un nuovo avvenir. R.:	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)	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 crea-tore, 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 povero ancora (2 v)



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.



FITZROY NORTH PARISH

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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

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

10:00am Portuguese

Reflection

GOD, BLESS OUR HOME

A house is made of materials that are replaceable. But a home is founded on relationships, love, memories, joys and pains, births and deaths. No material compensation can ever be made for the loss of these. On this feast of the Holy Family we pray, ‘God, bless our home’, whatever its shape may be.

Excerpts from St. Pauls Sunday missal.



Riflessione:

L'inquietudine e l'incomprensione di Maria e di Giuseppe, nonostante la loro vicinanza a Gesù, nonostante che siano stati preparati da Dio al compito di accompagnare i primi passi della vita di Gesù, ci riportano a quello che è il nostro atteggiamento di fronte all'opera di Dio in noi e intorno a noi. Ogni essere è un mistero per quelli che lo circondano. La sofferenza che nasce da questa solitudine collettiva non trova pace se non nella fede. Noi siamo vicini gli uni agli altri perché siamo tutti amati di un amore divino. L'amore che ci unisce, lungi dall'abolire il nostro essere diversi gli uni dagli altri, rafforza, anima e sviluppa quanto c'è di originale in noi. Ma solo una carità che venga da Dio può mettere nei nostri cuori una tale disposizione. Maria e Giuseppe non hanno capito a fondo ciò che Gesù diceva o faceva. Ma hanno accettato, nella fede e per amore, di vederlo compiere la sua vita e adempiere alla sua missione, partecipandovi nell'oscurità della loro fede. Che lezione per noi! Quando non capiamo l'azione del nostro prossimo, perché supera le nostre capacità, dobbiamo saper amare senza capire: solo con un tale atteggiamento tutto diventa possibile. .

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	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 28 th December 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year “C” Vigil Mass			5.30pm Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass Eugenio LBEIKOVSKY†	Baptism Celebration for: Mia Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 28 th December 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year “C”		8.30am This mass is now closed 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	
Monday/Lunedì 30 th December 2024 6th Day in the Octave	Responsorial Psalm Let heaven and earth exult in joy!		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 12.00pm Wedding of Paula & Arturo 7.00pm Memorial Mass Elena GONZALEZ †	Congratulation for the wedding of Arturo and Paula 
Tuesday/Martedì 31 st December 2024 7th day in Octave	Responsorial Psalm Let heaven and earth exult in joy!		9.15am Mass(Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1 st January 2025 Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Responsorial Psalm May God bless us in his mercy	10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
Thursday/Giovedì 2 nd January 2025 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Responsorial Psalm All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	.
Friday/Venerdì 3 rd January 2025 Friday before the Epiphany	Responsorial Psalm All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God		8.30am Divine Mercy adoration 9.15am Mass (Chapel) 10.00am Baptism Santiago & Matias 11.00am Funeral for Constantina DI MONTE †	Baptism Celebration for: Santiago & Matias Congratulations! Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Constantina DI MONTE. May she rest in peace
4 th & 5 th January 2025	5.30pm Vigil St.Brigid		9.45am	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	Spanish Community		J Santos	T. Toscano
II Reading	Spanish Community		MC Sisters	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	Spanish Community		D. Dunlevie	G. Catena
Altar Servers	W. Malana		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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Notizie di casa nostra...

NEW YEAR - WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2025

S. MARK'S
8.30am *this Mass is closed
10.00am (Portuguese)
ST. BRIGID'S
9.45am (English)
11.00am (Italian)
7.00pm (Spanish)

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.

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

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection
1st Collection \$ N/A
2nd Collection \$ N/A

CARPET REFURBISHMENT UPDATE
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.

Everyone is welcome to
HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY
EVERY Friday at 8.30am in the Chapel.

Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal
Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.
There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.
This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please
Donate today:
<http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

YEAR OF JUBILEE
ARCHDIOCESAN 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 Melb.
- 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

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