

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’ Then Isaiah said: ‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.’

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R./**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R./**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R./**

A reading from the Letter to the Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.
This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.the Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us.’ When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife home. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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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 (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: A MAN OF HONOUR

Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God’s plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God’s word to him. He is an example for us all.
Excerpts from S. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione: IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Ma chi è il vero padre di Gesù? È una domanda che si pone anche Giuseppe nel nostro testo di oggi. E la risposta è assolutamente chiara: è “per opera dello Spirito Santo” che Maria aspetta un bambino. Ma il testo esprime senza dubbio ancora qualcosa di più. Non è perché è stato generato in questo modo straordinario che Gesù è l’obiettivo della storia di Israele e il fondamento di una nuova comunità; si tratta piuttosto di capire che in Gesù Dio si è unito con noi uomini, come rimedio estremo e per sempre. E ciò per liberarci dalla fatalità della colpa del peccato. Ecco perché il figlio di Maria deve portare il nome di Gesù, cioè: “Il Signore salva”, ed ecco perché noi possiamo anche chiamare Gesù Emanuele, che si traduce “Dio è con noi”. È il messaggio con il quale Matteo inizia il suo Vangelo. Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>

Christmas Message

As we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus — our Lord and Saviour, our Brother and Friend — we rejoice in the angel’s proclamation: “I bring you news of great joy for all the people” (Lk 2:10). Jesus is born in the midst of our lives and journeys. He does not promise a life without difficulties, but he promises to be God-with-us — Immanuel — bringing peace, joy, and consolation. Though many of us are far from loved ones this Christmas, we are one family in the parish community of St Brigid’s and St Mark’s. May the birth of Jesus unite us in love and service, and deepen our commitment to live our Parish Vision of missionary discipleship. I wish you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year.
Fr Frank, CS
Parish Priest – Fitzroy North Parish



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