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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. (Is 45:8)

A reading from the prophet Micah (5:1-4)
The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord come to our help. *R./*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. *R./*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. *R./*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10)
This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’ Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:39-45)
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’
The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel. (Is 7:14)

Canto D’Ingresso <u>OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID</u> <i>Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor!</i> Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno é il suo poter. <i>Rit.:</i> O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d’amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. <i>Rit.:</i> O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! <i>Rit.:</i>	Canto D’Offertorio <u>VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI</u> 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 ami, vieni tu che cerchi: il pane è sulla mensa, manchi solo tu.	Canto Di Comunione <u>DIO S’È FATTO COME NOI</u> 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 <u>DELL’AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA</u> Dell’aurora Tu sorgi più bella, coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra, e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra non vi è stella più bella di Te. <i>Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te.</i> Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare. La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio, Le tue gote, bacciate dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior. T’incoronano dodici stelle. Al tuo piè piegano l’ali del vento Della luna s’incurva l’argento Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel.
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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

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: BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED

From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people. God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience. Excerpts from St. Pauls Sunday missal

Called to shine the light of Christ that is in you



Dear friends,

Christmas is a season of light. It is the light that Jesus brings into our lives. Jesus himself is the Light. He is inviting us today to shine that light onto the lives of others we encounter every day. This is beautifully reflected through the blessing of the advent wrath and the four candles in it symbolising hope, peace, joy, and love. The culmination of this season is the Christmas day where we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Today we light the candle of Jesus Christ. He is the light and in Him only, we experience true hope, peace, joy, and love. With the help of God’s grace we may be able to share

and shine joyfully the light of Christ that is already within us.

In this joyful occasion of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ in our lives, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and everyone of you who has always been part of our parish life. Thank you for your continued support in making our parish more vital and vibrant. I acknowledge and appreciate the untiring effort and collaboration of all the staffs and volunteers. Let us shine onto others the light of Jesus Christ by being ourselves joyful missionary disciples of Jesus for one another.

I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr Frank Yangmintanta, CS

Parish Priest

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 21 st December 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “C” Vigil Mass	“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”		6.30pm Multicultural Novena Parish Christmas Mass followed by dinner in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome!	Baptism Celebration for: Ana Sofia DIAZ-CRISTANCHO Harper BAGGIO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 22 nd December 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year “C”	“Benedetta tu fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del tuo grembo!”	8.30am REBESCHINI family † 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO POPULO 11.00am 7.30pm Christmas Novena	
Monday/Lunedì 23 rd December 2024 4th week of Advent	Responsorial Psalm Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.		9.15am Carmen GALEA Rodney GALEA † 10.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for the late Salvatore OTTONE 7.30pm Christmas Novena	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Salvatore OTTONE. May he rest in peace! † 
CHRISTMAS VIGIL VIGILIA DEL S. NATALE CHRISTMAS SANTO NATALE		6.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Spanish) 8.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English) 9.30pm Christmas Carols 10.00pm Christmas Mass (Bi-lingual) Santo COLOSIMO - Luigi MARCON †	8.30am (Last Mass) For all parishioners 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45.am Angela MEDDI † 11.00am Santo COLOSIMO - Luigi MARCON † Luigi e Immacolata CAPODANNO 7.00pm Spanish Mass 
Thursday/Giovedì 26 th December 2024 St. Stephen, first martyr	Responsorial Psalm Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.		9.15am (Chapel) St. Stephen	
Friday/Venerdì 27 th December 2024 St. John, apostle	Responsorial Psalm Let the just rejoice in the Lord.		9.15am (Chapel) St. John	
28 th & 29 th Dec.2024	5.30pm Vigil St.Brigid	8.30am	9.45am	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm		G. Piantella	F. Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading		G. Piantella	S. Atherton	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful		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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Parish News...

Notizie di casa nostra...

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


CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024
ORARIO DELLE MESSE DEL S. NATALE
ST. BRIGID'S AND ST MARK'S
CHRISTMAS VIGIL - TUESDAY 24 DEC.
ST. MARK'S - NO MASS!
ST. BRIGID'S
6.30pm (Spanish)
8.00pm (English)
9.30pm Christmas Carols
10.00pm Italian/English
CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY 25 DEC.
ST. MARK'S
8.30am (Italian/English) **The last Mass!*
10.00am (Portuguese)
ST. BRIGID'S
9.45am (English)
11.00am (Italian)
7.00pm (Spanish)
NEW YEAR - WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2025
ST. MARK'S
8.30am **this Mass is closed, effective today!*
10.00am (Portuguese)
ST. BRIGID'S
9.45am (English)
11.00am (Italian)
7.00pm (Spanish)

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES
Organized by the Filipino chaplaincy
From 15th -23rd December 2024
at 7.30pm in Church

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES
*available on the seats and on the table at
the entrance to the church. The
Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your
kindness and generosity.*
BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE
*si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della
chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra
gentilezza e generosità.*

**On behalf of Frs. Frank, Vito, Joselito,
Fabio & Gesner, they wish you all a**
***Joyful & Blessed Christmas**
***Buon Natale** (Italian)
***Feliz Navidad** (Spanish)
***Feliz Natal** (Portuguese)
***Maligayang Pasko** (Philipino)
***Joyeux Noël** (French)
***Selamat Natal** (Indonesian)
***Krismasi Njema** (Swahili)
***शुभ क्रिसमस** (Hindi) ***Chúc Mừng Giáng Sinh**
(Vietnamese) ***圣诞老人** (Mandarin)
***메리 크리스마스** (Korean)

PARISH ADVENT PREPARATION 2024
CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS
15th — 23rd DECEMBER at 7.30pm
(5.30pm on SATURDAYS)
PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
MASS and DINNER
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER at 6.30pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!
PLEASE BRING A PLATE (FOOD FROM
YOUR COUNTRY) TO SHARE!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**
You are warmly invited to a family concert
of traditional and modern Christmas carols
in the beautiful and inspiring space of St
Patrick's Cathedral on **today** Sunday
22 December at 3pm. Featuring the
Cathedral Choir Schola, Cathedral Brass,
grand organ and soloists, and directed by
Dr Philip Matthias, the concert is a free
event.

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.

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 sec-
ond-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 sani-
tation, and help reduce the spread of deadly
waterborne diseases this Christmas.
Donate today at caritas.org.au/christmas

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
"CHRISTMAS APPEAL"**
will take place from this weekend
to Sunday 15 December. Enve-
lopes are available on the table at
the entrance to the church.
Please take one and bring it back
with your donation as soon as
possible.Thank you!
APPELLO NATALIZIO
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 al piu' presto possibile.
Grazie!

**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.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection
1st Collection \$ 325 - 00
2nd Collection \$ 240 - 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](#)
