ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.
Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. ***R.***

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. ***R.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. ***R.***

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.
Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.'
Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon :

With the Lord is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Entrata: TI ESALTO, DIO, MIO RE

Ti esalto, Dio, mio re,
Canteró in eterno a te:
Io voglio lodarti, Signor,
E benedirti. Alleluia!

Il Signore é degno d'ogni lode,
Non si puo misurar la sua grandezza
Ogni vivente proclama la sua gloria,
La sua opera é giustizia e veritá.

Il Signore é paziente e pietoso,
Lento all'ira e ricco di grazia,
Tenerezza ha per ogni creatura,
Il Signore é buono verso tutti.

Il Signore sostiene chi vacilla
E rialza chiunque é caduto.
Gli occhi di tutti ricercano il suo volto,
La sua mano provvede loro il cibo.

Il Signore protegge chi lo teme,
ma disperde i superbi di cuore.
Egli ascolta il grido del suo servo;
ogni lingua benedica il suo nome.

Offertorio: UNA SPIGA DORATA

Una spiga dorata dal sol
Ed un grappol
che coglie il vignaiol
Si trasforma ora
in pane e vino d'amor
E nel Corpo e
nel Sangue del Signor.

Comunione formiamo insiem,
Seminati nel campo come gran,
un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor,
Dio ci fa eucharistia nell'amor.

Come grano che forma il pan,
Come note tessute nel cantar,
Come gocce raccolte
tra le sponde del mar.
I cristiani un solo corpo formeran.

E ci nutriamo del Corpo tuo, Signor,
E beviamo il Tuo sangue, Salvator.
Tu trasformaci in una cosa sola, Amor,
In un corpo sol con te che sei Signor.

Comunione: QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE

Quanta sete nel mio cuore:
solo in Dio si spegnerà.
Quanta attesa di salvezza:
solo in Dio si sazierà.
L'acqua viva che egli dà
Sempre fresca sgorgherà.
Il Signore è la mia vita,
il Signore è la mia gioia.
Se la strada si fa oscura
Spero in lui: mi guiderà.
Se l'angoscia mi tormenta,
spero in lui : mi salverà.
Non si scorda mai di me,
presto a me riapparirà. ***Rit:***

Nel mattino io ti invoco:
tu, mio Dio, risponderai.
Nella sera rendo grazie:
tu, mio Dio, ascolterai.
Al tuo monte salirò
E vicino ti vedrò. ***Rit:***

Fine: NOME DOLCISSIMO

Nome dolcissimo,
nome d'amore,
tu sei rifugio al peccatore.
Frai cori angelici
è l'armonia:
Ave Maria, ave Maria (X2)

Nel fosco esilio,
fulgida stella,
sei nostra gioia,
Vergine bella.
Ascolta il grido
dell'alma mia:
Ave Maria, ave Maria.(X2

Saldo mi tieni
sul buon sentiero;
dei gaudi eterni
al gran pensiero,
Frai cori angelici
è l'armonia:
Ave Maria, ave Maria!(X2)

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 Church)
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
3rd 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 church

Adoration 2nd Saturday 4:30pm followed by 5:30pm Mass

Faith Formation
1st Monday 9:45am

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 (03) 9489 6777

St Mark's Princess Hill

Sunday 10:00am Portuguese

Reflection:

WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH!

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, hope and our love.

Excerpts from St. Paul's Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:

Dio viene a noi, ma noi non sempre gli andiamo incontro. Si manifesta in molti modi diversi, ma non sempre viene riconosciuto e accolto dal suo popolo. A volte, tuttavia, viene accolto in luoghi e modi sorprendenti.
Nel Vangelo di oggi, vediamo Gesù partire verso un luogo inatteso: la regione fra Tiro e Sidone, abitata da pagani. Il suo arrivo non passa inosservato: gli va incontro una donna cananea, qualcuno, dunque, che non apparteneva ad Israele.La donna è spinta verso Gesù dai suoi bisogni, non dalla fede. Quali siano i suoi bisogni e quali quelli della figlia è chiaro, tanto più che la donna li esprime a gran voce, con una violenta insistenza: implora la pietà di Gesù, grida perché egli la aiuti e, soprattutto, non desiste.
La donna, tuttavia, non esprime solo e soprattutto i propri bisogni: riconosce, infatti, Gesù come Signore, come figlio di Davide. Il suo grido di disperazione si purifica così diventando preghiera. Del resto, quando a Messa diciamo o cantiamo: "Signore, abbi pietà", non ripetiamo, in un certo senso, le parole e la venerazione della donna cananea?

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

Liturgical Calendar and Activities

Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO **15th August 2026** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	***Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.***		**5.30pm Mass** **7.00pm Spanish Mass** *Thanksgiving for Mónica León family* *Health of Jesús David Márquez* *For peace & tranquillity in Colombia*	***11.00am Baptism of Bowen VALENTINE*** ***11.30am Baptism of Xavier Livio DI CICCO*** ***12.30pm Baptism of Oliver LOBANOV MENDOZA*** ***Congratulations!***
SUNDAY/DOMENICA **16th August 2026** **20th Sunday in the Ordinary Time**	***O God, let all the nations praise you!***	**10.00am Portuguese Mass**	**9.45am English Mass** **11.00am Italian Mass** ***SAN ROCCO, e MADONNA DEL MONTE DI BOLOGNANO*** *Santo COLOSIMO (6th ann)* **5.00pm Swahili Mass**	
Monday/Lunedi 17th August 2026 Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time	*You have forgotten God who gave you birth.*		**9.15am Mass**	
Tuesday/Martedi 18th August 2026 Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time	*It is I who deal death and give life.*		**9.15am Mass**	
Wednesday/Mercoledi 19th August 2026 Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time	*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*		**9.15am Mass** 1.00pm Memorial Mass ✝ *Antonia BURGOS* **7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass** *(Filipino Comm)*	
Thursday/Giovedi 20th August 2026 St Bernard, *abbot, doctor*	*I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.*		**9.15am Mass** 7.00pm Memorial Mass ✝ *Boston SCHOLES*	
Friday/Venerdi 21st August 2026 St Pius X, *pope*	*Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.*		**8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration** **9.15am Mass** 12.00pm Rosary followed by Funeral ✝ Mass *Santina LATINA*	

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - August : For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

22nd August 2026 (Vigil)	**5.30pm**	**23rd August 2026**	**9.45am**	**11.00am**
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		F Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		MC Sister	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		FCCM	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Joe Boffa	

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.scalabrinian.org
Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid's Fitzroy North, since 1959.

Parish News

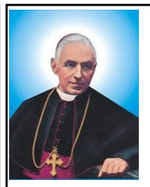
ONLINE GIVING
Please scan this QR Code If anyone wishes to make an online donation .

Parish Notice
The tap (card) machine is located at the back of the church.
Thank you

St. Brigid's Weekend Collection

1st Collection : $ 238.95
2nd Collection : $ 106.85
Online Donation : $ 561.76

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Your kindness helps us strengthen and serve our community with faith and compassion.



PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI

O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini,
with the heart of bishop and
the zeal of an apostle
you gave yourself completely to all.
You listened to the cries of migrants,
spoke in their name, defended their rights.
You found sustenance in the Eucharist
solace in the cross of Jesus,
comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church.
Through your intercession may God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant peace
to all humanity, protect those who cross seas
and borders sustained by hope,
bless us and our loved ones and
grant us the grace that we entrust
to your fatherly love. ***Amen.***

St John the Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us.

Scalabrinian Vocational Year 2026-2027

Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood within the Scalabrinian Congregation as it celebrates its Vocational Year.
May more hearts be inspired to respond generously to God's call and serve migrants and people on the move with compassion and dedication.

SANTA MESSA IN ONORE DI SAN ROCCO E DELLA MADONNA DEL MONTE DI BOLOGNANO

Oggi, Domenica 17 Agosto ore 11.00
Benvenuti a tutti i devoti.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion registration and classes will start on **Sunday, 23rd August 2026**.
The classes are open for those who are 8 years old and above.

For further enquiries, please call Sr. Maria Ina MC on 03 9415 1011 or 0405 785 710 or parish office on 9489 6777 / email to *fitzroynorth@cam.org.au*

Temporary Closure of Chapel

Please note that the chapel is temporarily closed due to roof repair works.

Weekday Masses will be held in the church until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholic faith?
Registrations for the RCIA program are now open.

Classes will commence in **September 2026**.

For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office on 9489 6777 or email to *fitzroynorth@cam.org.au*

New Safeguarding Training Platform

From 12 June, the Archdiocese has transitioned its Safeguarding Training platform from Appinium to Tribal Habits. This includes Safeguarding Essentials and the Safeguarding Children and Young People (SCYP) Code of Conduct. Those with current Safeguarding Essentials certification do not need to create a new account until their certification expires.

To register, visit: **https://cam-parish.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register**, you will need: an email address and your unique Working with Children Check number/VIT ID number
For clergy, staff and volunteers, enter the word - SAFEGUARDING

Light into the City

Light into the City is a five to ten-year vision that involves the careful and necessary restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral and heritage buildings, and the renewal of the Cathedral precinct.
It will strengthen the Church's mission to serve with mercy, hope and joy, ensuring this sacred site continues to welcome, gather and inspire generations to come.
The Archbishop invites Catholics and the wider community to be part of Light into the City, a shared investment in faith, heritage and the future of the city.