

4 **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. (Ps 12:6)**

A reading from the first book of Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:
Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **Resp.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **Resp.**

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **Resp.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. **Resp.**

Entrance: <u>BLEST BE THE LORD</u> Refrain: <i>Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear, the dark of night Nor the arrow that flies by day.</i> He will release me from the nets of all my foes . He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice To find a dwelling place secure. (Ref) I need not shrink before the terrors of the night Nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul. (Ref) Text: Based on Psalm 91. Text and music: Dan Schutte © 1976, OCP	Offertory: <u>A NEW COMMANDMENT</u> A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another as I have loved you That you love one another as I have loved you By this shall all men know that you are My disciples If you have love one for another By this shall all men know that you are My disciples If you have love one for another Aniceto Nazareth #75831
	

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49
The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Communion: LOVING AND FORGIVING

*Loving and forgiving are You,
O Lord; slow to anger,
rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are You.*

All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.
All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God. **(R)**

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain; Saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love. **(R)**

Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sin. **(R)**

As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. **(R)**

Text: Based on Psalm 103:8, 1-2, 3-4, 8-10, 11-12. Text and music © 1992, OCP. Contributor: Scott Soper

Final: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed: We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to Your purpose Every gift which You impart.

Called from worship in to service, forth in your great name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your children, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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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 7:00pm

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:

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.

The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

Excerpts from St. Paul's Sunday Missal



Riflessione: Il Vangelo ci propone oggi la rinuncia alla vendetta e alla violenza. Al loro posto, Gesù impone ai suoi discepoli il principio della non resistenza al male e il comandamento dell'amore dei propri nemici.

È come se ci dicesse: non si trionfa sul male con il male; non si trionfa sulla violenza con la violenza. Il male e la violenza sono vinti quando li si lascia dissolvere, senza rilanciarli con una risposta analoga. L'odio non può essere distrutto che dall'amore che lo subisce gratuitamente. Non è vero che noi non possiamo evitare, a queste parole, un movimento di rifiuto? Non hanno l'apparenza della follia, abituati come siamo a vedere trionfare il potere e l'aggressività dei forti, mentre il male si accanisce sui deboli e i disarmati? Questi ordini non sarebbero il frutto delle divagazioni di un sognatore che non ha l'esperienza della crudeltà spietata del nostro mondo? Di Gesù si può dire qualsiasi cosa, tranne che non abbia conosciuto la cattiveria. Egli ha conosciuto bene che cosa voleva dire essere detestato, spogliato, percosso e ucciso. In realtà, è il solo uomo che può dire quello che noi abbiamo appena ascoltato senza la più piccola leggerezza, perché in lui, e in lui solo, queste parole furono verità. Egli ha amato coloro che lo odiavano, ha dato più di quanto non gli fosse stato tolto, egli ha benedetto coloro che lo maledicevano. Solo così questa condotta viene giustificata. Non è il prodotto di una saggezza profana, che implicherebbe una irresponsabilità criminale. Non è qui un politico o sociologo di questo mondo che parla. Colui che parla ha superato il male attraverso la sofferenza. Ed è per questo che la sola giustificazione possibile di questi comandamenti di Gesù è la sua croce. Solo colui che dice “sì” alla croce di Cristo può obbedire a tali precetti e trovare nell'obbedienza il compimento della promessa contenuta in essi: il bene trionfa sul male attraverso l'amore. 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	St. Mark	Intention	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 22 nd February 2025 Year “C” Vigil Mass 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful".		5.30pm Mass (Hall) 7.00pm (Hall) Spanish Mass		All month of February weekend masses will be celebrated in the parish hall.
23 rd February 2025 Year “C” 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	"Siate misericordiosi, come il Padre vostro é misericordioso".	10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Teresa PLACIDI (Died 12/2/25) Rosina BONADIO (in Paola) (Died Italy 6/2/25) Salvino DEL COLLE (4 th anInv) 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	Angelo VARVERI † Tomasina, Michele e Giovanna NICOLAZZO Mimma e Bruno FAVERO Giovanna, Domenico e Maria CARUSO † Pietro GIGLIOTTI Maria GALLO - Maria GAZZO Maria DI PIETRO †	
Monday/Lunedí 24 th February 2025 7th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)		
Tuesday/Martedì 25 th February 2025 7th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm Commit your life to the Lord, and he will help you.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)		7.30pm Baptism Workshop for Parents and godparents.
Wednesday/Mercoledì 26 th February 2025 6th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm O Lord, great peace have they who love your law.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.30pm (Chapel) Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)		
Thursday/Giovedì 27 th February 2025 7th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)		
Friday/Venerdì 28 th February 2025 7th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.		8.30am (Chapel) Divine Mercy chaplet and adoration 9.15am Mass (Chapel)		
22 nd February 2025 (Vigil)	5.30pm	23 rd February 2025	9.45am	11.00am	
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		F. Malana	T. Toscano	
II Reading	M. de Souza		S. Atherton	P. La Marca	
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sisters	G. Catena	
Altar Servers			C & C Smith / 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				

Parish News...

Notizie di casa nostra...

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Church will be closed from Monday, 3rd February—28th February 2025
Due to carpet refurbishment.



Parishioners who would like to donate can use the QR Code and choose ‘payment’ for carpet refurbishment.



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.

Let us all pray for Pope Francis in hospital with pneumonia may he make a complete and quick recovery. We send him all our love thoughts and prayers.



CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP RENE!

The Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy of Melbourne invites everyone to join in A Thanksgiving Mass Presided by Most Rev. Rene Ramirez,DD

Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne on Saturday 15 March, 2025 at 5.30pm here at St. Brigid's Church. For more details contact: Fr. Asis 0404261228

Update on Carpet project

Costs: New Customised Carpet: \$99,665.00 (plus GST) 2 weeks delay.
Carpet Donation collected \$1570
Floorboards:
(replacement+Sanding+Polishing): \$23,78.00 (plus GST)
Completion time: Floorboards to be completed during the month of February 2025 Carpet replacement + floorboards underneath the sanctuary to be completed from 24 March to 11 April 2025
Thank you very much for your generous donation and support of the project.

FEAST DAY OF ST. BRIGID'S

A big thank you to everyone who in one way or another helped to make last weekend celebrations in honour to our Patroness St. Brigid's very special. May each and everyone through the intercession of St. Brigid receive abundant blessings.

Entrata:
AMATEVI FRATELLI



Amatevi, fratelli, come io ho amato voi! Avrete la mia gioia, che nessuno vi toglierà! Avrete la sua gioia, che nessuno ci toglierà! Vivete insieme uniti, come il Padre è unito a me! Avrete la mia vita, se l'Amore sarà con voi! Avremo la sua vita, se l'Amore sarà con noi! Vi dico queste parole perchè abbiate in voi la gioia! Sarete miei amici, se l'Amore sarà con voi! Saremo suoi amici, se l'Amore sarà con noi!

Offertorio:
A TE SIGNOR LEVIAMO I CUORI



A te Signore leviamo i cuori A te Signor noi li doniam. Quel pane bianco che t'offre la Chiesa e' frutto santo del nostro lavoro accettalo, Signore, e benedici. Quel vino puro che t'offre la Chiesa forma la gioia dei nostri bei colli; accettalo, Signore, e benedici. Gioie, dolori, fatiche e speranze nel sacro calice noi deponiamo: accettali, Signore, e benedici.

Comunione:
IL SIGNORE CI HA AMATO



Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci conduce nella notte, luce nell'oscurità. Quando il pane dividiamo nella gioia tra di noi, Il Signore é qui presente col suo amor. È il tuo corpo, dato a tutti noi, é il tuo Sangue, dato a tutti noi; sei per noi la vita, sei per noi l'amor. O Signore, porta tutti al tuo amor. Il Signore ci ha amato come nessuno altro mai. Per la gente del villaggio egli é figlio di operai, che lavora come gli altri nella pena, nel sudor, e conosce la fatica di ogni dì. Rit.: Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Un amore così grande che morì per tutti noi; un amore così forte che la morte superò: dal sepolcro vincitore si levò. Rit.: Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci riunisce nel suo nome, ci ridona libertà. Siamo membro del suo corpo, una nuova umanità; nulla mai può separarci dal suo amor. Rit.:

Fine:
MIRA IL TUO POPOLO

Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora, che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora Anchio festevole corro ai tuoi pie' O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me. Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore Porta e rifugio del peccatore. Tesori e grazie racchiude in sè O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me. In questa misera valle infelice, tutti t'invocano: Soccorritrice. Questo bel titolo conviene a te O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me.

