

BLESSING OF THE PALM

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

GOSPEL
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need them,’ and he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like

a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.– it is the Lord who speaks. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.’ **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. ‘You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel’s sons.’ **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26: 14-24: 66

Communion Antiphon :

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Entrata: OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID Osanna al figlio di David, Osanna al Redentor! Apritevi, o porte eterne, avanzi il re della Gloria; Nei cieli e sulla terra Eterno é il suo poter. Rit.: O monti, stillate dolcezza: Il re d’amor si avvicina; Si dona pane vivo, Ed offre pace al cuor. Rit.: O luce e splendor del Padre, Illumina le menti. Accogli i nostri cuori, O Cristo Redentor! Rit.: Onore, Lode e Gloria. Al Padre e al Figlio. E allo Spirito Santo Nei secoli sarà. Rit.:	Offertory: ECCO L’UOMO Nella memoria di questa passione,noi ti chiediamo perdono, Signore, per ogni volta che abbiamo lasciato il tuo fratello morire da solo. NOI TI PREGHIAMO, UOMO DELLA CROCE. FIGLIO E FRATELLO, NOI SPERIAMO IN TE! Nella memoria di questa tua morte,noi ti chiediamo coraggio, Signore,per ogni volta che il dono d’amore ci chiederà di soffrire da soli. Rit.: Nella memoria dell’ultima Cena, noi spezzeremo di nuovo il tuo pane ed ogni volta il tuo Corpo donato sarà la nostra speranza di vita. Rit.:	Communion: TI SALUTO, O CROCE SANTA Ti saluto, o croce santa, che portasti il Redentor: gloria, lode, onor ti canta ogni lingua ed ogni cuor. Sei vesillo glorioso di Cristo, sua vittoria e segno d’amor: il suo sangue innocente fu visto come fiamma sgorgare dal cuor. Rit. Tu nascesti fra braccia amorose D’una Vergine madre, o Gesù, tu moristi fra braccia pietose d’una croce che data ti fu. Rit. O agnello divino, immolato Sulla croce crudele, pietà! Tu, che togli dal mondo il peccato, salva l’uomo che pace non ha. Rit.	Final: E GIUNTA L’ORA E' giunta l'ora Padre per me ai miei amici ho detto che questa è la vita: conoscere Te e il Figlio tuo Cristo Gesù. Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me ed ora sanno che torno a te hanno creduto, conservali tu nel tuo amore, nell'unità. Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi la tua parola è verità. E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia a gioia vera viene da te. Io sono in loro e tu in me; e sian perfetti nell'unità; e il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato; li hai amati come ami me.
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Weekly Parish Newsletter

VOLUME XXI - Issue - 13th - Palm Sunday “Year A” 29th March 2026								
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St Brigid’s Fitzroy North WEEKDAY MASSES (in Chapel) Monday-Friday 9:15am WEEKEEND MASS TIMES <table><tr><td>Saturday Vigil 5:30pm English 7:00pm Spanish</td><td>Sunday 9:45am English 11:00am Italian</td></tr><tr><td>Mass in Swahili 3rd Sunday 5:00pm</td><td>Mass in Portuguese (Brazilian Comm.) Last Sunday 5:00pm</td></tr></table> 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 2 nd Saturday 4:30pm followed by 5:30pm Mass Faith Formation 1 st Monday 9:45am 3 rd Friday 7:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 1 st – 2 nd – 3 rd Wednesday 7:30pm Sacred Heart Devotion Mass in Spanish: 1 st Friday 7:00pm CCR (Emmaus & Maranatha Prayer Groups) Monday 7.30pm & Saturday 9.30am in old convent St Brigid’s Food Pantry 1 st Saturday after the 7.00pm Mass Parish Hall for Hire Inquiries (03) 9489 6777 St Mark’s Princess Hill Sunday 10:00am Portuguese		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	 Reflection: THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’ one day and ‘Crucify him’ just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many ‘for the forgiveness of sins’. Let us praise him with grateful hearts. Excerpts from S. Paul’s Sunday Missal. Riflessione: Andiamo anche noi verso Gerusalemme, dove in questi giorni scenari di sangue e di guerra non ci fanno pensare alla pace. Riprendiamo in mano il ramo di ulivo o la palma per salutare il Re dei re, il Figlio di Davide che entra trionfante su una mula come i Messia. "Ti auguro di essere un asino" non è proprio dispregiativo, se questo può voler dire essere capaci di portare Gesù, il Figlio di Davide che entra osannato: benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore, osanna al Figlio di Davide. Ma non ci entusiasmiamo troppo nel cantare osanna, che ben presto diventa "Crucifige!". È la cruda realtà: quando siamo sconvenienti e diciamo qualcosa di vero che non piace, non siamo più degni di stima e di acclamazione, ma al contrario diventiamo il bersaglio di chi ci condanna e ci vuole crocifissi. Una Passione di Cristo rivista e aggiornata ci aiuta a riflettere sul nostro cammino quotidiano verso la Pasqua. Questa Domenica delle Palme, chiamata anche di Passione, ci aiuta a sentire la passione dell'amore che si dona in un gesto libero e gratuito di offerta. La salvezza è sempre un atto di Dio che, in Cristo, si offre senza riserve: nel prefazio meditiamo: "Si offri liberamente alla passione, stese le braccia sulla croce e, morendo, distrusse la morte e, risorgendo, apre a noi la vita". Sulla croce abbiamo la piena manifestazione di Dio Amore per l'uomo. Rimettiamoci sui banchi e impariamo questa lezione dolorosa di amore, che diventi per tutti motivo per crescere nella fede, nella speranza e nella carità. Commento di Padre Andrea Fulco		
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Mass in Swahili 3 rd Sunday 5:00pm	Mass in Portuguese (Brazilian Comm.) Last Sunday 5:00pm							

2	Liturgical Calendar and Activities			
Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 28th March 2026 Saturday of the 5th week of Lent	The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guiding his flock.		5.30pm English Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass 10am Baptism of EmmanueIRODRIGUEZ Congratulations!	1pm Wedding of Tanisha TZOUROUTIS and Adrian ZIELLA Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 29th March 2026 PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community) at Ta Pinu Shrine	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass Francesco PANTALEO (25th ann) † 5.00pm Portugese Mass (Brazilian Community)	
Monday/Lunedì 30th March 2026 Weekday, Holy Week	The Lord is my light and my salvation.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 31st March 2026 Weekday, Holy Week	I will sing of your salvation.		9.15am No Mass 7.30pm Baptism Workshop	10.00am Mass of the Holy Oil at St Patrick's
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st April 2026 Weekday, Holy Week	Lord, in your great love, answer me.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Diane CHISSARI (1st ann) † 10.00am-12.00pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena — Filipino Chap. (Church)	6.00pm Memorial Mass for Heather MALLAMACE † (1st ann)
Thursday/Giovedì 2nd April 2026 Weekday, THURSDAY of the LORS'S SUPPER	Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.	7.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Adoration (Portuguese)	9.15am No Mass 7.00pm Intercultural Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.30pm – 9.30pm Adoration (English) 9.30pm – 11.00pm Adoration(Spanish) 11.00pm – 12.00am Adoration (silence)	11.00am Funeral Prayer for Giordano FIORILLO † Mass Intention Gaetano and Carmelina CAFARELLA
Friday/Venerdì 3rd April 2026 Weekday, FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.	11.00am Confessions 1.00pm Meditation on the 7 Last Words 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (all in Portuguese)	9:00am Intercultural Via Crucis (inside/outside Church) 9:30am Liturgy "The 7 Last Words" (Filipino Chaplaincy) 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English) 5:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)	
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.				
4th April 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	5th April 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		J Boffa	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		V Lobo	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sisters	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Fatima Malana/Fawaz Jeneby	
The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid's Fitzroy North, since 1959.				



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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

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

CONGRATULATIONS !
Congratulations to Michelle and Michelle on their First Communion today!

St. Brigid's Weekend Collection
1st Collection : \$ 388
2nd Collection : \$ 222.70
Online Donation : \$ 309.55
Your generosity helps us continue to serve our community with faith and compassion.
Thank you for your continued support.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adult)
Let us pray and support Peter, Joshua, Damien and Will who are now intensely preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

A synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne 2026
On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (Evangelii Gaudium, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (Lumen Gentium, §4). There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

Melbourne Catholic Digest – Free Copies Available
We are pleased to let parishioners know that the Melbourne Catholic Digest, featuring inspiring stories of faith from around our Archdiocese, is now available in print.
A limited number of free copies will be provided to our parish every two months. The Digest shares uplifting stories of how the Gospel is alive in our local community.
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Let us continue to share and celebrate the Good News in our community.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY
29 March – 5 April 2026 → St Brigid's and St Mark's

PALM SUNDAY – 29 March
St Brigid's (Mass Times as usual); St Mark's (Ta Pinu Shrine)
St Brigid's: 5:00pm Portuguese Mass (Brazilian Community)

MASS OF HOLY OIL - TUESDAY 30 March 10:00am at St Patrick's

HOLY WEDNESDAY – 1 April
10:00am – 12:00 noon 1st Rite of Reconciliation

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER – 2 April
St Brigid's:
7:00pm -- Intercultural Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30pm – 9:30pm Adoration (English)
9:30pm – 11:00pm Adoration (Spanish)
11:00pm – 12:00am Adoration (silence)
St Mark's:
7:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Adoration (Portuguese)

FRIDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD – 3 April
St Brigid's:
9:00am Intercultural Via Crucis (inside/outside Church)
9:30am Liturgy "The 7 Last Words" (Filipino Chaplaincy)
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)
5:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)
St Mark's:
11:00am Confessions (Portuguese)
1:00pm Meditation on the 7 Last Words (Portuguese)
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Portuguese)

HOLY SATURDAY – 4 April
St Brigid's:
11:00am - 12 noon (OCIA Spiritual prep + Rehearsal)
7:00pm Intercultural Easter Vigil Mass
St Mark's:
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Portuguese)

EASTER SUNDAY – 5 April
St Brigid's:
9:45am English Mass; 11:00am Italian Mass
3:30pm Spanish Mass
St Mark's:
10:00am Portuguese Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026
Sunday, 12 July 2026 with Bishop Rene Ramirez
Enrolment: Sunday, 26 April 2026
Preparation Classes: 3 May – 28 June 2026 (Term 2)
All candidates are invited to participate.

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