

A reading from the book of Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

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The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.’ When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed one stands there before him,’ but the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ He then asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ He answered, ‘There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.’ Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, ‘Come, anoint him, for this is the one.’ At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R.

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Entrata: PADRE. PERDONA Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore. A te guardiamo, Redentore nostro, da te speriamo gioia di salvezza: Fa' che troviamo grazia di perdono. Rit. Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono. Rit. O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita. Rit.	Offertory: MISTERO DELLA CENA Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi. Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù . Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà.	Communion: SEI TU SIGNORE IL PANE Sei tu Signore il pane, tu cibo sei per noi. Risorto a vita nuova, sei vivo in mezzo a noi. Nell'ultima sua cena, Gesù si dona ai suoi: prendete pane e vino, la vita mia per voi. Mangiate questo pane: chi crede in me vivrà chi beve, il vino nuovo, con me risorgerà. È Cristo il pane vero, diviso qui fra noi: formiamo un solo corpo e Dio sarà con noi. Se porti la sua Croce, in lui tu regnerai. Se muori unito a Cristo, con lui rinascerei. Verranno i cieli nuovi, la terra fiorirà. Vivremo da fratelli, la Chiesa è carità.	Final: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te. Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà. Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. Rit. Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. Rit.
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You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ The man himself said, ‘I am the man.’

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.’ Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man. ‘Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.’ The man said, ‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon : The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.



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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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 (03) 9489 6777

St Mark’s Princess Hill

Sunday 10:00am Portuguese



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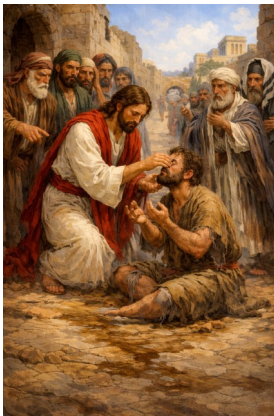
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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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Reflection:

NOW I CAN SEE!

In today’s Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus.

Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

Excerpts from S. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:

La “luce” è uno dei simboli originali delle Sacre Scritture. Essa annuncia la salvezza di Dio. Non è senza motivo che la luce è stata la prima ad essere creata per mettere un termine alle tenebre del caos (Gen 1,3-5).

Ecco la professione di fede dell’autore dei Salmi: “Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza, di chi avrò paura?” (Sal 28,1). E il profeta dice: “Alzati, Gerusalemme, rivestiti di luce, perché viene la tua luce, la gloria del Signore brilla sopra di te” (Is 60,1).

Non bisogna quindi stupirsi se il Vangelo di san Giovanni riferisce a Gesù il simbolo della luce. Già il suo prologo dice della Parola divina, del Logos: “In lui era la vita, e la vita era la luce degli uomini; la luce splende nelle tenebre, ma le tenebre non l’hanno accolta” (Gv 1,4-5).

La luce è ciò che rischiara l’oscurità, ciò che libera dalla paura che ispirano le tenebre, ciò che dà un orientamento e permette di riconoscere la meta e la via. Senza luce, non c’è vita. Il racconto della guarigione del cieco è una “storia di segni” caratteristica di san Giovanni. Essa mette in evidenza che Gesù è “la luce del mondo” (v. 5, cf. 8, 12), che egli è la rivelazione in persona e la salvezza di Dio - offerte a tutti.

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](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

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Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 14th March 2026 Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent	<i>It is steadfast love, not sacrifice, that God desires.</i>		4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm English Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass 11am Baptism of Nikita Vincenzo PILAKIS Congratulations!	3pm Wedding of Sebastian Eduardo OTERO CASTILLO and Jacinta Kaitlin TUCCERI-CIMINI Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 15th March 2026 Fourth Sunday Of Lent	<i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass 5.00pm Swahili Mass	12pm Baptism of Edoardo CROWE Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 16th March 2026 Weekday, Fourth Week of Lent	<i>I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 17th March 2026 Weekday, St Patrick, bishop	<i>Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 18th March 2026 Weekday, Fourth Week of Lent	<i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena — Filipino Chap. (Church)	
Thursday/Giovedì 19th March 2026 Weekday, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>The son of David will live for ever.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Friday/Venerdì 20th March 2026 Weekday, Fourth Week of Lent	<i>The Lord is near to broken hearts.</i>	7.00pm Station of the Cross (Portuguese)	8:30am Divine Mercy and Adoration (Chapel) 9.15am Mass (Chapel) 6.00pm Station of the Cross (English, Spanish and Italian)	
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - March: For disarmament and peace. <i>Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.</i>				
21st March 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	22nd March 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		F Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		MC Sisters	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. Scalabrini. org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959				

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Station of The Cross every Friday during Lent The Stations of the Cross in English, Spanish and Italian at 6:00pm at the church. The Stations of the Cross in Portugese at 7:00pm at St. Mark. 	St. Brigid's Weekend Collection 1st Collection : \$ 299.80 2nd Collection : \$ 108.65 Online Donation : \$ 409 First Reconciliation and Communion Religious Instructions for Young Adults For enquiries, please contact the parish office or Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011.	ONLINE GIVING Please scan this QR Code If anyone wishes to make an online donation . THANK YOU for your generosity. 
 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adult) Today: Second Scrutiny of the elect: Peter, Joshua, Damien and Will.	Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, 12 July 2026, with Bishop Rene Ramirez. Enrolment and Introduction will take place on Sunday, 26 April 2026. Candidates will be invited to make a commitment during the Mass to attend the preparation classes. Classes will run from 3 May to 28 June 2026 (covering Term 2). Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to contact Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011.	Parish Notice  The tap (card) machine is now located at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.
 PALM SUNDAY – Peace and Justice Event Celebrates the strength of our multicultural and diverse communities. We will also call for fair treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. 1:00 pm: Gather on Princes Bridge with banners and placards 1:30 pm: Walk to Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr (near the Angel sculpture) 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Main program with speakers, music and stalls Speakers include: Alice Pung (author of Growing Up Asian in Australia) Cr Mohamed Semra, Mayor of Maribyrnong and former child refugee (Sudan) The program also include musicians and speakers from refugee communities.	 PROJECT COMPASSION You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.  www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate / 1800 024 413	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 (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
Car Park Update The concreting works at the main entrance of the church car park have now been completed, and access to the Church is safe again. We thank our parish property manager and the builders for their excellent work. Please note that the parish is planning a major remediation project for the entire car park, including excavation and drainage repairs. A fundraising appeal will be conducted over the next two to three years to support this project. We are very grateful for your kind support of this project. With every blessing, Fr Fransiskus (Frank) Yangmintu, CS Parish Priest -- Fitzroy North Parish 		