

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt?’ they said. ‘Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?’ Moses appealed to the Lord. ‘How am I to deal with this people?’ he said. ‘A little more and they will stone me!’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.’ This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, ‘Is the Lord with us, or not?’ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God’s glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not

easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?’ – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: ‘If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.’ ‘You have no bucket, sir,’ she answered ‘and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?’ Jesus replied: ‘Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.’ ‘Sir,’ said the woman, ‘give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’ Jesus said: ‘Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.’ ‘I who am speaking to you,’ said Jesus ‘I am he.’ Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman’s testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, ‘Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.’ The Creed is said. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon :

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Comunione: SYMBOLUM

Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò. Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai. Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me. Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi. Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio.

Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mi pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà. So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai. E nel tuo perdono vivrò. Padre della vita, noi crediamo in te. Figlio Salvatore noi speriamo in te Spirito d’amore, vieni in mezzo a noi. Tu da mille strade ci raduni in unità. E per mille strade, poi, dove tu vorrai, Noi saremo il seme di Dio.

Fine: QUANDO NELL’OMBRA

Quando nell’ombra cade la sera, É questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera:

Fa pura e santa l’anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave. (x2)

E quando l’alba annunzia il giorno, All’ara tua faccio ritorno,

dicendo sempre con voce pia Ave Maria, Ave. (X2)

Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura:

Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave. (x2)



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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	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



Reflection:

THE WATER OF LIFE

Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today’s Gospel he offers the water of life to the Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him.

We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

Excerpts from S. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

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.

In the synodal Church ‘the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on taking pastoral decisions (ITC 68) for mission’ (Final Document, §87).



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	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 7th March 2026 Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent	The Lord is kind and merciful.		5.30pm English Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass 10am Baptism of Arya VALENCIA OSORIO 11am Baptism of Matteo Alexander CATOGGIO Emilio Enea BARCA Congratulations!	1pm Wedding of Jonah Rossi EVANS and Charlotte Brook CUTAJAR Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 8th March 2026 Third Sunday Of Lent	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass	
Monday/Lunedì 9th March 2026 Weekday, Third Week of Lent	My soul is thirsting for the living God; when shall I see him face to face?		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Julianna BREEN (bday)	
Tuesday/Martedì 10th March 2026 Weekday, Third Week of Lent	Remember your mercies, O Lord.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Mary LAMANT (bday)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 11th March 2026 Weekday, Third Week of Lent	Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Mary BREEN (healing) 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena — Filipino Chap. (Church)	
Thursday/Giovedì 12th March 2026 Weekday, Third Week of Lent	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) Greg FAY (healing) 7.30pm Memorial Mass Agnese Calabrese (1ann) †	
Friday/Venerdì 13th March 2026 Weekday, Third Week of Lent	I am the Lord; your God; hear my voice.	7.00pm Station of the Cross (Portuguese)	8:30am Divine Mercy and Adoration (Chapel) 9.15am Mass (Chapel) PILMORE Family 6.00pm Station of the Cross (English, Spanish and Italian)	
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - March: For disarmament and peace. 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.				
14th March 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	15th March 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		G Barrett	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		D Dunlevie	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sister	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Roni Malana	
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...

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.

Parish Lenten Preparation (2nd Rite of Reconciliation)

Wednesday, 11th March at 6:00pm—7:15pm, followed by Perpetual Help Novena Mass at 7:30pm.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adult)

Today: Presentation of the CREED and the Rite of First Scrutiny of Peter, Joshua, Damien and Will.

Notizie di casa nostra...

St. Brigid's Weekend Collection

1st Collection : \$ 336.70
2nd Collection : \$ 265.75
Online Donation : \$ 545.40

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

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Please scan this QR Code

If anyone wishes to make an online donation .
THANK YOU for your generosity.

Parish Notice

The tap (card) machine is now located at the back of the church.
Thank you for your support.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

For enquiries, please contact the parish office or Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

We are pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on
Sunday, 12th July 2026, with Bishop Rene Ramirez.
Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to contact the parish office for registration and further details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Closure of Main Gate Access – St Brigid's 10th–13th March 2026

Dear Parishioners and all St Brigid's Car Park and Hall Users,
As you are aware, the Church car park is ageing and has significantly deteriorated over time. Water has been seeping beneath the concrete, causing serious damage and structural weakening.
We are currently planning a major remediation project for the entire car park, which will include excavation and drainage repairs. However, some sections — particularly the main entrance from Nicholson Street — have now become a significant safety hazard. We are especially concerned for the safety of all parishioners, particularly our elderly members who require safe access to the Church. The main entrance area therefore requires urgent repair.
For this reason, please be advised that concreting works will take place from Tuesday 10th March to Friday 13th March 2026. During these days, the main entrance gate from Nicholson Street will remain closed to allow the new concrete to properly set. The gate will reopen on Saturday morning, 14th March 2026.
Access to the Church, hall, and school will still be available through the other two gates:
York Street
Alexandra Parade
Both gates will remain open for pedestrian and vehicle access during the works.
Thank you very much for your kind understanding and patience as we carry out these necessary safety improvements.
With every blessing,
Fr Fransiskus (Frank) Yangmintu, CS
Parish Priest -- Fitzroy North Parish

HOLY WEEK LITURGY

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

PALM SUNDAY – 29 March
St Brigid's and St Mark's (Mass Times as usual)

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:
9:00am – 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; 5:00pm Brazilian Mass
St Mark's
10:00am Portuguese Mass