

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55: 10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.
Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.
I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains

the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.
From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 1-9

A sower went out to sow.
Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’
The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon :
The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

CONFIRMATIONS

We welcome families and friends of Candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with his love.

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May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and reward them abundantly for their dedicated service.



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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 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
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

Pope Francis
on the Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation, like every sacrament, is not the work of men but of God, who cares for our lives in such a manner as to mould us in the image of his Son, to make us capable of loving like him. He does it by infusing us his Holy Spirit, whose action pervades the whole person and his entire life, as reflected in the seven gifts that tradition, in light of the sacred scripture, has always highlighted.

These seven gifts: I do not want to ask you if you remember the seven gifts. Perhaps you will know them.. But I will say them on your behalf. What are these gifts? **Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.** And these gifts have been given to us precisely with the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation. I therefore intend to dedicate the catechesis that follow those on the Sacrament to these seven gifts.

When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow him to act, Christ makes himself present in us and takes shape in our lives; through us, it will be he — Christ himself — who prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation, serves the brethren, draw close to the needy and to the least, creates community and sows peace. Think how important this is: by means of the Holy Spirit, Christ himself comes to do all this among us and for us. That is why it is important that children and young people receive the sacrament of confirmation. Dear brother and sisters, let us remember that we have received confirmation! All of us! Let us remember it, first in order to thank the Lord for this gift, and then to ask him to help us to live as true Christians, to walk always with joy in the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Pope Francis, Adoremus, 15 July 2015

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