

**4** **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Is 66:10-11)

**A reading from the book of Joshua 5:9-12**  
The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**Taste and see that the Lord is good  
I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R./**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R./**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R./**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21** For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** I will rise and go to my father, and tell him: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.” **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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| <b>Entrata: <u>PADRE, PERDONA</u></b><br><i>Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore.</i><br>A te guardiamo, Redentore nostro, da te speriamo gioia di salvezza: Fa' che troviamo grazia di perdono. <b>Rit.</b><br>Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono <b>Rit.</b><br>O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita. <b>Rit.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Offertory: <u>O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO</u></b><br>O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.<br>O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.                     | <b>Communion: <u>ECCO L'UOMO</u></b><br>Nella memoria di questa Passione, noi ti chiediamo perdono, Signore, per ogni volta che abbiamo lasciato il tuo fratello morire da solo.<br><b>Noi ti preghiamo, Uomo della croce, Figlio e fratello, noi speriamo in te! (X2)</b><br>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. <b>Rit.</b><br>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. <b>Rit.</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Final: <u>NOME DOLCISSIMO</u></b><br>Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore tu sei rifugio al peccatore.<br><b>Frai cori angelici è l'armonia Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)</b><br>Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella.<br><b>Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia Ave Maria, ave Maria. (X2)</b><br>Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero<br><b>Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)</b>                                                                                                                               |

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3,11-32:**  
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*



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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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 5:00pm**

**Faith Formation**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday 9:45am

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:30pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena**

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7:30pm

**Sacred Heart Devotion**

Mass in Spanish: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7:00pm

**CCR (Emmaus & Maranatha Prayer Groups)**

Monday 7.30pm & Saturday 9.30am

in old convent

**St Brigid's Food Pantry**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after the 7.00pm Mass

**Parish Hall for Hire**

Inquiries 0417534352

**St Mark's Princess Hill**

**Sunday**

10:00am Portuguese

**Reflection: THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS**

The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus’ words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son’s return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving. *Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal*



**Riflessione: LA GIOIA DEL PERDONO**

*“O Padre, che per mezzo del tuo Figlio operi mirabilmente la nostra redenzione”: è con questa preghiera che apriamo la liturgia di questa domenica. Il Vangelo ci annuncia una misericordia che è già avvenuta e ci invita a riceverla in fretta: “Vi supplichiamo in nome di Cristo: lasciatevi riconciliare con Dio”, dice san Paolo (2Cor 5,20). Il padre non impedisce al suo secondogenito di allontanarsi da lui. Egli rispetta la sua libertà, che il figlio impiegherà per vivere una vita grigia e degradata. Ma mai si stanca di aspettare, fino al momento in cui potrà riabbracciarlo di nuovo, a casa. Di fronte all'amore del padre, il peccato del figlio risalta maggiormente. La sofferenza e le privazioni sopportate dal figlio minore sono la conseguenza del suo desiderio di indipendenza e di autonomia, e di abbandono del padre. La nostalgia di una comunione perduta risveglia in lui un altro desiderio: riprendere il cammino del focolare familiare. Questo desiderio del cuore, suscitato dalla grazia, è l'inizio della conversione che noi chiediamo di continuo a Dio. Siamo sempre sicuri dell'accoglienza del padre. La figura del fratello maggiore ci ricorda che non ci comportiamo veramente da figli e figlie se non proviamo gli stessi sentimenti del padre. Il perdono passa per il riconoscimento del bisogno di essere costantemente accolti dal Padre. Solo così la Pasqua diventa per il cristiano una festa del perdono ricevuto e di vera fratellanza.*

*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](mailto:psu@cam.org.au) W:[melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)**

| 2                                                                                                                                                  | Liturgical Calendar and activities                                                 |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Day of the Week                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |                                                                                    | Intention St. Brigid                                                                                            | Parish Activity                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| SATURDAY/SABATO<br>29 <sup>th</sup> March 2025<br>Year “C” Vigil Mass<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Lent                                            | “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you”                              |   | 5.30pm<br><br>7.00pm (Church)<br>Spanish Mass                                                                   | Baptism Celebrations for:<br><b>Poppy &amp; Samuel LUMLEY</b><br><b>Felix GRACZYK</b><br>Congratulations!<br> |
| SUNDAY/DOMENICA<br>30 <sup>th</sup> March 2025<br>Year “C”<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent                                                       | “Padre, ho peccato verso il Cielo e davanti a te”                                  | St. Mark’s Church<br><br>10.00am<br>Portuguese Mass                                | 9.45am<br>Kevin O’ROUKE †<br><br>11.00am<br>Delio SIMONCINI †                                                   | 5.00pm<br>Brasilian Mass                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Monday/Lunedì<br>31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent                                                                       | Responsorial Psalm<br>I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.            |                                                                                    | 9.15am Mass (Chapel)<br>Margot CONUGTON †                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent                                                                      | Responsorial Psalm<br>The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge . |                                                                                    | 9.15am Mass (Chapel)<br>Maree RANTALL †<br><br>11.00am Funeral Mass for Kevin O’ROUKE †                         | Our deepest sympathy to the O’ROUKE family on the death of their brother and our dear parishioner Kevin O’ROUKE May he rest in peace.                                                            |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent                                                                  | Responsorial Psalm<br>The Lord is kind and merciful .                              |  | 9.15am Mass (Chapel)<br>Margareth and Tom BUSHELL †<br>Gaetano and Carmela CAFARELLA †                          | 7.30pm (Church)<br>Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino.Chaplaincy)                                                                                                   |
| Thursday/Giovedì<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent                                                                     | Responsorial Psalm<br>Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.         |                                                                                    | 9.15am Mass (Chapel)<br>Jack and May FAY †<br><br>11.00am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Delio SIMONCINI † | Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our dear parishioner Delio SIMONCINI May he rest in peace.                                                                                     |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025<br>4 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent                                                                       | Responsorial Psalm<br>The Lord is near to broken hearts.                           |                                                                                    | 9.15am Mass (Chapel)<br>Rocco DI MASE †<br>Luke & Dorothy FAY †<br><br>7.30pm<br>1st Friday Spanish Mass        | 6.00pm Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis (English/Italian/Spanish)<br>                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Vigil)                                                                                                                 | 5.30pm                                                                             | 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                                                         | 9.45am                                                                                                          | 11.00am                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I Reading & Resp. Psalm                                                                                                                            | Volunteer                                                                          |                                                                                    | J. Santos                                                                                                       | T. Toscano                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| II Reading                                                                                                                                         | Volunteer                                                                          |                                                                                    | MC Sister                                                                                                       | P. La Marca                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Prayers of the Faithful                                                                                                                            | Volunteer                                                                          |                                                                                    | MC Sister                                                                                                       | G. Catena                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Altar Servers                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                                    | C & C Smith / J. D’Souza                                                                                        | F. Sirianni                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. org<br>Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959 |                                                                                    |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



| Parish News...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Notizie di casa nostra...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                       |
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|  <p>Church refurbishment. Parishioners who would like to donate can use the QR Code and choose ‘payment’ for <u>carpet refurbishment.</u><br/><i>Thank you for your generosity.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>VIA CRUCIS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT, EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 6.00pm IN THE CHURCH</p> <p>Confirmations classes with Sr Milada will commence <b>NEXT Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b> at 10.30am in the Media Room. Registrations are now open. Please contact the Parish Office</p> <p>St. Brigid’s Collection<br/>1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$500 - 00<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$400 - 00</p> <p>Everyone is welcome to <b>HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY Friday</b> at 8.30am in the Chapel.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Online Giving<br/>Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation to the parish. Thank you.</p> |
|  <p>Let us all continue to pray for Pope Francis recovering at home. We send him all our love thoughts and prayers. May he be back among his flock very soon.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>HOLY WEEK LITURGY</b><br/>13<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 → St Brigid’s and St Mark’s</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b> – 13<sup>th</sup> April St Brigid’s and St Mark’s (Mass Times as usual)<br/><b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> – 16<sup>th</sup> April<br/>10:00am – 12noon Confessions — St. Brigid’s</p> <p><b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b><br/><b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> – 17<sup>th</sup> April<br/>St Brigid’s:<br/>7:00pm - Intercultural Mass of the Lord’s Supper,<br/>8:30pm - 9:30pm Adoration (English)<br/>9:30pm - 11:00pm Adoration (Spanish)<br/>11:00pm - 12:00am Adoration (silence)<br/>St Mark’s:<br/>7:00pm - Celebration of the Lord’s Supper &amp; Adoration (Portuguese)<br/><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> – 18<sup>th</sup> April<br/>St Brigid’s:<br/>9:00am Intercultural Via Crucis (inside/outside Church)<br/>9:30am Liturgy “The 7 Last Words” (Filipino Chaplaincy)<br/>3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (English)<br/>5:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Spanish)<br/>St Mark’s:<br/>9:00am – 11:00am Confessions (Portuguese)<br/>1:00pm Meditation on the 7 Last Words (Portuguese)<br/>3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Portuguese)<br/><b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> – 19<sup>th</sup> April<br/>St Brigid’s:<br/>11:00am - 12 noon (Confessions)<br/>7:00pm Intercultural Easter Vigil Mass<br/>St Mark’s:<br/>7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Portuguese)<br/><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> – 20<sup>th</sup> April<br/>St Brigid’s<br/>9:45am English Mass; 11:00am Italian Mass<br/>3:30pm Spanish Mass; 5:00pm Brazilian Mass<br/>St Mark’s<br/>10:00am Portuguese Mass</p> <p>New schedule for the carpet work. It will be from:<br/><b>19<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b> Thank you for your patience and also for your generosity for the church’s carpet replacement.</p> <p><b>SOMEONE LEFT A BUNCH OF KEYS IN THE CHURCH, Please contact the priest or parish office, if you lost them.</b></p> |                                                                                                                         |
|  <p>Caritas AUSTRALIA</p> <p><b>PROJECT COMPASSION</b><br/>Project Compassion Sunday<br/>29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2025</p> <p>The story we encounter this week is also deeply moving. Irene, aged 25, lives in the Kongolo region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her father was killed during a war and Irene lived with her mother on very meagre resources, often going hungry for extended periods of time. Irene first became pregnant as a teenager and later had to raise her two children on her own, with the support of her mother. As a single mother, it was challenging for Irene to care for her two sons without a stable income. Irene’s life changed after she participated in the Youth Capacity Strengthening program, run by Caritas Australia’s partner, Caritas Kongolo. Through the program, she undertook training in sewing and livestock farming, enabling her to generate income to support her family. Please donate today through Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code Or online at: <a href="https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion">caritas.org.au/project-compassion</a> Or by calling: 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty This Lent.</p> <p>We pray for those driven away from their homes by violence, persecution or poverty, especially women. May our hearts be open to do all we can to rebuild the lives of others through supporting Caritas Australia and the work of Project Compassion. May we be instruments of God’s peace and pilgrims of hope.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                         |

