

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20: 7-9

You have seduced me, Lord,  
and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.  
I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.  
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’  
The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.  
I used to say, I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.  
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.  
The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.  
**The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

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| <b>Entrata: <u>VIENI, GESÙ, VIENI</u></b>                                                     | <b>Offertorio: <u>O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Vieni, Gesù, vieni,<br>vieni in mezzo a noi<br>E spezza ancora il pane<br>come facesti un dì. | O Signore, noi t’offriamo<br>Tutti insieme questo pane;<br>è il frutto della terra<br>e dell’uomo che lavora.<br>Benedetto sia tu, Signore;<br>questo pane che mangiamo<br>è un dono del tuo amore<br>è un segno di bontà. |
| Vieni tu che preghi,<br>vieni tu che soffri:<br>il pane è sulla mensa,<br>manchi solo tu.     | O Signore, noi t’offriamo<br>Tutti insieme questo vino:<br>è il frutto della vite<br>e dell’uomo che lavora<br>Benedetto sia tu, Signore;<br>questo vino che beviamo<br>è un dono del tuo amore<br>è un segno di bontà.    |
| Vieni tu che piangi,<br>vieni tu che servi:<br>il pane è sulla mensa,<br>manchi solo tu.      | O Signore, noi t’offriamo<br>tutto quello che ci hai dato:<br>con il pane e con il vino<br>tu accettalo, Signor.<br>Benedetto sia tu, Signore;<br>che ivenga noi cibo.                                                     |
| Vieni tu che canti,<br>vieni tu che speri:<br>il pane è sulla mensa<br>manchi solo tu.        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Vieni tu che ami,<br>vieni tu che cerchi:<br>il pane è sulla mensa,<br>manchi solo tu.        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12: 1-2

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that  
is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice,  
truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world  
around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This  
is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is  
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.  
**The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,*  
*that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to  
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests  
and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then,  
taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve  
you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to  
Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the  
way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’  
Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,  
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone  
who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my  
sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and  
ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?  
‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his  
angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his  
behaviour.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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| <b>Communion Antiphon :</b>                                                       |
| <i>How great is the goodness, Lord,<br/>that you keep for those who fear you.</i> |

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| <b>Comunione: <u>SYMBOLUM</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Fine: <u>QUANDO NELL'OMBRA</u></b>                                                                                                 |
| Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho,<br>tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità,<br>Nella tua parola, io camminerò<br>Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai<br>Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me.<br>Io ti prego, resta con me.        | Quando nell'ombra cade la sera,<br>è questa, o Madre,<br>la mia preghiera :<br>fa pura e santa l'anima mia:<br><b>AVE MARIA! AVE.</b> |
| Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria,<br>Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi,<br>Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi<br>Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi,<br>Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai,<br>Per aprirci il Regno di Dio. | E quando l'alba annuncia il giorno<br>all'ara tua faccio ritorno,<br>dicendo sempre con voce pia :<br><b>AVE MARIA! AVE.</b>          |
| Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho.<br>Tu sei la mia pace, la mia libertà.<br>Niente nella vita ci separerà,<br>So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà<br>So che da ogni male, Tu, mi libererai<br>E nel tuo perdono vivrò.               | Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura<br>ed in quelli ancora della sventura,<br>ti dirò sempre, o Madre mia.<br><b>AVE MARIA! AVE.</b>       |
| Padre della vita, noi crediamo in te<br>Figlio Salvatore noi speriamo in te<br>Spirito d'amore, vieni in mezzo a noi<br>Tu da mille strade ci raduni in unità<br>E per mille strade, poi, dove tu vorrai,<br>Noi saremo il seme di Dio.     | Vergine bella, del ciel Regina,<br>è tutto il mondo che a te s'inchina.<br>Benigna ascolta la voce mia:<br><b>AVE MARIA! AVE...</b>   |



*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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| <b>Parish Priest</b><br>Fr. Fransiskus Yangmintu, CS                                                        | <b>Parish Office</b><br>Monday to Friday<br>9.00am - 3.30pm<br><b>Parish Secretary</b><br>Katarina S Sulianti &<br>Ida Ramli<br>Tel: (03) 9489 6777 |
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**St Brigid's Fitzroy North**

**WEEKDAY MASSES (in Church)**  
Monday-Friday 9:15am

**WEEKEEND MASS TIMES**

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| <b>Saturday Vigil</b><br>5:30pm English<br>7:00pm Spanish | <b>Sunday</b><br>9:45am English<br>11:00am Italian                   |
| <b>Mass in Swahili</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 5:00pm   | <b>Mass in Portuguese</b><br>(Brazilian Comm.)<br>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 church

**Adoration** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 4:30pm followed by  
5:30pm Mass

**Faith Formation**  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday 9:45am

**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 (03) 9489 6777

**St Mark's Princess Hill**  
**Sunday** 10:00am Portuguese

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](http://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)



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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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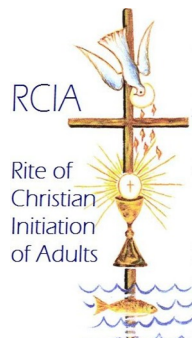
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**Reflection:**  
**YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD!**  
*The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God’s enemies but he also experienced a fire within lit by God’s love, that urged him on.*  
*We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.*  
**Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal.**

**Riflessione:**  
*“Non pensi secondo Dio, ma secondo gli uomini”. Pietro scopre così la vera identità di Gesù. Egli fa l'incredibile scoperta che questo carpentiere di Nazaret non è altro che il Cristo, l'unto di Israele, la realizzazione dell'attesa, lunga duemila anni, del suo popolo. Ma Pietro interpreta la missione di Gesù in termini politici. Gesù ben se ne rende conto e spiega che tipo di Messia sarà: andrà a Gerusalemme per soffrire, essere messo a morte e risorgere il terzo giorno. Ciò è troppo per Pietro: nel suo spirito, l'idea di sofferenza e l'idea di Messia sono semplicemente incompatibili fra loro. “Non pensi secondo Dio, ma secondo gli uomini”. Se Pietro potesse solo rendersene conto, sarebbe pervaso dalla gioia! Il Messia, che si sarebbe immerso nella sofferenza, che avrebbe incontrato l'ostilità degli uomini e che avrebbe subito tutte le conseguenze dell'ingratitudine secolare di Israele verso il Dio dell'Alleanza, era proprio lì! Davanti a lui c'era finalmente colui che avrebbe sconfitto Satana in uno scontro decisivo e che avrebbe, in questo modo, portato a compimento il piano divino di salvezza per l'umanità. Poiché Pietro “cominciò a protestare dicendo: Dio te ne scampi, Signore, questo non ti accadrà mai”, Gesù gli disse: “Lungi da me, satana! Tu mi sei di scandalo, perché non pensi secondo Dio, ma secondo gli uomini!”. Voltaire scrisse argutamente: “Dio fece l'uomo a sua immagine e somiglianza e l'uomo gliela rese proprio bene!”. Nella nostra tendenza innata a resistere a Dio, noi deformiamo la sua immagine, ci rifiutiamo di lasciare che Dio sia come vuole essere. Il nostro Dio è troppo piccolo, troppo fragile e troppo limitato, mentre il Dio di Gesù Cristo è letteralmente troppo bello per essere vero. Gesù si affretta a percorrere la via che porta a Gerusalemme per svelarcelo sulla croce. Sulla croce, infatti, Gesù rivelerà l'ultimo ritratto di Dio nel dramma della misericordia che vince il peccato, dell'amore che supera la morte e della fedeltà divina che cancella il tradimento. Chi avrebbe mai immaginato, sia pure in sogno, che Dio sarebbe intervenuto nella nostra storia in questo modo? Sfortunatamente, per molti, Gesù è davvero troppo bello per essere vero. “Se tu conoscessi il dono di Dio e chi è colui che ti dice: Dammi da bere!” (Gv 4,10).*  
**Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>**

| 2 Liturgical Calendar and Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                             |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                               |
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| Day of the Week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Responsial Psalm                                            | St. Mark                   | St. Brigid                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Parish Activity                                               |
| <b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b><br>29th August 2026<br><b>The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>I will sing your salvation.</i>                          |                            | 11.00am Youth Mass and Rosary<br><i>(Spanish Comm)</i><br>5.30pm Mass<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN<br>7.00pm Spanish Mass                                                                                                                | 3.00pm Birthday Mass<br>Eva BATRES                            |
| <b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b><br>30th August 2026<br>22nd Sunday in the Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.</i>         | 10.00am No Portuguese Mass | 9.45am English Mass<br>† Margaretha SUSANTI (10th ann)<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN<br>† Maria MENTELEONE<br>† Bruno MENTELEONE<br>11.00am Italian Mass<br>Luisa ROSATI (90th bday)<br>5.00pm Portuguese Mass<br><i>(Brazilian Comm)</i> | 12.30pm Baptism of Lucia Elsa SALA<br><b>Congratulations!</b> |
| Monday/Lunedì<br>31st August 2026<br>Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>Lord, I love your commands.</i>                          |                            | 9.15am Mass<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                               |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>1st September 2026<br>Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>The Lord is just in all his ways.</i>                    |                            | 9.15am Mass<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN<br>† Branko and Thomas BISCAN, and all souls in purgatory                                                                                                                                       | 7.30pm Memorial Mass<br>Giuseppe SPAGNOLO                     |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì<br>2nd September 2026<br>Wednesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.</i>  |                            | 9.15am Mass<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN<br>† Gaetano + Carmelina CAFARELLA<br>7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass<br><i>(Filipino Comm)</i>                                                                               |                                                               |
| Thursday/Giovedì<br>3rd September 2026<br>St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.</i> |                            | 9.15am Mass<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                               |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>4th September 2026<br>Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.</i>       |                            | 8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration<br>9.15am Mass<br>† Gabriel DUGGAN<br>† Thomas BISCAN<br>7.00pm First Friday - Sacred Heart Devotion<br><i>(Spanish Comm)</i>                                                                 |                                                               |
| <b>Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - September : For the care of water.</b><br><i>Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.</i>                                                |                                                             |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                               |
| 5th September 2026 (Vigil)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5.30pm                                                      | 6th September 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 Sister                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | G. Catena                                                     |
| Altar Servers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                             |                            | C Smith                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | F Sirianni                                                    |
| EMHC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                             |                            | Fatima Malana / Fawaz Jeneby                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                               |
|  <b>The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.scalabrinian.org</b><br><b>Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid's Fitzroy North, since 1959.</b> |                                                             |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                               |

| Parish News                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <br><b>ONLINE GIVING</b><br>Please scan this QR Code If anyone wishes to make an online donation .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <br><b>St. Brigid's Weekend Collection</b><br>1st Collection : \$ 151.20<br>2nd Collection : \$ 122.00<br>Online Donation : \$ 725.00<br><br><i>Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Your kindness helps us strengthen and serve our community with faith and compassion.</i>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Weekend Masses in September</b><br>Fr Frank will be away on holiday in September. During his absence, our weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr Elmer, Fr Kevin, Fr Michele, and Fr Alfred.<br><br><i>Please keep our priests in our prayers as they travel and minister to our parish community.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <br><b>Parish Notice</b><br>The tap (card) machine is located at the back of the church.<br>Thank you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Scalabrinian Vocational Year 2026-2027</b><br>Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood within the Scalabrinian Congregation as it celebrates its Vocational Year.<br><br><i>May more hearts be inspired to respond generously to God's call and serve migrants and people on the move with compassion and dedication.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Temporary Closure of Chapel</b><br>Please note that the chapel is temporarily closed due to roof repair works.<br><br><b>Weekday Masses will be held in the church until further notice.</b><br><br><i>We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Melbourne Synod 2026</b><br>Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has formally convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. A synod is a gathering of God's people – bishops, priests and representatives – who come and discern together about matters regarding faith, governance, and pastoral care.<br>This process involves prayer, dialogue, and consultation, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of the Church's mission in the contemporary world.<br><br><i>Some parishioners have been nominated to become members of the Melbourne Synod. From the parish nominations, each region will then endorse 15 representatives for membership of the Synod.</i><br><br>The Synod Assembly will take place from 4 – 6 December 2026.<br><br> | <b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</b><br>Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholic faith?<br><i>Registrations for the RCIA program are now open.</i><br>Classes will commence in <b>September 2026.</b><br>For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office on 9489 6777 or email to <a href="mailto:fitzroynorth@cam.org.au">fitzroynorth@cam.org.au</a><br> | <b>ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE</b><br>The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.<br>Online Diaconate information meeting<br><br><b>Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 via ZOOM</b><br>Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison at <a href="mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au">Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au</a><br>In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest. |
| <br><b>Light into the City</b><br>Light into the City is a five to ten-year vision that involves the careful and necessary restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral and heritage buildings, and the renewal of the Cathedral precinct.<br>It will strengthen the Church's mission to serve with mercy, hope and joy, ensuring this sacred site continues to welcome, gather and inspire generations to come.<br>The Archbishop invites Catholics and the wider community to be part of Light into the City, a shared investment in faith, heritage and the future of the city.                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |