

First Reading. A reading from the book of Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSIAL PSALM
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.** You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.** Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.** Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Second Reading. A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Anthipon: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Canto D'Ingresso: <u>NOI CREDIAMO IN TE</u> Noi crediamo in te, o Signor noi speriamo in te, o Signor, noi amiamo te, o Signor, tu ci ascolti, o Signor. Sei con noi, Signor, sei con noi: nella gioia tu sei con noi, nel dolore tu sei con noi, tu per sempre sei con noi. C'è chi prega, Signor: vieni a noi. C'è chi soffre, Signor: vieni a noi. C'è chi spera, Signor: vieni a noi. O Signore, vieni a noi.	Offertorio: <u>A TE NOSTRO PADRE</u> RIT. A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi ti offriam sull'altar. Grano, diverrai vivo pane del cielo, cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel. RIT. Vino, diverrai vivo sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. RIT. Salga fino a te, e a te sia gradita l'ostia che t'offriamo in tutta	Comunione: <u>QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE</u> Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà. Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà. L'acqua viva che Egli dà sempre fresca sgorgherà. Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia. Se la strada si fa oscura, spero in Lui: mi guiderà. Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in Lui: mi salverà. Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. R. Nel mattino io t'invoco, Tu, mio Dio, risponderai. Nella sera rendo grazie: Tu, mio Dio, ascolterai. Al Tuo monte salirò e vicino ti vedrò. R.	Canto Finale: <u>MIRA IL TUO POPOLO</u> Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora, che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora, che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora. Anch'io festevole corro ai tuoi piè; O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me. Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore, egl'è rifugio al peccatore, egl'è rifugio al peccatore; tesori e grazie racchiude in sé: O Santa Vergine, prega per me; O Santa Vergine, prega per me. In questa misera valle infelice, tutti Ti invocano Soccorritrice, tutti Ti invocano Soccorritrice; questo bel titolo conviene a te: O Santa Vergine, prega per me;
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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:

FOLLOW GOD'S LAW

The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow. Excerpts from S. Paul's Sunday Missal.

A message from the Parish Priest

Dear friends,



Happy Feast Day to us all!

Thank you kindly, each and every one of you, for coming today to celebrate the Feast of our Patroness, Saint Brigid of Kildare.

Our presence here is an expression of our love for God and for our parish community. It reflects our deep sense of belonging to this beautiful parish. We may come from different cultural backgrounds and speak different languages; however, our shared faith, hope, and love in God—through His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit—bring us together and unite us as one parish community, one family.

Our full and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration deepens that sense of belonging and strengthens our missionary zeal to proclaim and share with others our experience of the crucified and risen Christ, who is the source of all healing, reconciliation, peace, and joy.

Our celebration will continue with the procession of the statue of Saint Brigid and the Migrant Jubilee Cross, followed by fellowship and lunch in the Parish Hall. We believe that today's Parish Feast is a living expression of our Parish Mission Statement: "To bear witness to missionary discipleship by remembering our history, honouring diversity, creating a safe and hospitable place, and celebrating communion."

May Saint Brigid continue to inspire us to be holy, generous, and creative in our mission here in our parish community and beyond.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Frank Yangminta, CS

Parish Priest of Fitzroy North Parish

15th Feb 2026

Happy Feast Day!

The Parish Community of St Brigid's and St Mark's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY's** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units**
Telephone: 9926 5621 E: psu@cam.org.au W: [melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

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Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 14th February 2026 Year “A” Vigil <i>Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop</i>	<i>Lord, remember us, for the love you bear your people.</i>		4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm English Mass St Brigid's Novena Sharon KWAN † 7.00pm Spanish Mass	11.00am Baptism of <i>Helena Valarie SHARKEY</i> 1.00pm Wedding of <i>Roberto Giuseppe SALVATORE and Rafaela RIVERA</i> <i>Congratulation!</i>
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 15th February 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year “A”	<i>Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!</i>	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	10.00am Intercultural Mass Mass intention on the next page <i>Procession of the statue of St Brigid and Migrant Jubilee Cross outside on church ground to the hall.</i>	ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY 
Monday/Lunedì 16th February 2026 Weekday, Ordinary Time 6	<i>Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 17th February 2026 Weekday, Ordinary Time 6	<i>Happy are those you teach, O Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) <i>Mass intention for Gaetano CAFARELLA</i>	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 18th February 2026 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Fast and abstinence</i>	<i>Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass	9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass in the Church 7:30pm Ash Wednesday / Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Church)	
Thursday/Giovedì 19th February 2026 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Happy are they who hope in the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	3.00pm Baptism of <i>Azylline Luina Vinoya MODINA</i> <i>Congratulations!</i>
Friday/Venerdì 20th February 2026 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 8:30pm Divine Mercy and Adoration (Chapel)	
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - February: For children with incurable diseases. <i>Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.</i>				
21st February 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	22nd February 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 <i>Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959</i>				

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 ST BRIGID of KILDARE PARISH DAY 2026 INTERCULTURAL EUCHARIST, 10:00 AM, SUNDAY, 15th FEB 2026 ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, 378 NICHOLSON ST., FITZROY NORTH, VIC With BISHOP RENE RAMIREZ, RCJ as Main Celebrant Coinciding the Visit of the Migrant Jubilee Cross EVERY ONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED! FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS AT THE PARISH HALL		
10.00am Mass intention St. Brigid's Feast Day Angelo VARVERI Giovanna TOMMASINA Michelle NICOLAZZO Domenica & Bruno FAVARO Pietro GIGLIOTTI Maria GALLO Maria Di PIETRO Maria GAZZO Maria Giovanna & Domenico CARUSO Salvatore RIDUCCI Sharon KWAN		ONLINE GIVING Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation THANK YOU for your generosity!  
St Brigid's Car Park and Hall Toilets Repairs Project – 2026 Dear friends, I would like to share with you some information about the Church's maintenance issues that need urgent attention. 1. The condition of St Brigid's car park , particularly the main entrance to the church, has deteriorated and now presents safety concerns. There have been incidents of people tripping over broken concrete, and the situation requires urgent attention. For this reason, the parish is planning a major car park repair project in 2026. The proposed works will include an engineering inspection and assessment, excavation and surface restoration, the laying of new concrete, improved drainage, and final line marking. 2. The ceiling and walls of the female/male hall toilets are cracking due to the foundation movement. This needs un urgent repair. All these are a significant project that will require substantial funding. Further information will be shared in due course, including details on how parishioners can support this important work. In the meantime, your prayers and continued support are sincerely appreciated as we prepare for this project for the safety and wellbeing of our parish community. We have created a QR code online giving (top right corner) where you can donate for these projects. Please choose under the names "Donation for Car Park and Toilet Repairs" Thank you kindly for your generous donation, and may God bless you and your beloved family. With every blessing, Fr Frank Yangmintu, CS Parish Priest – Fitzroy North Parish	St. Brigid's Weekend Collection 1st Collection : \$ 771.10 2nd Collection : \$ 257.45 Online Donation : \$ 595 THANK YOU	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 Classes will commence on Sunday 22 February for anyone interested or who may know someone interested. Classes are held on Sunday mornings at approximately 10.30am, immediately after the 9.45am Mass. For enquiries, please contact the parish office or Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011.		
Lenten Preparation Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. Parishioners are invited to begin preparing their hearts through prayer, fasting, and reflection.		
 		
9.15am (Church) Ash Wednesday Mass 7.30pm (Church) Ash Wednesday Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)		O C I A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adult) Instructions have commenced Sundays 11.00am in the Convent Conference Room.
MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 20 JULY-13 AUGUST 2026 Fatima, Avila, Toledo, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Carcassonne, Avignon, Genova, Cinque Terre, Padova, Plitvice, Medjugorje, Dubrovnik, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Cascia, Asisi & Rome. Accompanied by Mrs Maria Azzolina– Contact: Rebecca: 0411 694 244/Mrs Maria Azzolina: 0408348513/Mary: 0408919073		