

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**
My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. **The word of the Lord.**

Entrata: E' GIUNTA L'ORA

E' giunta l'ora, Padre, per me.
Ai miei amici ho detto che questa è la vita: conoscere Te e il Figlio tuo, Cristo Gesù.
Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me; ed ora sanno che torno a Te. Hanno creduto: conservali Tu nel tuo amore, nell'unità.
Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi, la tua Parola è verità.
E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia; la gioia vera viene da Te.
Io sono in loro e Tu in me; che sian perfetti nell'unità.
E il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato; li hai amati come ami me.

Offertory: A TE NOSTRO PADRE

A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar.

Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo
Cibo per nutrire l'alma fedel. Rit.:

Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. Rit.:



Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon :

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Communion: TI SALUTO, O CROCE SANTA

*Ti saluto, o croce santa,
che portasti il Redentor:
gloria, lode, onor ti canta
ogni lingua ad ogni cuor.*

Sei vesillo glorioso di Cristo,
sua vittoria e segno d'amor:
il suo sangue innocente fu visto
come fiamma sgorgare dal cuor. Rit.

Tu nascesti fra braccia amorose
D'una Vergine Madre, o Gesù,
tu moristi fra braccia pietose
d'una croce che data ti fu. Rit.

O agnello divino, immolato
Sulla croce crudele, pietà!
Tu, che togli dal mondo il peccato
salva l'uomo che pace non ha. Rit.

Final: QUANDO NELL'OMBRA

Quando nell'ombra cade la sera,
è questa, o Madre, la mia
preghiera :
fa pura e santa l'anima mia:
AVE MARIA ! AVE

E quando l'alba annuncia il giorno,
all'ara tua faccio ritorno,
dicendo sempre con voce pia :
AVE MARIA! AVE

Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura
ed in quelli ancora della sventura,
ti dirò sempre, o Madre mia.
AVE MARIA! AVE:

Vergine bella, del ciel Regina,
è tutto il mondo che a te s'inchina.
Benigna ascolta la voce mia:
AVE MARIA! AVE.



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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
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 RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

“The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus’ own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

Excerpts from S. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:

Il racconto della risurrezione di Lazzaro è una delle “storie di segni” che racconta san Giovanni. Si tratta qui di presentare Gesù, vincitore della morte. Il racconto culmina nella frase di Gesù su se stesso: “Io sono la risurrezione e la vita. Chi crede in me non morrà in eterno” (vv. 25-26).

Che Dio abbia il potere di vincere la morte, è già la convinzione dei racconti tardivi dell’Antico Testamento. La visione che ha Ezechiele della risurrezione delle ossa secche - immagine del ristabilimento di Israele dopo la catastrofe dell’esilio babilonese - presuppone questa fede (Ez 37,1-14). Nella sua “Apocalisse”, Isaia si aspetta che Dio sopprima la morte per sempre, che asciughi le lacrime su tutti i volti (Is 25,8).

E, per concludere, il libro di Daniele prevede che i morti si risvegliano - alcuni per la vita eterna, altri per l’orrore eterno (Dn 12,2). Ma il nostro Vangelo va oltre questa speranza futura, perché vede già date in Gesù “la risurrezione e la vita” che sono così attuali. Colui che crede in Gesù ha già una parte di questi doni della fine dei tempi. Egli possiede una “vita senza fine” che la morte fisica non può distruggere. In Gesù, rivelazione di Dio, la salvezza è presente, e colui che è associato a lui non può più essere consegnato alle potenze della morte.

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 W: [melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

2	Liturgical Calendar and Activities			
Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 21st March 2026 Saturday of the 4th week of Lent	Lord, my God, I take shelter in you.		5.30pm English Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass 3.30pm Wedding of Minh Thao BUI & Gary WANG Congratulations!	11.30am Baptism of Sofia VIEIRA-MASCI Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 22nd March 2026 Fifth Sunday Of Lent	With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass Renzo BALZAN (6th month anniv) † 5.00pm Swahili Mass	12pm Baptism of Liana DE CUNTO 12.30pm Baptism of Akemi Salome ASAKAWA ROJAS Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 23th March 2026 Weekday, Fifth Week of Lent	Though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil, for you are with me.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 24th March 2026 Weekday, Fifth Week of Lent	O Lord hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 11.00am Funeral for Jeanine † CAVEDON. May she rest in peace.	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 25th March 2026 Weekday, The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD	Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena — Filipino Chap. (Church)	
Thursday/Giovedì 26th March 2026 Weekday, Fifth Week of Lent	The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Friday/Venerdì 27th March 2026 Weekday, Fifth Week of Lent	In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.	7.00pm Mass - Anointed of the Sick followed by Station of the Cross (Portuguese)	8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration (Chapel) 9.15am Mass (Chapel) 6.00pm Station of the Cross (English, Spanish and Italian)	1pm Wedding of Chantal FAMULARO and James LAINO Congratulations!
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.				
28th March 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	29th March 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		MC Sisters	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		D Dunlevie	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		C Smith	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Simret Telia	
The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid's Fitzroy North, since 1959.				



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.

St. Brigid's Weekend Collection

1st Collection : \$ 486.60
2nd Collection : \$ 144.80
Online Donation : \$ 595.90

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Parish Notice

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adult)

Today: Third Scrutiny of the elect: Peter, Joshua, Damien and Will.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

Sunday, 12 July 2026
with Bishop Rene Ramirez
Enrolment: Sunday, 26 April 2026
Preparation Classes: 3 May – 28 June 2026 (Term 2)
All candidates are invited to participate.

Next Palm Sunday

Michelle and Michelle will be receiving the First Holy Communion. Let us include them in our prayers.

STRONGER TOGETHER

PALM SUNDAY

Peace and Justice Event - Sunday 29 March 2026

You are warmly invited to join the 2026 Palm Sunday Walk for Justice, Respect and Kindness. Palm Sunday has been a moment for Christians to publicly witness peace and social justice for all.

In that same spirit, we come together again in 2026 to call for communities where every person feels safe, respected and valued – especially those seeking asylum. Please join this public expression of faith, hope and solidarity.

1.00 pm – Gather on Princes Bridge (near Flinders Street Station) with banners and placards
1.30 pm – Walk to Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr
2.00 – 3.30 pm – Speakers and music at Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr

Light into the City

Last Tuesday 17 March, Archbishop Peter Comensoli delivered the Patrick Oration inside the Cathedral following a Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The oration was dedicated to the renewal project, Light into the City, which Archbishop Comensoli said was needed 'to strengthen the Church's mission to serve the city of Melbourne and its people from this place'.

St Patrick's Cathedral needs care through urgent restoration and renewal of the precinct, he said, detailing the deterioration of the sandstone—"It's crumbling, and pieces are even falling off—the need for roof and floor repairs, and the improvement of the lighting and sound systems. Beyond restoring the physical structure of the Cathedral, Light into the City aims to transform the surrounding area to be more welcoming, including the creation of gathering spaces and the repurposing of heritage-listed buildings for missionary outreach and cultural activities.

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HOLY WEEK LITURGY

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

PALM SUNDAY – 29 March
St Brigid's (Mass Times as usual); St Mark's (Ta Pinu Shrine)
St Brigid's: 5:00pm Portuguese (Brazilian Community)

MASS OF HOLY OIL - TUESDAY 30 March 10:00am at St Patrick's

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:
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

St Mark's:
10:00am Portuguese Mass