

4 **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me. (Ps 17:19-20)

A reading from the first book of Sirach 27:4–7
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:
Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54– 58
When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the

victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39–45
Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart. **'The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High. (Ps 12:6)

Entrance: <u>GATHER US IN</u> Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away, See in this space our fears and our dreamings. Brought here to you in the light of this day Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame; Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name We are the young our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race Gather us in the rich and the haughty Gather us in the proud and the strong, Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song <i>Marty Haugen © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.</i> 	Offertory: <u>BLESSED BE GOD</u> Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation Thanks to your goodness, this bread we offer Fruit of the earth, work of our hands It will become the bread of life Refrain: Blessed be God, Blessed be God Blessed be God, forever Amen Blessed be God, Blessed be God Blessed be God, forever Amen Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation Thanks to your goodness, this wine we offer Fruit of the vine, work of our hands It will become the cup of joy (Ref) <i>Text: Aniceto Nazareth © 1984, Kevin Mayhew</i>	Communion: <u>WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS</u> Ref: Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be. What do you gain from all your worry, What you should eat or what to wear? There is no peace in stress or hurry Do you not know that you are held with-in God's care? Look at the ravens high above you! They do not work their whole life through And yet God feeds them and protects them. So how much more will God protect and care for you! Behold the lilies in their splendor In grace and beauty are they dressed And yet so soon their bloom is faded So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? <i>Text: Matthew 6:21, 25-33; adapt. by Marty Haugen; © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.</i>	Final: <u>I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS</u> I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back. Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, Tho' none go with me I still will follow, Tho' none go with me, I still will follow; No turning back, no turning back. My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus; My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus, My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus; No turning back, No turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back <i>Public Domain</i>
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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 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 2nd Saturday 5:00pm
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 0417534352

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

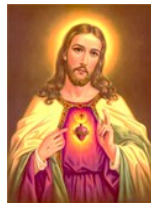
Reflection:
TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST.
Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity. *Excerpts from St. Paul's Sunday Missal*



Riflessione:
Con parole rudi, certamente per far penetrare meglio il suo insegnamento nei nostri cuori duri, Gesù ricorda una delle componenti fondamentali della vita cristiana: essere discepoli. Chi vuole condurre da solo la propria vita è un cieco che conduce un cieco; il buon frutto si trova su di un albero solido, e si è sempre cattivi giudici di se stessi se qualcuno non ci aiuta. Il maestro è Gesù, e noi siamo i suoi discepoli, cioè coloro che si lasciano istruire da lui, che riconoscono la sua autorità sovrana e si fidano delle sue parole. Ma beato colui che, sulla terra, ha saputo scoprire i portavoce di questa autorità, i maestri che non sono di ostacolo all'unico maestro, ma che aggiornano, concretizzano la sua parola, le sue esigenze, ma anche il suo amore attento. Vi sono i maestri secondo l'istituzione, quelli che la Chiesa ci dà, e riconosce come tali. E vi sono quelli che, nascosti, si lasciano riconoscere dai cuori preparati. Ogni uomo deve, nel corso di tutta la sua vita, riconoscersi discepolo di Gesù: seguirlo, obbedirgli e quindi ascoltarlo, al fine di mettere in pratica il suo insegnamento che ci conduce alla vita. *Estratti da https://www.lachiesa.it*

NEXT WEDNESDAY is Ash Wednesday, a day of prayer, fast and abstinence. Masses: 9.15am and 7.30pm are in the Church.

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	Liturgical Celebration	St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 1 st March 2025 Year “C” Vigil Mass 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	“Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?”		5.30pm Mass (Hall) 7.00pm (Hall) Spanish Mass	
2 nd March 2025 Year “C” 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	"Puó forse un cieco guidare un altro cieco? Non cadranno tutte e due in un fosso?"	10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am PRO-POPULO 11.00am Peter BILIC Gaetano CAFARELLA Bruno FILARDO †	Baptism Celebrations for Liana SACCARDO Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedí 3 rd March 2025 8 th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 4 th March 2025 8 th Week in Ordinary Time	Responsorial Psalm To the upright I will show the saving power of God.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	7.30pm Baptism Workshop for Parents and godparents.
Wednesday/Mercoledì 5 th March 2025 ASH WEDNESDAY 	Responsorial Psalm Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.30pm (Church) Ash Wednesday Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 6 th March 2025	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Friday/Venerdì 7 th March 2025	Responsorial Psalm A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.		8.30am Divine Mercy chapel and adoration 9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.00pm 1st Friday Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus (Spanish Chaplaincy)	6.00pm Stations of the Cross In Church 
All Masses are back temporarily in the Church from the 5th March to 23rd March 2025 as the parish hall is unavailable.				
PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES OR ENVELOPES are available for you to take home and bring back during Holy Week. Theme for this year: “UNITE AGAINST POVERTY” “UNIAMOCI CONTRO LA POVERTÁ”				
1 st March 2025 (Vigil)	5.30pm	2 nd March 2025	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	Volunteer		J. Santos	T. Toscano
II Reading	Volunteer		MC Sisters	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer		MC Sisters	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C & C Smith / J. D’Souza	F. Sirianni
	The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959			

Parish News...



Church refurbishment. Parishioners who would like to donate can use the QR Code and choose ‘payment’ for carpet refurbishment.
Thank you for your generosity.



Let us all continue to pray for Pope Francis in hospital with pneumonia may he make a complete and quick recovery. We send him all our love thoughts and prayers.

Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday
1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. **Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code
Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.





CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP RENE!
The Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy of Melbourne invites everyone to join in A Thanksgiving Mass Presided by Most Rev. Rene Ramirez, DD Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne on Saturday 15 March, 2025 at 5.30pm here at St. Brigid's Church. For more details contact: Fr. Asis 0404261228

An Invitation.....! To a beautiful evening of music, singing and payer in preparation for the holy eason of Lent and Holy Week.
Monday 3rd March 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Marist Centre Melbourne, 1 Dawson Street, Brunswick. Plentiful free parking. Enter from Dawson or Michael Streets
Br. Michael Herry will be the presenter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT, EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 6.00pm IN THE CHURCH (except for 28th March, 4th & 11th April in the Hall) please come and bring you neighbours and friends.

Southern Stars and Young Stars Social Club Welcomes new members.
Melbourne’s premier Catholic Social Club for single catholics in the 28-40 age group (Young Stars) plus 40 to over 60 age group. Lots of activities.
Enq: Peter on 9885 2167
email: sssc.online@gmail.com
Website:<http://sites.google.com/site/ssstarssc>



Online Giving
Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation to the parish. Thank you.

St. Brigid’s Collection
1st Collection \$400 - 00
2nd Collection \$200 - 00

Confirmations classes with Sr Milada will commence on Sunday 6th April 2025 at 10.30am in the Media Room.
Registrations are now open.

Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY Friday at 8.30am** in the Chapel.

LENT 2025 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES
Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be re-freshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. **This program is FREE and you can sign up here <https://BruceDownes.org/>**
Lent Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Entrata:
NOI CREDIAMO IN TE
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:
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’anima fedel.
Rit.:
Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l’arsura del cuor. **Rit.:**
Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l’ostia che t’offriam in tutta umiltà. **Rit.:**



Comunione: CARITÀ E AMORE
Dov’è carità e amore, qui c’è Dio
Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore: godiamo esultanti nel Signore!
Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente, e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero.
Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo: evitiamo di dividerci tra noi: vla le lotte maligne, via le liti, e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio. **Rit.**
Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte e dall’ombra della morte non risorge; ma se noi camminiamo nell’amore, noi saremo veri figli della luce. **Rit.**
Nell’amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra. **Rit.**
Imploriamo con fiducia il Padre Santo perché doni ai nostri giorni la sua pace: ogni popolo dimentichi rancori, ed il mondo si rinnovi nell’amore. **Rit.**



Fine:
DELL’AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA
Dell’aurora Tu sorgi più bella, coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra, e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra non vi è stella più bella di Te.
Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te.
Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare
La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio,
Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior.
Rit.

