

First Reading. A reading from the book of Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?’ The woman answered the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, “You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death”.’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.’ The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Entrata: PADRE, PERDONA Signore, ascolta: Padre, perdona! Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore. A te guardiamo, Redentore nostro, da te speriamo gioia di salvezza: Fa' che troviamo grazia di perdono. Rit. Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono. Rit. O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita. Rit.	Offertory: MISTERO DELLA CENA Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi. Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù . Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà .	Communion: SEI TU SIGNORE IL PANE Sei tu Signore il pane, tu cibo sei per noi. Risorto a vita nuova, sei vivo in mezzo a noi. Nell’ultima sua cena, Gesù si dona ai suoi: prendete pane e vino, la vita mia per voi. Mangiate questo pane: chi crede in me vivrà chi beve, il vino nuovo, con me risorgerà. È Cristo il pane vero, diviso qui fra noi: formiamo un solo corpo e Dio sarà con noi. Se porti la sua Croce, in lui tu regnerai. Se muori unito a Cristo, con lui rinascerai. Verranno i cieli nuovi, la terra fiorirà. Vivremo da fratelli, la Chiesa è carità	Final: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te. <i>Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.</i> Quando qualcuno ti dice: “Nulla mai cambierà” lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. Rit. Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. Rit.
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Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man’s fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man’s fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.’ But he replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels’ charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘I will give you all these’, he said, ‘if you fall at my feet and worship me.’ Then Jesus replied, ‘Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’ Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him. The Creed is said. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon : One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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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 Mass in Swahili 3 rd Sunday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:45am English 11:00am Italian Mass in Portuguese (Brazilian Comm.) Last Sunday 5:00pm
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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:

A TIME OF PREPARATION

The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus’ time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

Excerpts from S. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:



Gesù viene presentato come il nuovo Adamo che, contrariamente al primo, resiste alla tentazione. Ma egli è anche il rappresentante del nuovo Israele che, contrariamente al popolo di Dio durante la traversata del deserto che durò quarant’anni, rimette radicalmente la sua vita nelle mani di Dio - mentre il popolo regolarmente rifiutava di essere condotto da Dio.

In ognuno dei tre tentativi di seduzione, si tratta della fiducia in Dio. Si dice, nel Deuteronomio (Dt 6,4): “Ascolta, Israele: Il Signore è il nostro Dio, il Signore è uno solo. Tu amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l’anima e con tutte le forze”. Significa esigere che Dio sia il solo ad essere amato da Israele, il solo di cui fidarsi. Ciò significa anche rinunciare alla propria potenza, a diventare come Dio” (Gen 3,5).

A tre riprese, Satana tenta Gesù a servirsi del suo potere: della sua facoltà di fare miracoli (v. 3), della potenza della sua fede che pretenderebbe obbligare Dio (v. 6), della dominazione del mondo sottomettendosi a Satana e al suo governo di violenza (v. 9). Gesù resiste perché Dio è nel cuore della sua esistenza, perché egli vive grazie alla sua parola (v. 4), perché egli ha talmente fiducia in lui che non vuole attentare alla sua sovranità né alla sua libertà (v. 7), perché egli sa di essere impegnato esclusivamente a servirlo (v. 10).

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 February 2026 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Year "A" Vigil	Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.		5.30pm English Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass 12.00pm Baptism of Helena Vivas ANTOLINEZ Emilia McLeish—ANTOLINEZ Congratulations!	10.00am Baptism of Matilda ALVARADO Belen ALVARADO 11.30am Baptism of Sebastian Chisholm YOUNG Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 22nd February 2026 First Sunday of Lent Year "A"	Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am English Mass † Vincenza Mario BOFFA (4th ann) 11.00am Italian Mass † Teresa PLACIDI (1st ann) † Salvino Del COLLE (5th ann) † Agnese CALABRESE (ann) More intention on the next page	12.00pm Baptism of Ethan MCLAUGHLIN Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 23th February 2026 Weekday, First Week of Lent	Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) † Molli, Pat and Peter HIGGIN (ann)	
Tuesday/Martedì 24th February 2026 Weekday, First Week of Lent	From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) † Margaret & Tom BUSHEL (ann)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 25th February 2026 Weekday, First Week of Lent	A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) † Mary & Ann GIOMARTIN (ann)	
Thursday/Giovedì 26th February 2026 Weekday, First Week of Lent	Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.		9.15am Mass (Chapel) † Frank & Vernon LISTON (ann)	
Friday/Venerdì 27th February 2026 Weekday, First Week of Lent	If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who would endure it?		9.15am Mass (Chapel) † Jack & Mary FAY (ann) 8:30pm Divine Mercy and Adoration (Chapel)	6.00pm Station of the Cross (English, Spanish and Italian) 7.00pm Station of the Cross (Portugese)
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - February: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.				
28th February 2026(Vigil)	5.30pm	1st March 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	
The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959				



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Parish News...
Notizie di casa nostra...

Novena Intention (21th February - 1st March)



William Mauricio Torres
Munar and Natalia Vargas Monsalve

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.

Sunday Mass Intention



Angelo VARVERI
Giovanna TOMMASINA
Michelle NICOLAZZO
Domenica & Bruno FAVARO
Pietro GIGLIOTTI
Maria GALLO
Maria Di PIETRO
Maria GAZZO
Mario CARUSO
Giovanna & Domenico CARUSO
Salvatore RIDUCCI

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Rite of Election
at St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday 22nd February at 2:30pm
the catechumens and the candidates of
the OCIA program, will attend the Rite of
Election at St Patrick's Cathedral.
Let us include in our prayers.

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 Yangminta, CS
Parish Priest – Fitzroy North Parish



Parish Lenten Preparation (2nd Rite of Reconciliation)

Wednesday, 11th March at 6:00pm—7:15pm
followed by
Perpetual Help Novena Mass at 7:30pm.

St. Brigid's
Weekend Collection

1st Collection : \$ 562.25
2nd Collection : \$ 285.85
Online Donation : \$ 630
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 any-
one 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.

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PROJECT
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You can support Project Compassion 2026
through the donation boxes, envelopes or
by scanning the QR code.
www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate / 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

OCIA (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.
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