

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. (Ps 86:1-3).

**A reading from the Book of Joshua (24:1-2a,15-18b)**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "If you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R./**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R./**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R./**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R./**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R./**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (5:21-32)**

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the Church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church. ***This is the Word of the Lord.***

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. You have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!** (Jn 6:63,68).St

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John 6:60-69)**

Many of the disciples, when they heard the doctrine of Jesus, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offence at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that should betray him. And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, "Will you also go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God." ***The Gospel of the Lord.***



# Weekly Parish Newsletter

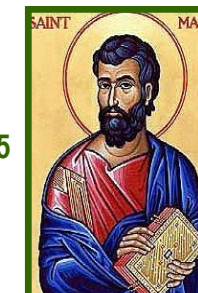
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**The courage to choose for Christ.**

Today's gospel is the final one of the five readings from St. John's on the discourse of the Bread of Life. The Jews did not take too readily to Jesus' teaching. Many chose to walk away. It was also a difficult choice by the Apostles, but Peter, no doubt inspired by the Spirit, gave the answer: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life". The same answer was given by the Israelites at Schechem (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). The choice for God is not easy, but challenging us to see things from the perspective of God. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading offers another challenging perspective: the love of Christ for the Church is compared to the faithful love between husband and wife. True love is different from romance. Marjorie Holmes, a popular inspirational writer, says that the difference lies in "turning sweet nothing into sweet something". For example, romance is seeking perfection while love is forgiving imperfection; romance is flying but love is safe landing; romance is waiting for the phone to ring to bring you a voice that will utter endearments; love is waiting for the phone to ring to tell you that a dear one is happy and safe. Romance is striving always to appear attractive for each other; love finds beauty in each other no matter how they look. Romance is gazing deep into desired eyes across a candlelit table; love is saying "You're tired, my dear; I'll get up this time to warm the bottle or comfort a frightened child. Romance is flattering attention, while love is genuine thoughtfulness. Romance is tingling excitement, but love is tenderness, consistency, loyalty and to cherish the beloved. Romance can't last, but love can't help but last". This love is a pale example of God's love because He gives of Himself to us in an unexpected surprising way. What is my answer?



**Il coraggio di scegliere Cristo**

Nel Vangelo, Giovanni continua il discorso di Cristo che afferma "Io sono il Pane di Vita" ma la folla che lo ascolta trova questo discorso troppo duro e se ne va. Oggi non e' differente: molti trovano l'insegnamento della Chiesa e le aspettative della Chiesa verso i cristiani, dure e difficili a seguire... e se ne vanno. La risposta di Pietro e' di conforto a chi rimane saldo: "Signore, da chi andremo? Tu hai parole di vita eterna. Noi abbiamo creduto e conosciuto che tu sei il Santo di Dio". La Chiesa continua a riproporre senza alibi e adattamenti umani

l'insegnamento di Cristo. Invece tanti istintivamente preferiscono un Dio facile, che li accontenta, che offra una sicurezza temporale immediata anziche' una elevazione spirituale e una prospettiva duratura e eterna nelle proprie decisioni di vita. Come le folle che seguivano Gesu' anche oggi molti prendono una posizione di rifiuto: "Questo linguaggio e' duro; chi puo' intenderlo?" Comunque, questa e' gia' una scelta di accettare il pensiero popolare, di vivere come gli altri, di non scontrarsi con uno stile di vita materialistica ed egoistica. Cristiano, invece, e' chi ha scelto Cristo e lo segue. In questa decisione fondamentale per Gesu' Cristo e' contenuta e compiuta ogni altra esigenza di conoscenza e di azione della fede. Percio' e' necessario essere educati "al pensiero di Cristo", a vedere la storia come Lui, a giudicare la vita come Lui, a scegliere e ad amare come Lui, a sperare come insegna Lui, a vivere in Lui la comunione con il Padre e lo Spirito Santo. La fede cristiana e' soprattutto un atto di fiducia e di abbandono in Cristo riconosciuto come principio delle cose spirituali al di la' di tutto quello che l'uomo puo' vedere e toccare, sperimentare e manipolare. Questo atto di fiducia e' confessare la propria poverta' e piccolezza e accettare la novita' della ricchezza che viene da Dio.

**Entrance:**  
**Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet Thy tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Ever more His praises sing;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour,  
To his children in distress!  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as His mercy flows!



**Offertory:**  
**Take and Receive**

Take and receive,  
O Lord, my liberty  
Take all my will,  
my mind, my memory  
All things I hold  
and all I own are Thine  
Thine was the gift,  
to Thee I all resign  
Do Thou direct  
and govern all and sway  
Do what Thou wilt,  
command, and I obey  
Only Thy grace,  
Thy love on me bestow  
These make me rich,  
all else will I forego.



**Communion:**  
**In Him Alone**

**Refrain:**

**In him alone is our hope  
In him alone is our strength  
In him alone are we justified  
In him alone are we saved.**

What have we to offer  
That does not fade or wither  
Can the world ever satisfy  
The emptiness in our hearts  
In vain we deny? **(refrain)**

When will you cease running  
In search of hollow meaning?  
Let his love feed the hunger  
In your soul, til it overflows  
With joy you yearn to know.  
**(refrain)**



**Final: Take the Word of God with you**

Take the word of God with you as you go  
Take the seeds of God's word  
and make them grow.



**Refrain**

**Go in peace to serve the world,  
in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God,  
the love of God with you as you go.**

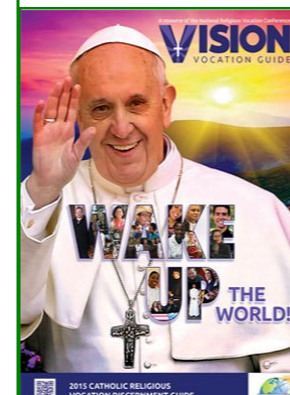
Take the peace of God with you as you go  
Take the seeds of God's peace  
and make them grow.

Take the joy of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's joy  
and make them grow.

Take the love of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's love  
and make them grow.



**Communion Antiphon:** Earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart. (Ps 103:13-15).



**Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" Pope Francis**

**Prayer for Vocations**

**O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.**

**Through Christ Our Lord.**

**Amen!**



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Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/ SABATO</b> 22nd August 2015 Year "B" "Vigil" 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>"You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."</i>	Sabato prossimo 10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm PRO-POPULO  7.00pm Spanish Mass	 "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." "Do you want to go away as well?"
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 23rd August 2015 Year "B" 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>"Tu hai parole di vita eterna e noi abbiamo creduto e conosciuto che tu sei il Santo di Dio"</i>	8.30am Betty HAYES (Died 10/8/15 in Brisbane) 	9.45am Induction of Fr. Savino Bernardi as Parish Priest  11.00am Angela DE FILIPIS Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	<b>Fr. Savino Bernardi Congratulations!</b> <i>May you serve the parish of St. Brigid &amp; St. Mark well.</i> <i>Our prayers are with you</i>
<b>Monday / Lunedi</b> 24th August 2015 St. Bartholomew, apostle Apoc 21: 9-14; Jn 1:45-51	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.</i>	8.00am Mary (Special Intentions)	9.15am <b>In honour to St. Bartholomew</b>	
<b>Tuesday / Martedi</b> 25th August 2015 1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>You have searched me and you know me, Lord.</i>	8.00am Mary (Special Intentions)	9.15am 10.30am Rosary 11.00am Funeral Mass for Grazia CIAVARELLA 7.00pm Angela NICOLAZZO (1st annv.)	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family of Grazia Ciavarella. May the Lord of mercy grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i> 
<b>Wednesday / Mercoledì</b> 26th August 2015 1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>You have searched me and you know me, Lord.</i>	8.00am Mary (Special Intentions)	9.15am Carmela FIORE  7.30pm Caterina NOTARO (1mese)	<b>Dopo la S. Messa segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico</b>  <b>7.30pm Mass in honour to O. L. P. H</b> (Filipino Chaplaincy) Convent
<b>Thursday/Giovedì</b> 27th August 2015 St. Monica 1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!</i>	8.00am Mary (Special Intentions)	9.15am <b>In honour to St. Monica</b>	
<b>Friday/ Venerdì</b> 28th August 2015 St. Augustine, bishop, doctor 1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Let us rejoice in the Lord.</i>	8.00am Mary (Special Intentions)	9.15am <b>In honour to St. Augustine</b> 7.00pm Michele LANGONE (1mese)	

**ST JOSEPH'S NORTH FITZROY 50 YEAR REUNION - Friday 28 August, 7pm Lord Newry Hotel, Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy.** For Matric '65, Leaving '64, Intermediate '63, and Proficiency '62. **Cost: \$40**  
Details: John McCormack on 9243 8300 or john.mccormack@griffithhack.com.au

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## 3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 29th & 30th August 2015	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	A. Smyth	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso	M. Lauria	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	Lucy Butera	E. Mascia	C. Penitito / R. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	C. Goodson	M. Lauria	C. Zorzi / L. Di Franco		

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**  
For parents and godparents wishing to have their children baptised here at St. Brigid's, will take place next Monday 31st August at 7.30pm in the Church.

**BIBLICAL LANDS TOUR 2016**  
**INFORMATION DAY** Saturday 12 September, 2-5pm Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne  
CTC is offering a fully escorted Study Tour of the Holy Lands in November/December 2016. This information session will detail the complete itinerary of all places to be visited in Jordan, Israel, Palestinian territories and Turkey. Journey with CTC to the heart of your faith!  
Details: Jenny on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au  
RSVP: Wednesday 9 September

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**  
**INFORMATION SESSIONS**  
**Tuesday 25 August, 7.30pm**, St Gerard's Parish, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong  
**Thursday 3 September, 7.30pm**, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, E. Melbourne  
Young people interested in joining the Victorian pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow in 2016 are invited to attend for information, pilgrimage options and how to register  
Details: [www.wydvictoria.org.au](http://www.wydvictoria.org.au).

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT AND REFUGEE OFFICE COLLOQUIUM**  
**Thursday 27 August, 7-9pm**  
Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, Australian Catholic University, Brunswick St, Fitzroy  
The topic of the fifth **Bishop Joe Grech Memorial Colloquium** on Ethics and Migration is '20 years of migration policy: the Church's response'. Hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in conjunction with the Australian Catholic University (Melbourne Campus).

**CATHOLIC CARE'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL**  
**Thursday 10 September, 6.30pm, Plaza Ballroom, 191 Collins St, Melbourne.**  
**Cost: \$195** Details: Events Manager Angela Smith on 9926 5722 or [ange-la.smith@ccam.org.au](mailto:ange-la.smith@ccam.org.au) or [www.ccam.org.au/](http://www.ccam.org.au/)

**WEEKLY EVENING MASS & PRAYER GROUP** 6.30pm every Tuesday evening St Clement of Rome Church, 7-21 Egan Drive, Bulleen. We gather at 6.30pm for recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and a meditated holy rosary, before Mass is celebrated in the chapel. All welcome.

**CHURCH WITHOUT FRONTIERS**  
**MOTHER TO ALL**  
**MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS**  
**NEXT SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2015**  
**2.00pm ROSARY**  
Recited in different languages  
**3.00pm MASS** St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
Main Celebrant: **Archbishop Denis Hart DD** Everyone welcome.

**SACRED HEART MISSION**  
Sacred Heart Mission helps people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage to access food, shelter, care and support. Our network of eight Op shops aims to raise funds and awareness of the work of Sacred Heart Mission. We would love you to consider donating good quality furniture, books clothing, footwear, accessories, bric-a-brac and household items. The nearest Sacred Heart Op shop to you is located at **433 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy** or simply call our free collection service on **9536 8437** to book a pick-up for larger items or quantities.

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1 Collection \$ 635 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 340 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 234 - 00

**Entrata:**  
**TERRA TUTTA**  
*Terra tutta, dá lode a Dio*  
*Canta al tuo Signore*  
Servite Dio nell'allegrezza, con canti di gioia andate a Lui.  
**Rit.**  
Poiché il Signore é nostro Dio, da lui siam creati, e siamo suoi.  
**Rit.**  
Noi siamo il gregge che egli pasce  
Il popolo suo; gloria al Signor.  
**Rit.**  
Gloria al Signore, Padre e Figlio e Spirito Santo. Lode al Signor.  
**Rit.**

**Offertorio:**  
**A TE SIGNOR LEVIAMO I CUORI**  
*A te Signore leviamo i cuori*  
*A te Signor noi li doniam.*  
Quel pane bianco che t'offre la Chiesa e' frutto santo del nostro lavoro accettalo, Signore, e benedici.  
**Rit.**  
Quel vino puro che t'offre la Chiesa forma la gioia dei nostri bei colli; accettalo, Signore, e benedici.  
**Rit.**  
Gioie, dolori, fatiche e speranze nel sacro calice noi deponiamo: accettali, Signore, e benedici.  
**Rit.**

**Comunione: IL SIGNORE CI HA AMATO**  
Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci conduce nella notte, luce nell'oscurità. Quando il pane dividiamo nella gioia tra di noi, Il Signore é qui presente col suo amor.  
**È il tuo corpo, dato a tutti noi, è il tuo Sangue, dato a tutti noi; sei per noi la vita, sei per noi l'amor.**  
**O Signore, porta tutti al tuo amor.**  
Il Signore ci ha amato come nessuno altro mai. Per la gente del villaggio egli é figlio di operai, che lavora come gli altri nella pena, nel sudor, e conosce la fatica di ogni di. **Rit.:**  
Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Un amore così grande che morì per tutti noi; un amore così forte che la morte superò: dal sepolcro vincitore si levò. **Rit.:**  
Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci riunisce nel suo nome, ci ridona libertà. Siamo membro del suo corpo, una nuova umanità; nulla mai può separarci dal suo amor. **Rit.:**

**Fine: NOME DOLCISSIMO**  
Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore.  
**Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)**  
Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella.  
**Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)**  
Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero,  
**Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)**

