

**4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (55:6-9)  
 "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R./**  
 The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R./**  
 The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:20-24,27)  
 Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! **Alleluia!** (Lk 19:38)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (20:1-16)  
 Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last." **Gospel of the Lord.**

**Entrance:**  
**PRaise TO THE LORD**  
 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!  
 O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
 Come, all who hear:  
 Now to his altar draw near,  
 Joining in glad adoration!  
 Praise to the Lord,  
 who shall prosper our work  
 and defend us;  
 Surely his goodness and mercy  
 shall daily attend us.  
 Ponder anew  
 what the Almighty can do,  
 Who with his love  
 will befriend us.  
 Praise to the Lord!  
 O let all that is in us adore him!  
 All that has life and breath come  
 now with praises before him!  
 Let the "Amen" sound from his  
 people again,  
 Now as we worship before him!

**Offertory:**  
**JESUS YOU ARE BREAD FOR US**  
**Jesus, you are bread for us.**  
**Jesus, you are life for us.**  
**In your gift of Eucharist**  
**we find love.**  
 When we feel we need a friend  
 you are there with us, Jesus.  
 Thank you for the friend you are  
 Thank you for the love we share  
 When we feel that we need love  
 you are there with us, Jesus.  
 Thank you for the friend you are  
 Thank you for the love we share  
 When we feel that things  
 aren't fair  
 you are there with us, Jesus.  
 Thank you for the friend you are  
 Thank you for the love we share



**Communion**  
**YAHWEH YOU ARE NEAR**  
*Refrain:*  
**Yahweh, I know You are near,**  
**standing always at my side.**  
**You guard me from the foe.**  
**And You lead me**  
**in ways everlasting.**  
 Lord, You have searched my heart,  
 and You know when I sit  
 and when I stand.  
 Your hand is upon me  
 protecting me from death,  
 keeping me from harm.  
*[Refrain]*  
 Where can I run from Your love?  
 If I climb to the heavens You are there;  
 If I fly to the sunrise  
 or sail beyond the sea,  
 still I'd find You there.  
*[Refrain]*  
 You know my heart and its ways,  
 You who formed me before I was born,  
 In the secret of darkness before I saw  
 the sun in my mother's womb.  
*[Refrain]*

**Final:**  
**EVERYDAY GOD**  
 Earth's creator,  
 Everyday God,  
 Loving Maker, O Jesus,  
 You who shaped us, O Spirit,  
 Recreate us,  
 Come, be with us.  
 Life of all lives,  
 Everyday God,  
 Love of all loves, O Jesus,  
 Hope of all hopes, O Spirit,  
 Light of all lights,  
 Come, be with us.  
 In our dreaming,  
 Everyday God,  
 In our daring, O Jesus,  
 In our searching, O Spirit,  
 In our sharing,  
 Come, be with us.  
 Alleluia, Everyday God,  
 Now and always, O Jesus,  
 Alleluia, O Spirit,  
 Through all ages,  
 Come, be with us.

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. (Ps 118:4-5)

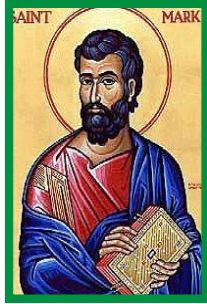
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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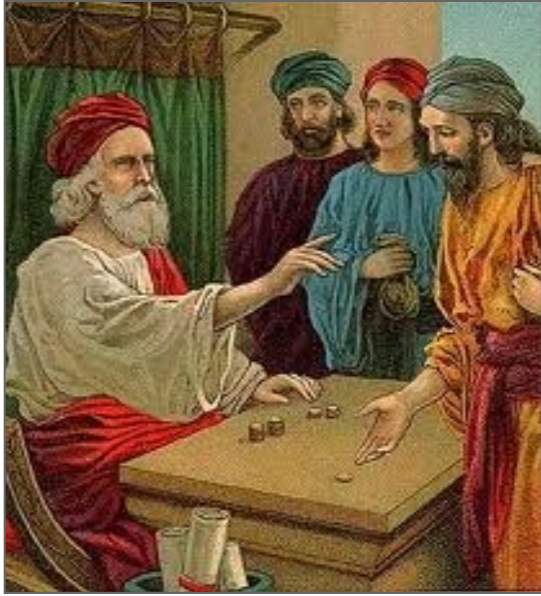
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**THE GENEROSITY OF GOD:**

The key to understand the parable of the workers in the vineyard is the landowner's phrase: "because I am generous" (v. 15). It is this generosity that explains the apparently capricious conduct of the householder. For, indeed, at first sight, it does seem unfair that all the workers were to receive the same wage. But when we understand his motive we judge his conduct very differently. A denarius represented a day's wage, just enough to support a family; anything less, and especially payment for a single hour, would be inadequate. It is because he had pity on them that the owner called them to the vineyard in the first place, and it is because he has pity on them that he pays them all, the full wage. It is the action of a man who is full of compassion. This is what God is: all goodness and mercy. This is the message of the parable. The parable shows what God is like, full of compassion and generosity for the "last ones". Our loving God deals with us not according to what we truly deserve but according to his gracious mercy. He treats us as family members offering us his gratuitous love with generosity. God's justice is over and above the formality of human justice. It takes into account the greater needs of people, of those who are "standing idle in the market place" (v.3) against their will because no one had hired them. They not only had the willingness to work but also the right to work but no one was hiring them. The landowner was not unfair but generous. Gratuitousness does not belong to the realm of what is arbitrary. What is gratuitous does not contradict or disdain the quest for justice. On the contrary, it gives justice its true meaning. There is nothing more demanding than gratuitous love.



**LA GENEROSITÀ DI DIO:**

Se ai tempi del Signore fossero esistite le moderne istituzioni che tutelano i diritti dei lavoratori, sicuramente avrebbero trovato una valida ragione per contestare l'operato del padrone della vigna nei confronti degli operai chiamati a lavorare. I primi ad essere chiamati lavorano per tutto il giorno e giustamente affermano: «abbiamo sopportato il peso della giornata e il caldo». Gli ultimi hanno lavorato solo per poche ore, il compenso però è uguale per tutti. La chiave di lettura di questa parabola è la frase: "sei invidioso perché io sono buono?" (v.15). È la bontà di Dio quello che ci presenta

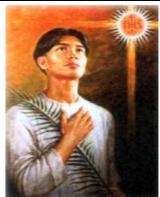
la parabola di questo oggi. Dio sa coniugare perfettamente giustizia e amore, equità e benevolenza, giudizio e misericordia. Egli vede piuttosto la nostra disponibilità ad accogliere le sue divine sollecitazioni in qualsiasi momento esse arrivino e ciò è per lui già motivo per darci la ricompensa tutta intera. Tante volte rischiamo, con il pretesto di affermare il nostro umano e limitato concetto di giustizia di contestare la bontà di Dio. Rischiamo di essere invidiosi perché egli è buono. Accade qualcosa di simile quando il Padre, dopo aver accolto il figlio scapestrato, che ha dissipato malamente tutte le sue sostanze, lo accoglie a braccia aperte ed organizza per lui una grande festa, che però suscita l'indignazione del fratello maggiore. Anch'egli si ritiene ingiustamente vittima di una evidente discriminazione. Dio nella sua infinita bontà fa dei suoi beni quello che vuole e perciò può accadere che gli ultimi diventino i primi se hanno risposto con piena disponibilità al suo invito. Il regno di Dio è un dono gratuito, una grazia da accogliere. È importante allora farsi trovare pronti e disponibili in qualsiasi ora della nostra lunga giornata perché egli, il Signore, passa e bussa alla porta del cuore di ogni uomo per rendere operosa e feconda la nostra vita.

**La Comunità Filippina celebra la FESTA DI SAN LORENZO RUIZ** Domenica prossima 28 settembre nella nostra chiesa di S. Brigida. Inizio 12.00pm con Processione e Santa Messa. Tutti benvenuti.  
 Next Sunday 28th September here at St. Brigid's Church, commencing at 12 O'clock the Filipino Community will come together to celebrate the FEAST OF ST. LORENZO RUIZ with Procession and Holy Mass. Everyone invited.



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## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY SABATO</b> 20th September 2014 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" (Vigil)	<i>'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'</i>		6.00pm Mass and Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz  7.00pm Spanish Mass Omar VEGA	<b>Wedding Celebrations for Sandra CASTAÑEDA &amp; Michael KLEPNER</b> <i>Congratulations!</i> 
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 21st September 2014 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>"Chiama i lavoratori e dai loro la paga, incominciando dagli ultimi fino ai primi"</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am  11.00am 50 <sup>mo</sup> anniversario di Peter & Tina FRACARO  7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	<b>Baptism Celebrations for Samuel Marcus BRAIN</b> <i>Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 22nd September 2014 Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Whoever does justice shall live on the Lord's holy mountain.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Francis CHAN  1.30pm Messa funebre per Raffaele SABATINO  6.00pm Santo Rosario per Fortunato MERCURI	<b>Le nostre sincere condoglianze alla famiglia di Raffaele SABATINO</b>  7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz
Tuesday/Martedì 23rd September 2014 St Pius of Pietrelcina Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21	<i>Responsorial Psalm.</i> <i>Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.</i> 	8.00am	9.15am  1.00pm Messa funebre per Fortunato MERCURI	<b>Le nostre sincere condoglianze alla famiglia di Fortunato MERCURI</b>  7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz
Wednesday/Mercoledì 24th September 2014 Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	<i>Responsorial Psalm.</i> <i>La tua parola, Signore, è lampada ai miei passi.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	<b>Dopo la S. Messa delle 9.15am segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico</b>
Thursday/Giovedì 25th September 2014 Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	
Friday/Venerdì 26th September 2014 Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Ti benedico, Signore, per il tempo della tua grazia.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmela FIORE  7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - Saturday 4 October, 4.30pm St Brigid's Church Hall, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North. In honour of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Emeritus Bishop Hilton Deakin will bless house pets and other animals at St Brigid's Church Hall. **Contact:** johndrennan1934@yahoo.com

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

Liturgy of the Word 27th & 28th Sept.2014	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	J. Perrett	J. Smith	M. Lauria	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	R. Kircher	L. Colosimo	J. Vaccari/Volunteer		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	M. O'Reilly	M. Lauria	Colosimo Family		

**NOZZE D'ORO** *Le nostre più sincere congratulazioni e auguri a Peter e Tina Fracaro nella ricorrenza del loro 50mo anniversario di matrimonio. Preghiamo il Signore di concedergli ancora tanti di questi bellissimi giorni colmi di felicità, salute e tante benedizioni.*

**Feast of OUR LADY OF SORROW**  
TODAY Sunday 21st September, here at St. Brigid's, commencing at 2.30pm with Servite Rosary followed by Holy Mass, Procession Solemn Benediction. Everyone Welcome.

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on next Monday 29th September at 7.30pm in church.

**CatholicCare Church Appeal**  
The Annual Appeal for CatholicCare will take place this weekend. Please give generously to this very important appeal to help needy families. There are special appeal envelopes available for your donation. Thank you.

**Festa dell'ADDOLORATA** si celebra OGGI Domenica con inizio alle 2.30pm Santo Rosario seguito dalla Santa Messa, Processione e Benedizione Eucaristica. Tutti benvenuti.

**Simonds Catholic College** will be holding an **OPEN AFTERNOON** on Monday 13th October from 3.30pm to 6.00pm at St. Mary's Campus, 273 Vitoria Street, West Melbourne. Simonds Catholic College is a small inner city secondary boys school of about 500 students. Any interested parents, please come along on a guided tour of the college and to meet with the staff. Afternoon tea will be available at the conclusion of the tour. Further enquiries Contact Nikki Williams on 9321 9206.

**St Luke's Youth and Family Trivia night** Saturday 11 October, 7pm for a 7.30pm start St Luke's Parish Hall, 1A David Street, Lalor. The Healers' Youth Group at St Luke's Parish Lalor are holding a Youth and Family Trivia night. Come along for a night of fun and prizes. BYO snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. **Cost:** Child (under 18) \$5, Adult \$10 and Family \$30 **Contact:** 0431 965 734 or stlukes-thehealers@outlook.com

**POPE FRANCIS AND THE REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS** Thursday 2 October, 7.30pm-9.30pm (following Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral) Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne  
In a world of so much struggle and sadness, where do we find joy? Bill Donaghy, from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, shares how St John Paul II's vision of human dignity meets Pope Francis' revolutionary approach to finding meaning in our lives. **Cost:** \$5 (includes pizza and soft drink) **RSVP:** Tuesday 30 Sept. **Contact:** lmf@cam.org.au

**The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will hold their **Annual Mission Fair** Saturday, 11th October, 9am - 3pm at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew. Proceeds for this year's Fair will assist Sr Agnese Valier, Comboni Mission, Gulu, Uganda and Fr. Edward Mwenda, St. Matthew Parish, Meru, Kenya, Africa. Please come along.

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1 Collection	\$ 845 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 380 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 253 - 00

**OGGI Domenica 21 Settembre 2.30pm. Celebrazioni in onore a San Padre Pio nella chiesa di Sant'Ambrogio, Sydney Rd. Brunswick. Celebrante: P. Delmar Silva. Tutti benvenuti.**

**Canto D'ingresso: LODATE DIO**  
Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo, lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò somma sapienza e splendore  
Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene. lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio.  
Lodate Dio, uno e trino Signore, lodate Dio, mèta e premio dei buoni: cantate a lui, sorgente di ogni bontà, per tutti i secoli. Amen!

**Canto D'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.  
Quel vino puro che t'offre la Chiesa forma la gioia dei nostri bei colli; accettalo, Signore, e benedici.

**Canti di Comunione TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE**  
Ti ringrazio, o mio Signore, per le cose che sono nel mondo, per la vita che tu mi hai donato, per l'amore che tu nutri per me.  
**Alleluia, O mio Signore! Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo! Alleluia, O mio Signore! Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!**  
Come il pane che abbiamo spezzato Era sparso in grano sui colli, così unisci noi, sparsi nel mondo, in un Corpo che sia solo per te. **R.**  
Quell'amore che unisce te al Padre Sia la forza che unisce i fratelli ed il mondo conosca la pace: la tua gioia regni sempre tra noi. **R.**

**Canto Finale MADRE DELLA CHIESA**  
*Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa (x2)*  
A te, Maria, guardiamo con gioia, in te il Signore ha fatto meraviglie.  
**Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa**  
Ci sei sorella, conosci la vita, la tua fede dà forza ai nostri passi.  
**Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa**  
Tu sei la stella, sei luce di Dio, E nel cammino tu sei davanti a noi.  
**Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa**

