

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7) Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter(2:4-9) Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." **Alleluia**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (14:1-12) Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

<p>Entrance: SING A NEW SONG</p> <p><i>Sing a new song unto the Lord; Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, Singing alleluia.</i></p> <p>Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord. And play for him on glad tambourines, And let your trumpet sound.</p> <p>Ref.:</p> <p>Rise O children, from your sleep; Your Saviour now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, And filled your soul with song.</p> <p>Ref.:</p> 	<p>Offertory GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT</p> <p><i>You satisfy the Hungry Heart with Gift of Finest Wheat, come give to us O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.</i></p> <p>Is not the cup we bless and share, the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare Our oneness in the Lord?</p> <p>The mystery of Your presence Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.</p> 	<p>Communion WE WILL RISE AGAIN</p> <p>Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart. We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.</p> <p>I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life. Though the young may grow weary I will be their hope.</p> <p>Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars. I lead you, and I know you, I call you each by name.</p> <p>Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; uphold you with my hand.</p> 	<p>Final: HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN</p> <p>Refrain <i>Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.</i></p> <p>You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.</p> <p>Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.</p> 
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Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia. (Jn 15:1,5)



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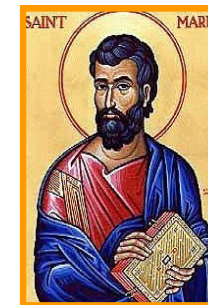
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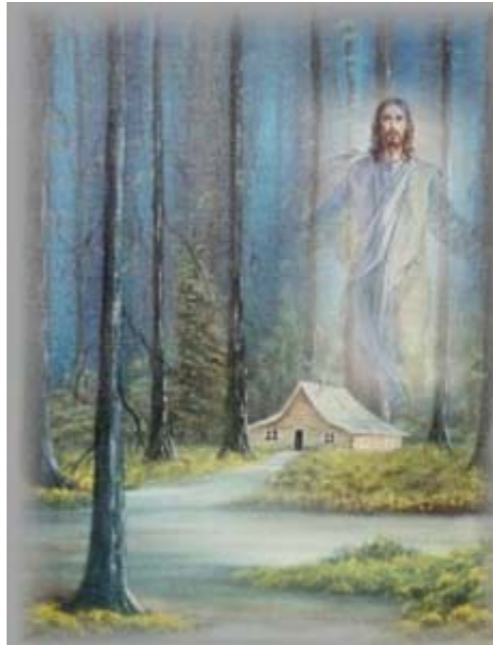
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE:

Today's Gospel reminds us that life has a purpose: total fulfillment, happiness. How to find it? By ourselves it is impossible to attain it. Jesus offers us to be our guide as we search for it: "I am the way, the truth and the life". Jesus Christ is the way guiding us to the Father. He is true God and true man; therefore, He is the perfect mediator relating us to God and guiding us to Him. "No one comes to the Father except through me... If you know, you will then also know my Father". In this world we are in front of so many ways, let us pay attention to the only one who will give true happiness. Jesus Christ is the truth that reveals the Father. He was



sent to us to respond to our question: Who is God? It is only the Son who can show us the Father because they are one. This is the reason for the Christians to be attentive to the Word of Christ, because He is the truth and in his word we rule our life. In front of life choices our model to follow is Jesus, the truth that set us free. Jesus Christ is the true life, the life that emerges from God himself. He became flesh to communicate his life to us, to give life in abundance. He is the trunk that gives life to the branches. Christ gives his life through the sacramental life of the Church. Let us ask with faith that Christ, the living stone rejected by human beings, be our choice because only in Him there is true life and happiness.



Oggi diamo il nostro caro benvenuto alla Comunità Portoghese dove uniti celebriamo la festa della "MADONNA DI FATIMA" alle 11.00am con la Santa Messa e Processione.

Today we warmly welcome the Portuguese Community who will celebrate with us the feast of "OUR LADY OF FATIMA" at 11.00am with a combined Mass and Procession.




Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima
O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org
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
SATURDAY of the Fourth Week of Easter SABATO della Quarta Settimana di PASQUA 17th May 2014 Year "A"	<i>"I am the way, and the truth, and the life".</i>		6.00pm PRO-POPULO Zefa NREKIC (died 16/5/2014) 7.00pm Procession & Holy Mass In Honour to Our Lady of Fatima Spanish & Portuguese Communities	<i>Wedding Celebrations for:</i> Lorena PERSICO & Michael CARRAFA Adele GUYER & Mitchell IERACI <i>Congratulations!</i>
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER QUINTA DOMENICA DI PASQUA 18th May 2014 Year "A"	<i>"Io sono la via, la verità e la vita".</i>	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am Gerardo BUTERA Francesca DI GIANNANTONIO ^(3rd) Laurie XUEREB - Carmen GALEA 11.00am Francesca DI GIANNANTONIO ^(3rd) Giovanni FOLINO GALLO Caterina FOLINO GALLO	<i>Portuguese & Italian Combined Celebrations</i> 10.30am Rosary & Procession Followed by Holy Mass in Honour to Our Lady of Fatima
Monday of the 5th week of Easter Lunedì 5a settimana di Pasqua 19th May 2014 Acts 14- 5-18; Jn 14: 21-26	<i>Responsorial Psalm Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.</i>	8.00am Geoff BRUTY (recently deceased)	9.15am	
Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter Martedì 5a settimana di Pasqua 20th May 2014 Acts 14: 19 -28; Jn 14: 27-31	<i>Responsorial Psalm. Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.</i>	8.00am Ellen FAY (anniversary)	9.15am	
Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter Mercoledì 5a settimana di Pasqua 21st May 2014 Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8 (Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.)	<i>Responsorial Psalm. Andiamo con gioia alla casa del Signore.</i>	8.00am Elena BOUCOVAZ (anniversary)	9.15am Defunti membri della famiglia MATTAROLO	Dopo la S. Messa delle 9.15am segue il gruppo di preghiera Carismatico
Thursday of the 5th week of Easter Giovedì 5a settimana di Pasqua 22nd May 2014 Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11	<i>Responsorial Psalm Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.</i>	8.00am Julie & family (Special Intentions)	9.15am S. Rita of Cascia	
Friday of the 5th week of Easter Venerdì 5a settimana di Pasqua 23rd May 2014 Acts 15: 22-31; Jn 15: 12-17 (I will praise you among the nations, O Lord.)	<i>Responsorial Psalm Sei tu la mia lode, Signore, in mezzo alle genti.</i>	8.00am Julie & family (Special Intentions)	9.15am 10.00am Baptism Celebration Mia Carlotta MORENO Congratulations!	

MAGGIO - MESE DI MARIA: Siamo tutti invitati a recitare il S. Rosario in onore alla nostra Madre Celeste in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa, oppure in casa con la nostra famiglia.



MAY - MONTH OF MARY: We are all invited to pray the Holy Rosary in honour to our mother Mary before or after Mass, or in our own homes with members of our family.

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo Tel: (03) 9489-6777 Fax: (03) 9489-9926	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0411 206 858	Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS Tel: 0419 392 343 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0410 001 462	Chaplain Fr. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0404 261 228

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

Liturgy of the Word 24th & 25th May 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	L. Murphy	M. Fabri	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	T. Toscano	D. Lauria
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	J. Perrett	A. Smyth	M. Lauria	J. Smith / N. Omenihu		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	J. Vaccari	E. Mascia	Lauria Family		

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal
Today Sunday 18 May. you are invited to donate to this important work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, via the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in your local parish.
Envelopes available in church.
Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with: **Patients and their families in public hospitals, Those affected by mental illness - Men and women in Prisons - Young people in youth justice facilities - Seafarers and migrants.**
More Info: The Development Office on 9926 5714 or www.cam.org.au
Please give generously.

DOMENICA 1° GIUGNO SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONI NELLA CHIESA DI SANTA BRIGIDA
Per la "FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA" in ricorrenza del 68mo anniversario della fondazione e per il BEATO GIOVANNI BATTISTA SCALABRINI fondatore dei Padri Scalabriniani, missionari per migranti nel mondo con una Santa Messa alle 11.00am concelebrata da Padre Vito Pegolo ed altri sacerdoti, parteciperà il coro di Sant'Antonio. Dopo la S. Messa la comunità è invitata nella sala parrocchiale per un leggero rinfresco e un concerto sinfonico offerto dalla Banda Bellini. Un cordiale invito è rivolto a tutta la comunità Italiana a partecipare fraternamente a queste celebrazioni.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION
For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is on next Monday 26th May 2014 at 7.30pm in church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL
This year the appeal will be held on the WEEKEND of the 28th/29th June 2014.

Fridge magnet prayer cards for every household in response to Pope Francis' call for prayer
Pope Francis has asked Catholics around the world to pray for the Synod on the Family which will take place on 5-19 October. The Archdiocese has produced special fridge magnet prayer cards to encourage Melbourne Catholic households to include this prayer in daily life, perhaps with grace before your evening meal.

PROJECT COMPASSION - 2014
Total to date is \$6675. Thank you.
PROGETTO COMPASSIONE - 2014
Totale corrente \$6675.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
I Collection \$ 785 - 00
2 Collection \$ 470 - 00
Envelopes \$ 238 - 00

2015 FOUNDATION ENROLMENT NOW OPEN Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School has now opened its 2015 Foundation (Prep) enrolment. If your child turns five by April 30 2015 and you are seeking an outstanding Catholic Primary education please call 9380 5050 to join our next school tour with Principal Philip Cachia. Further information can also be obtained at: www.olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au. Our enrolments are filling fast and at present there are only 20 vacancies remaining, so I would suggest moving sooner rather than later, with first round offers going out within the next month.
We look forward to meeting you.

Magnificat with Steve Angrisano Friday 23 May, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Celebrate the month of Mary with young people from across Melbourne in a joyful night of song and prayer. Featuring international musician Steve Angrisano and a host of talented local artists. Bring your youth group and invite your friends!
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Cnr Rathdowne & Pelham Streets Carlton
Cost: \$5 entry. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/83308
Book early to avoid disappointment.
Contact: 9287 5565 or aoy@cam.org.au

ONE Pentecost Sunday 8 June, 5pm
Join us for Pentecost Mass celebrated by Fr Ken Maker MGL, Founder of the Missionaries of God's Love. A Youth Worship Rally featuring songwriter, author and leader of *emmanuelworship*, Pat Keady will follow.
Cost: \$10 (for youth worship rally)
Where: St Brigid's 78 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North (parking on site)

Canto AVE MARIA DI FATIMA
Il tredici maggio apparve Maria ai tre pastorelli in cova d'Iria.
Ave, Ave, ave Maria. Ave, Ave, ave Maria.



Walking with Pope Francis:
Interfaith relations in the midst of Contemporary Global Challenges
Thursday 22 May, 11am - 12pm
Join us for a conversation led by Prof. John Pawlikowski OSM of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago All are welcome.
Where: Room M5.30, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade
Contact: RSVP to edmund.chia@acu.edu.au or 9953 3432

In valle d'Iria nel mese dei fior
Apparve Maria, regina dei cuor.
Maria, l'annuncio celeste ascoltò
E il Figlio di Dio in lei s'incarnò.
Io sono la mamma del dolce Signor
Che porta la fiamma del santo suo amor
Dal cielo discesi per rendere quaggiù
I cuori più accesi d'amore a Gesù.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2
Free e-book for computer or e-reader:
This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any A-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta.
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www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/