

A reading from the Book of Joshua (5:9-12)

The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." While the people of Israel were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. And on the morrow after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased on the morrow, when they ate of the produce of the land; and the people of Israel had manna no more, but ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm : 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./**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R./**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R./**

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:17-21)

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Entrance Hymn

Table of Plenty

Refrain

**Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.**

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.



Offertory Hymn

O send forth Your light and Your truth

O send forth Your light and Your truth
Let these be my guide
Let them bring me
to Your holy mount
To the place where
You abide

Chorus

**Then I shall go to the altar of God
My joy and my delight
And offer Your praise as sacrifice
My God, my life, my light**



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (15:1-3,11-32)

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' ' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry." Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found'. **This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Hymn

Father I have sinned

Father I have sinned,
help me find my way,
Remember not my sins,
just let me hear You say

**I forgive you, I love you.
You are mine, take my hand
Go in peace, sin no more,
beloved one.**

Father I have turned,
my back and walked away
Depended on my strength,
and lived life my own way

Father I have closed,
my heart to those in need
Thought only of myself,
a victim of my greed

Father I've returned,
I'm home with You to stay
Standing by your door,
knowing that You'll say



Final Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth,
O people,
salt for the city of God!
Share the flavor of life,
O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill,
O people,
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright,
O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!



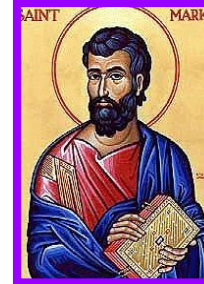
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.



Jubilee Year of Mercy and Lent

The time of Lent which is an opportune time to reflect on the invitation of the Holy Father on "Mercy" by what he wrote. (Part 4)

8. ... The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life.

His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion...

On the basis of this compassionate love he healed the sick who were presented to him (cf. Mt 14:14), and with just a few loaves of bread and fish he satisfied the enormous crowd (cf. Mt 15:37). What moved Jesus in all of these situations was nothing other than mercy, with which he read the hearts of those he encountered and responded to their deepest need...

9. In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon...

Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle's exhortation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year.

As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible.

Il Giubileo della Misericordia e Quaresima

La Quaresima e' un tempo opportuno per riflettere sull'invito del Santo Padre sulla "Misericordia", rileggendo le sue parole.

(4.a Parte)

8. ... La missione che Gesù ha ricevuto dal Padre è stata quella di rivelare il mistero dell'amore divino nella sua pienezza. « Dio è amore » (1 Gv 4,8,16), afferma per la prima e unica volta in tutta la Sacra Scrittura l'evangelista Giovanni. Questo amore è ormai reso visibile e tangibile in tutta la vita di Gesù. La sua persona non è altro che amore, un amore che si dona gratuitamente. Le sue relazioni con le persone che lo accostano manifestano qualcosa di unico e di irripetibile. I segni che compie, soprattutto nei confronti dei peccatori, delle persone povere, escluse, malate e sofferenti, sono all'insegna della misericordia. Tutto in Lui parla di misericordia. Nulla in Lui è privo di compassione...

In forza di questo amore compassionevole guarì i malati che gli venivano presentati (cfr Mt 14,14), e con pochi pani e pesci sfamò grandi folle (cfr Mt 15,37). Ciò che muoveva Gesù in tutte le circostanze non era altro che la misericordia, con la quale leggeva nel cuore dei suoi interlocutori e rispondeva al loro bisogno più vero...



9. Nelle parole dedicate alla misericordia, Gesù rivela la natura di Dio come quella di un Padre che non si dà mai per vinto fino a quando non ha dissolto il peccato e vinto il rifiuto, con la compassione e la misericordia. Conosciamo queste parable, tre in particolare: quelle della pecora smarrita e della moneta perduta, e quella del padre e i due figli (cfr Lc 15,1-32). In queste parable, Dio viene sempre presentato come colmo di gioia, soprattutto quando perdona. In esse troviamo il nucleo del Vangelo e della nostra fede, perché la misericordia è presentata come la forza che tutto vince, che riempie il cuore di amore e che consola con il perdono.

... Gesù afferma che la misericordia non è solo l'agire del Padre, ma diventa il criterio per capire chi sono i suoi veri figli. Insomma, siamo chiamati a vivere di misericordia, perché a noi per primi è stata usata misericordia. Il perdono delle offese diventa l'espressione più evidente dell'amore misericordioso e per noi cristiani è un imperativo da cui non possiamo prescindere. Come sembra difficile tante volte perdonare! Eppure, il perdono è lo strumento posto nelle nostre fragili mani per raggiungere la serenità del cuore. Lasciar cadere il rancore, la rabbia, la violenza e la vendetta sono condizioni necessarie per vivere felici. Accogliamo quindi l'esortazione dell'apostolo: « Non tramonti il sole sopra la vostra ira » (Ef 4,26). E soprattutto ascoltiamo la parola di Gesù che ha posto la misericordia come un ideale di vita e come criterio di credibilità per la nostra fede: « Beati i misericordiosi, perché troveranno misericordia » (Mt 5,7) è la beatitudine a cui ispirarsi con particolare impegno in questo Anno Santo.

Come si nota, la misericordia nella Sacra Scrittura è la parola-chiave per indicare l'agire di Dio verso di noi. Egli non si limita ad affermare il suo amore, ma lo rende visibile e tangibile.



Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 5th March 2016 (Vigil) 4th Sunday of Lent Year "C"	"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you"	10.30am Santa Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne St. Carlton. Tutti Benvenuti!	6.00pm Carmen GALEA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for: Isabella AVELLA -LIZARAZO Leonardo MARQUEZ Celeste Anna MONTEBELLO Wedding Celebration for: Rita RINALDO & Paul GANGEMI Congratulations!
Sunday/Domenica 6th March 2016 4th Sunday of Lent Year "C"	"Padre, ho peccato verso il Cielo e davanti a te"	8.30am PRO - POPULO	9.45am Cristoforo FIORE Giuseppina CALANDRA 11.00am Ines POLIDORO (2nd annv.) Giovanni VIGLIAROLO	Baptism Celebration for: Anthony CARRUBBA Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì 7th March 2016 4th week of Lent Is 65:17-21; Jn 4: 43-54	Responsorial Psalm I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.	8.00am	9.15am Carmen GALEA	
Tuesday/Martedì 8th March 2016 4th week of Lent Ezek 47: 1-9,12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16	Responsorial Psalm The mighty Lord is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.	8.00am	9.15am Giuseppina CALANDRA	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 9th March 2016 4th week of Lent Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	Responsorial Psalm Ricordati, Signore, del tuo amore.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Mass (Filipino Comm)	<i>Dopo la messa del mattino Segue il Gruppo di Preghiera in Chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.</i>
Thursday/Giovedì 10th March 2016 4th week of Lent Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	Responsorial Psalm Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 11th March 2016 4th week of Lent Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Responsorial Psalm The Lord is near to broken hearts.	8.00am	9.15am 7.30pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross (In various language) Confessions	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRIMARY SCHOOL - EAST BRUNSWICK - 2017 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We have opened our 2017 enrolments given the early demand for next year. If your child turns 5 by April 30th 2017, then they qualify for a place in Foundation 2017. Most of our school enrolments reside in the Brunswick, East Brunswick, Carlton, Parkville and North Fitzroy areas. If you are seeking a Catholic primary education for your child please contact 9380 5050 to book in for our next Principal-led school tour. We also have limited places in other year levels also. 2016 School Theme: **Every Child - Every Chance - Every Day**

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

Liturgy of the Word 12th & 13th March 2016	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Minister	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	J. Smith	T. Toscano	B. Rigoni / M. Villani	M. Lauria	
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	N. Omenihu	P. La Marca	P. Elkins / S. Atherton		
II Reading	Volunteer	R. Simoncini	R. Omenihu	T. Toscano	Colosimo Family		

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. BRIGID'S Run by the Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Mother Teresa)
Religious classes in preparation for First Communion and Confirmation begin today after the 9.45am Mass. If interested, please fill out the form and return it to Sr. Acacia or Fr. Savino, or contact the parish office on 9489 6777 or the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

The SEVEN LAST WORDS
And **The PARABLES OF MERCY**
The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross this **GOOD FRIDAY, 25 March 2016, 9.30am to 12noon** at St. Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm in Church followed by confessions. Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.30pm Via Crucis e confessioni.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. All welcome!

ST. BRIGID & ST. MARK HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2016

Saturday 19th March 2016
St. Brigid's 6.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms
7.00pm Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Palms (Spanish)

Palm Sunday 20th March 2015 Blessing of the Palms
St. Mark's 8.30am (Bi-lingual)
St. Mark's 10.00am (Portuguese)
St. Brigid's 9.45am (English) - 11.00am (Italian)

HOLY WEEK: 21st March - 27th March 2016
Holy Mon: Tues /Wed Masses as usual: 8am St. Mark's - 9.15am St. Brigid's
Holy Tuesday 11.00am Mass of the Holy Oils at St. Patrick's Cathedral
Holy Wednesday 10.00am Holy Hour and Confessions (Italian Prayer Group)

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday (No morning mass)
St. Brigid's 11.00am Stations of the Cross - Simonds College
St. Brigid's 7.30pm Multicultural Celebration of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration and Confessions in church till midnight.

Holy Hour with prayers and songs.
9.00pm - 10.00pm (English) 10pm -11pm (Spanish) 11pm -12am (Silence)
St. Mark's 7.30pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Portuguese)

Good Friday
St. Brigid's 9.00am Via Crucis in Church - Confessions (Throughout the morning)
St. Brigid's 9.30am Liturgy "The Seven Last Words" (Filipino Chaplaincy)
St. Brigid's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
St. Mark's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Portuguese)
St. Brigid's 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Confessions

Holy Saturday
St. Brigid's 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Confessions
St. Brigid's 7.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration
St. Mark's 7.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration (Portuguese)

Easter Sunday Masses as per Sunday timetable.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme for Project Compassion this year is **"Learning More Creating Change"**
Envelopes and Boxes are available at the entrance to the church. Total to date \$1000.

PROGETTO COMPASSIONE
Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie. Totale corrente: \$1000

ST JOSEPH'S HOME Aged Care

Next Sunday 13th March during the 9.45 and 11.00am masses, Sr. Erin and Sr. Winefred from the Little Sisters of the Poor, will be visiting our church to promote their recently refurbished Aged Care Centre at 112B St. Georges Road Northcote. Anyone interested and wanting more information, can speak to them after both masses.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$ 515 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 320 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 210 - 00

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.

Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono

O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Rocca che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita.

OFFERTORIO: O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO
O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.
O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.

COMUNIONE: ECCO L'UOMO
Nella memoria di questa Passione, noi ti chiediamo perdono, Signore, per ogni volta che abbiamo lasciato il tuo fratello morire da solo.
Noi ti preghiamo, Uomo della croce, Figlio e fratello, noi speriamo in te!
Nella memoria di questa tua morte, noi ti chiediamo coraggio, Signore, per ogni volta che il dono d'amore ci chiederà di soffrire da soli.
Nella memoria dell'ultima Cena, noi spezzeremo di nuovo il tuo Pane ed ogni volta il tuo Corpo donato sarà la nostra speranza di vita.

FINE: NOME DOLCISSIMO
Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore tu sei rifugio al peccatore.
Frai cori angelici è l'armonia Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X 2)
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)