

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour (Ps 27:7,9).**

**A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (17:22-24)** Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it will dwell all kinds of beasts; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it."

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R/**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

**A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:6-10)** We are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. **Alleluia! (Jn 17:17)**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark (4:26-34)** Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come. And he said, "With what can we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 27:4).**

# Weekly Parish Newsletter

## Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

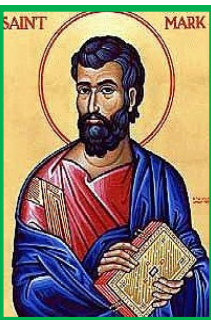
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

### "Jesus explains in parables how the Kingdom of God will come"

Jesus uses parables to make his teaching easy to understand and yet clear to his listeners who are, in fact, simple people, more experienced in nature than in philosophy. And, so, today, Jesus wants them to understand how the Kingdom of God will come. Many of them were aware that the expected Messiah, when he comes, will establish the old glory of Israel as it was at the time of King David: a political theocracy where God is in command through a faithful king like king David was. The

Roman dominion would be ousted. King Herod was afraid of this and he wanted to kill the infant Jesus. Pilate was confused when Jesus was accused to be the "King of the Jews", and yet Jesus said to him: "My kingdom is not of this world". **So what is this Kingdom of God?** In parables, Jesus explains that it is like a seed planted in a good soil. It will sprout in due time and bring its fruit; or, as the mustard seed, grow big and offer shelter to the birds. Let us now join the disciples and listen what Jesus meant. The soil in which the seed is sown is our mind and heart open to accept Jesus' teaching about God and about his mission to implant in us love, truth, kindness, forgiveness... a new way of living subjected to God. How is this going to happen? We have to let God work his way in us like a good soil. The first response from us is OPENNESS.

This offers God a chance to transform the seed he sowed into a plant: it is his work to which we cooperate in HUMILITY. Like the fruits that come in due season, when the plant is ready, so we must be PATIENT, believing that God works his changes in us day by day, in all circumstances and events of our life, at times difficult like winter, other times joyful like spring and yet again in ordinary and constant faithfulness to him as we mature good attitudes like in summer. This is how the Kingdom of God is coming in each one of us. And, in the same way, as the garden of the Lord is as vast as the world, so the sum of all individuals transformed by the loving power of God will make up the new Kingdom of God on earth (the Church) and prepare us all for the realisation of the Kingdom of God in heaven.



### "Gesù spiega in parabole come si compie il Regno di Dio"

Gesù fa uso di parabole per rendere più facile a comprendere il suo insegnamento per chi lo ascoltava, gente semplice con esperienza della natura piuttosto che con discorsi filosofici. Oggi, il Signore Gesù vuole far capire come si attualizza il Regno di Dio. Molti di loro pensavano che con la venuta del Messia, la gloria perduta d'Israele verrà ristabilita come al tempo del re Davide: un regno politico e teocratico dove Dio assumerà il comando d'Israele attraverso un re fedele come lo era il re Davide.

Questo comportava la sconfitta del dominio romano. Il re Erode temeva questo re e cercò di uccidere il bambino Gesù. Pilato rimase stupito quando Gesù fu accusato di essere il "Re dei Giudei", anche se Gesù lo assicurò dicendo: "Il mio Regno non è di questo mondo". **Allora, cos'è il Regno di Dio?** Con parabole Gesù spiega che è come un seme seminato in un buon terreno. A suo tempo germoglierà e produrrà il suo frutto, o come un granello di senapa che crescerà grande da offrire riparo agli uccelli nei suoi rami. Uniamoci ora ai discepoli ed ascoltiamo ciò che Gesù spiega. Il terreno dove Gesù semina è la nostra mente e il nostro cuore aperti a ricevere i suoi insegnamenti riguardo Dio e la sua missione di riportarci all'amore, alla verità, alla bontà, al perdono... a vivere una vita più santa in obbedienza a Dio. Come avviene questo? Dobbiamo lasciare che Dio agisca in noi come in un buon terreno. La prima nostra risposta è ESSERE APERTI alla sua azione. Questo permette a Dio di trasformare il seme di bontà in una pianta fruttuosa: è opera di Dio a cui noi collaboriamo in UMILTÀ. Come il frutto che matura a suo tempo, noi dobbiamo essere PAZIENTI, sicuri che Dio opera in noi, giorno dopo giorno, una trasformazione secondo gli eventi e le situazioni della vita, a volte nelle difficoltà, come l'inverno, a volte nella gioia, come nella primavera, e altre volte ancora in una vita ordinaria e fedele a Dio mentre maturiamo in atteggiamenti buoni, come nell'estate. Così viene il Regno di Dio in ciascuno di noi. E allo stesso modo, nel giardino di Dio, grande come il mondo intero, tutti gli individui trasformati dalla sua azione di grazia, formano il Regno di Dio in terra, la Chiesa, e ci prepara tutti insieme verso la realizzazione del Regno di Dio in cielo.

### Entrance

#### GATHER US IN

Music: Marty Haugen © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Here in this place  
new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you  
in the light of this day

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise  
at the sound of our name

We are the young  
our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung  
throughout all of history,  
Called to be light  
to the whole human race

Gather us in the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in the proud and the strong,  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song



### Offertory BLESSED BE GOD

Text: Aniceto Nazareth © 1984, Kevin Mayhew

Blessed are you Lord,  
God of all creation  
Thanks to your goodness,  
this bread we offer  
Fruit of the earth,  
work of our hands  
It will become  
the bread of life

Refrain:

**Blessed be God,  
Blessed be God  
Blessed be God,  
forever Amen  
Blessed be God,  
Blessed be God  
Blessed be God,  
forever Amen**

Blessed are you Lord,  
God of all creation  
Thanks to your goodness,  
this wine we offer  
Fruit of the vine,  
work of our hands  
It will become  
the cup of joy (Ref)



### Communion

#### SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

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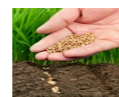
Refrain:

**Seed, scattered and sown,  
Wheat, gathered and grown,  
Bread, broken and shared as one,  
The Living bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,  
Work of our hands, one cup that is  
Shared by all; the Living Cup,  
The Living Bread of God.**

Is not the bread we break,  
A sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless,  
The blood of Christ outpoured? **Ref.**

The seed which falls on rock  
Will wither and will die,  
The seed within good ground  
Will flower and have life. **Ref.**

As wheat upon the hills  
Was gathered and was grown,  
So may the Church of God  
Be gathered into one. **Ref.**



### Final

#### TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

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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. **Ref.**

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



## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

| Day of the Week  | Liturgical Celebration  | Intention St. Mark  | Intention St. Brigid  | Parish Activity   |
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| <b>SATURDAY/ SABATO</b><br>12th June 2021<br>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Year "B"<br>Vigil/Vigilia | <i>"The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds the seed will remain for ever"</i> |  | 6.00pm<br>Raymond BROOKS<br><br>7.30pm Spanish Mass                                   |    |
| <b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b><br>13th June 2021<br>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Year "B"                   | <i>"Il seme é la parola di Dio, il seminatore é Cristo: Chiunque trova lui, ha la vita eterna"</i>  | 8.30am<br><br>10.00am<br>(Portuguese Mass)  | 9.45am<br><br>11.00am<br>PRO-POPULO   |    |
| Monday/Lunedí<br>14th June 2021<br>Year "B"<br>2 Cor 6:1-10<br>Mt 5:38-42                              | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br><i>The Lord has made known his salvation.</i>                          |   | 9.15am  | <b>7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents &amp; God-parents invited to attend.</b>   |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>15th June, 2021<br>Year "B"<br>2 Cor 8:1-9;<br>Mt 5: 43-48                          | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br><i>Praise the Lord, my soul.</i>                                       |   | 9.15am<br>Raymond BROOKS<br><br>10.30am<br>Funeral Mass for the late Leopold ANNAVUTA | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leopold ANNAVUTA. May the Lord of mercy grant him eternal rest and give peace and comfort to his loved ones.</i> |
| Wednesday /Mercoledì<br>16th June 2021<br>Year "B"<br>2 Cor 9:6-11;<br>Mt 6:1-6, 16-18                 | <i>Responsorial Psalm.</i><br><i>Beati quelli che temono il Signore.</i>                            | <i>Happy are those who fear the Lord.</i>   | 9.15am<br><br>10.30am<br>Funeral Mass for the late Angela PACE                        | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Angela PACE. May the Lord of mercy grant her eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her loved ones.</i>      |
| Thursday Giovedì<br>17th June 2021<br>Year "B"<br>2 Cor 11:1-11<br>Mt 6:7-15                           | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br><i>Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.</i>                      |   | 9.15am  |   |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>18th June 2021<br>Year "B"<br>2 Cor 11:18, 21-30;<br>Mt 6: 19-23                     | <i>Responsorial Psalm</i><br><i>From all the afflictions God will deliver the just.</i>             |   | 9.15am<br><br>10.30am Rosary followed by funeral Mass for the late Joaquim PEREIRA.   | <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joaquim PEREIRA. May the Lord of mercy grant him eternal rest and give peace and comfort to his loved ones.</i>  |

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| <b>Parish Community</b><br>Parish Priest:<br>Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS<br>0434 089 707<br><br>Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community:<br>Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS<br>Tel: 0419 736 890 | <b>Parish Office</b><br>Monday to Friday<br>9.30am - 4.30pm<br><br>Parish Secretary<br>Giovanna Bellissimo<br>Tel: (03) 9489 6777 | <b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana</b><br><br>Chaplain<br>P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS<br><br>Tel: (03) 9482 5362<br>Mob: 0410 001 462 | <b>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa</b><br><br>Chaplain<br>P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS<br><br>Mob: 0410 001 462 | <b>Filipino Pastoral Community</b><br><br>Chaplain<br>Mons. Joselito Asis<br><br>Tel: (03) 9482 5349<br>Mob: 0404 261 228 |
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## 3 Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

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| Liturgy of the Word<br>19th & 20th June 2021 | 6.00pm Vigil<br>St. Brigid | 8.30am<br>St. Mark | 9.45am<br>St. Brigid | 11.00am<br>St. Brigid | <b>PARISH CONFIRMATIONS</b><br>This year, Confirmations in our parish will be on <b>Sunday 11th July 2021</b> . Religious instructions with the Missionaries of Charity every <b>Sunday at 10.30am after the 9.45am mass.</b> |
| I Reading                                    | M. de Souza                | G. Piantella       | N. Omenihu           | T. Toscano            |   |
| Responsorial Psalm                           | M. de Souza                | G. Piantella       | R. Omenihu           | P. La Marca           |   |
| II Reading                                   | M. de Souza                | G. Piantella       | S. Smith             | N. Cavallin           |   |

**Pope Francis appoints Australian Apostolic Nuncio to the Holy Land**  
 Pope Francis has last week appointed Australian Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Tito Yllana as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Israel and Cyprus and Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem and Palestine. Archbishop Tito Yllana had been Apostolic Nuncio to Australia since February 2015. We offer him our congratulations and prayers.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL** This year the appeal will be held over two weekends 19th & 20th and 26th & 27th June  
 The Society is asking for your generosity in making a cash donation for this special appeal. **Envelopes will be available next weekend in church. Your "GIVING" makes the difference to the needy.**  
**La Società San Vincenzo de Paoli "WINTER APPEAL" Quest'anno l'Appello sarà tenuto i WEEKENDS 19/20 e 26/27 giugno** La Società fa appello alla vostra generosità. Buste per la vostra offerta saranno ottenibili il prossimo weekend in chiesa. **Il vostro "DARE" fa la differenza ai più bisognosi.**

**Preghiera al glorioso Sant'Antonio**  
*Ricordati, o caro Sant'Antonio, che hai sempre aiutato e consolato chiunque è ricorso a te nelle sue necessità. Animato da grande confidenza, anchio ricorro a te, che sei così ricco di meriti davanti al Signore. A te affido la mia preghiera: fa' che essa giunga, con la tua intercessione, al trono di Dio e sia esaudita. Vieni in mio soccorso nella presente angustia e necessità, e ottienimi la grazia che ardentemente imploro, se è per il bene dell'anima mia. Benedici e proteggi il mio lavoro e la mia famiglia: allontana da noi i pericoli, la malattia e ogni male, e fa' che possiamo rimanere forti nella fede e nell'amore di Dio, Amen.*

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre GIFT SHOP**  
 If you are looking for that special gift for first communion or confirmation. The Gift Shop has an extensive range of books, candles, cards, CDs and religious items for sale. MMHC supports Ethica fair trade products from the Peruvian Women's Project. We sell handmade items such as scarves, baby blankets, bags, bracelets etc. Proceeds are passed back to the Artisans, their families and communities. For more info. Call (03) 9926 9300 or email amin.mmhc@sosj.org.au [www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/](http://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/) Gift vouchers are available for purchase.

**HARVEST TRAVEL**  
 Harvest Journeys are very pleased to launch an exciting new pilgrimage range of local *Catholic Roadtrips* exploring the spiritual graces and natural wonders of our amazing *Holy Home-Land* here in Australia and New Zealand. If interested in joining a pilgrimage tour or for more information, please go to Harvest Journeys [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or ring the pilgrimage specialists on 1800 819 156

**Cookhouses n Tanks a Lot**  
 The sisters of Mercy of the "Cookhouses n Tanks a Lot" project for the rural women of Pua New Guinea seek volunteers to help as virtual assistants off site, with social events or by working a few hours in the office at 617 Nicholson Street, Carlton (E Brunswick tram line or Moonee Pond bus). If you would like to know more, please go to [www.mercyhub.org.au](http://www.mercyhub.org.au) or Facebook @Cookhouses n Tanks a Lot. To make contact email [ctalpng@gmail.com](mailto:ctalpng@gmail.com) or phone Sr Margaret Ryan on 93815190

**Moving with the times - Online Giving:**  
 If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to [St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy site: https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453](https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453)

**Canto D'Ingresso**  
**AL TUO SANTO ALTAR**  
*Al tuo santo altar m'appresso, o Signor, mia gioia e mio amor.*  
 O Signore che scruti il mio cuor, dal maligno mi salvi il tuo amor. Tu sei forza, sei vita immortal. Perché triste cammino tra il mal? Mi risplenda la luce del ver e mi guidi sul retto sentier. Mia speranza e salvezza sei tu; ch'io ti lodi in eterno, o Gesù. Sulla cetra a Te canto, o Signor: non s'attristi e si turbi il mio cuor.

**Canto D'Offertorio**  
**UNA SPIGA DORATA**  
*Una spiga dorata dal sol Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor.*  
 Comunione formiamo insieme, Seminati nel campo come gran un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor, Dio ci fa eucharistia nell'amor. Come grano che forma il pan, Come note tessute nel cantar, Come gocce raccolte tra le sponde del mar. I cristiani un solo corpo formeran.

**Canto 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**  
**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)**