

**A reading from 2nd Book of the Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammite. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:****Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord: through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**



# 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.*

**Homily notes:**

If a common thread is to be found between today's First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16) and the Gospel (Matt 10:37-42), it probably lies in the idea of 'welcome'.

**GOD WITH US**

It is here, perhaps, that the second part of the Gospel text, with its sense of 'welcome', comes into play. One of the truly striking features of Matthew's Gospel is the sense of 'Emmanuel – God with us' which attends the presentation of Jesus from beginning to end. It comes to a climax, of course, in the parable of the Great Judgment (25:31-46) where, over and over again, we hear the refrain, 'As often as you did it (or failed to do it) to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it (or failed to do it) to me'.

Exactly the same identification appears in the central statement in the present text: 'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me, welcome the one who sent me'.

The theological dimensions of this statement are profound: the stranger who stands before us comes not simply as an emissary and representative of Christ but of the Father who sent Christ into the world. In dealing with this person we are dealing with our God.

This theme of welcome and hospitality in the second part of the Gospel does perhaps, in a complementary way, point out where the challenge contained in the opening words applies for followers of Christ in a First World situation.

**CHRIST'S WORDS STILL APPLICABLE**

As scarcely ever before in human history, save perhaps in the immediate aftermath of World War II, have so many of our fellow human beings been displaced and on the move. Strangers in their millions line up at frontiers or make risky, desperate voyages in an attempt to escape for themselves and their children from war, tyranny or economic misery. In contemplation of this mass movement the words of Christ may not seem so far away and inapplicable as at first sight.

Paul's message to the Christians of Rome in the Second Reading, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, stresses the radicality of the change effected in baptism: it is really a 'death' to an old existence dominated by selfishness and sin and an entrance into the world of the new creation inaugurated by the resurrection of Christ. There, in union with him, one 'lives for God', caught up in the rhythm of his self-sacrificial love.

Excerpts from Brendan Byrne SJ 26 June 2023  
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au> 30/06/2023

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**Riflessione:**

Certo, il nostro cammino di fede ci ha fatto scoprire il Signore come il buon Pastore, che "ad acque tranquille ci conduce" (Sal 24,2). Come un Padre, la cui "grazia è nel cielo e la cui fedeltà fino alle nubi" (Sal 37,6). Soltanto una cecità spirituale ci impedirebbe

di vedere il minimo segno dell'amore di Dio nella nostra vita: nella sicurezza familiare, nella salute del corpo e dell'anima, nella consolazione interiore di fronte ai colpi del destino e negli inattesi avvenimenti felici di ogni giorno. È per questo che cerchiamo la presenza del Signore e ci mettiamo al suo seguito.

Ma egli ci fa resistenza quando vogliamo mescolare i nostri interessi personali con la nostra relazione di amicizia. Quando separiamo i doni ricevuti da Colui che ce li dona, per costruire un piccolo mondo egoista alle sue spalle. Noi siamo allora vittime di una illusione, poiché la salvezza e il pieno compimento si trovano soltanto in lui. Perciò egli si erge contro l'egoismo tinto di religiosità, e vuole difenderci dagli inganni e dagli errori. Le sue esigenze, così irritanti, mirano al nostro sommo bene: egli vorrebbe rimanere il fondamento del nostro essere e delle nostre aspirazioni. Colui la cui vita è interamente centrata in Cristo manifesta anche la presenza di Cristo in mezzo ai suoi fratelli. E ciò che vale per il Signore vale anche per l'inviato: accogliere il forestiero, dissetare colui che ha sete, il rispetto dell'apostolo verso il messaggero. Costui ha una famiglia tra i fratelli e le sorelle in Cristo.

Preso dal <https://www.lachiesa.it>, 30/06/2023

**Entrance:****ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL**

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All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth,  
his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why!  
the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

**Offertory:****LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER**

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Lord accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast,  
Bread and wine to be transformed now,  
through the action of thy priest,  
Take us too Lord and transform us may Thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless,  
as the host of wheat so fine,  
May all stain of sin be crushed out like the grape that forms the wine,  
As we too become partakers in this sacrifice divine

Take our gifts Almighty Father,  
living God eternal true,  
Which we give through Christ our Saviour  
pleading here for us anew  
Grant salvation to us present  
and our faith and love renew.

**Communion:****THESE ALONE ARE ENOUGH**

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Take my heart, O Lord,  
take my hopes and dreams.  
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.  
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

I surrender Lord, all I have and hold.  
I return to you your gifts untold.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

When the darkness falls on my final days,  
take the very breath that sang your praise.  
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.  
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

**Final: I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS**

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I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me,  
I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me  
I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me,  
I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,  
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;  
No turning back, No turning back.

The world behind me,  
the cross before me,  
The world behind me,  
the cross before me;  
The world behind me,  
the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.



Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY SABATO</b> 1st July 2023 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year 'A' VIGIL	'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me'.		6.00pm Rocco CAPORETTO  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebrations:</b> <b>Isabelle OJEDA LOSETO</b> <b>Joseph CUSMANO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY DOMENICA</b> 2nd July 2023 Year 'A' 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	"Chi accoglie voi accoglie me, e chi accoglie me accoglie colui che mi ha mandato".	8:30 am  10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45 am Carmelina & Gaetano CAFARELLA  11.00am Claudia BERRA (1 mth) Antonio GAETANO (1mth) Teodorico SABBATINI Fabio, Tarcisio e Ivo BORRONI Attilia BALOCCO Annettina LEONE	<b>Baptism Celebrations:</b> <b>Aiden LUZI</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
Monday / Lunedì 3rd July 2023 Year 'A' Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29 St. Thomas, apostle	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.		9.15am St Thomas Mass in the Chapel	
Tuesday / Martedì 4th July 2023 Year "A" Gen 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> O Lord, your kind- ness is before my eyes.	<b>Our deepest sym- pathy to the family and friends of Luigi PETRUCCELLI May he rest in peace.</b>	9:15 am Mass in the Chapel  10:30 Funeral Mass Luigi PETRUCCELLI	
Wednesday / Mercoledì 5th July 2023 Year "A" Gen 21:5, 8-20 Mt 8:28-34	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> The Lord hears the cry of the poor.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel  7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetu- al Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì 6th July 2023 Year 'A' Gen 22:1-19 Mt 9:1-8	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel	
Friday / Venerdì 7th July 2023 Year 'A' Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel  7.30 pm First Friday Mass (Spanish)	

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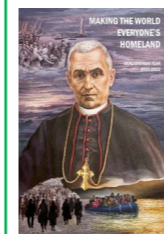
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Liturgy of the Word 8th/9th July 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	10.30 Combined Mass S. Brigid's
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	J. Santos
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	K. Chang
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	C. Goodson

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
"WINTER APPEAL" A big thank you to  
those who have donated to this very worthy  
appeal. Total to date \$540. There are still  
envelopes available in the church if you  
wish to make a donation.

La Società San Vincenzo de Paoli  
"WINTER APPEAL" Grazie di cuore a coloro  
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ancora buste in chiesa se volete donare.

**Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini**  
O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary  
of the Word of God, minister of the Eucha-  
rist and of the Church, man of charity and  
communion, most loving son of Mary, apostle  
of the catechism, and father to  
the migrants. We rely on your  
intercession to receive God's  
blessings on ourselves and our  
beloved ones, on those who  
face migration and on all hu-  
mankind. May the Holy Trinity,  
through your intercession, grant us the grace  
... (pause for your intention) that we entrust  
to your fatherly love. Amen. **Saint John  
Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!**



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**Ingresso:**  
**NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA**  
Noi canteremo gloria a Te,  
Padre che dai la vita,  
Dio d'immensa carità,  
Trinità infinita.

Tutto il creato vive in  
Te, segno della tua gloria;  
tutta la storia ti darà  
onore e vittoria.

La tua Parola venne a noi,  
annuncio del tuo dono  
la tua Promessa porterà  
salvezza e perdono.

Vieni, Signore, in mezzo ai  
tuo, vieni nella tua casa:  
dona la pace e l'unità,  
raduna la tua Chiesa.



**Offertorio**  
**SIGNORE DI  
SPIGHE INDORI**

Signore, di spighe indori  
i nostri terreni ubertosi,  
mentre le vigne decori,  
di grappoli gustosi.

**Salga da questo altare  
l'offerta a Te gradita:  
dona il pane di vita  
e il sangue salutare.**

Nel nome di Cristo uniti,  
il calice e il pane  
t'offriamo:  
per i tuoi doni largiti  
Te, Padre, ringraziamo.

**Rit.:**

Noi siamo  
il divin frumento  
E i tralci dell'unica vite:  
dal tuo celeste alimento  
son l'anime nutrite.

**Rit.:**

**Comunione: SYMBOLUM**

Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho,  
tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità,  
Nella tua parola, io camminerò  
Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai  
Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me.  
Io ti prego resta con me.

Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria,  
Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi,  
Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi  
Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi,  
Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai,  
Per aprirci il Regno di Dio.

Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho.  
Tu sei la mia pace, la mia libertà.  
Niente nella vita ci separerà,  
So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà  
E nel tuo perdono vivrò.

Padre della vita, noi crediamo in te  
Figlio Salvatore noi speriamo in te  
Spirito d'amore, vieni in mezzo a noi  
Tu da mille strade ci raduni in unità  
E per mille strade, poi, dove tu vorrai,  
Noi saremo il seme di Dio.



**Moving with the  
times - Online**

**Giving:** If anyone  
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parish this is the link to St. Brigid's  
Parish North Fitzroy, or you can scan  
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**CONFIRMATIONS**  
Confirmations this year will take  
place in our parish next **Sunday  
9th July** with **ONE** only combined  
Mass at 10.30am.

**CHORUS ECCLESIAE PRESENTS  
BYRD:GRADUALIA**  
The Four—Part Motets  
Saturday 15th July 2023 at 2.30pm  
Chapel of the Holy Spirit  
Newman College 887 Swanston  
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Tickets: <https://tybooking.com/CHKEF>

**Fine: DELL'AURORA  
TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA**

Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella,  
coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra,  
e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra  
non vi è stella più bella di Te.

**Bella Tu sei qual sole  
Bianca più della luna,  
e le stelle le più belle  
non son belle al par di Te.**

Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare.  
La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio,  
Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio,  
son due rose, e le labbra son fior. **R.**  
T'incoronano dodici stelle.  
Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento  
Della luna s'incurva l'argento  
Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel. **R.**

