

*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:**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

Originally, however, the parable as Jesus told it (vv. 1-8) may have gone in another direction. Fundamentally, it seems designed to counter discouragement. Some of Jesus' followers and close disciples may have been showing signs of disappointment that his message was not receiving acceptance on a wider and more enthusiastic scale. If Jesus really were the messenger of God, shouldn't there be more evident success than this! As usual, the parable moves directly from ordinary, everyday life, in this case agricultural practice in Palestine. The sower scatters the seed around in a casual, even 'wild' fashion. By no means all of it lands in good soil. Quite a bit could land in the three situations – on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns – where it suffers the fate described. Isn't this all rather wasteful? Not at all! The sower knows that each seed that falls on good soil will bear a yield many times in excess of itself: a hundredfold, sixty or thirty. The yield from the seed in good soil so vastly outweighs the losses as to render them of no account at all. He can afford to be casual and wild.

JESUS' MESSAGE

Jesus scatters his message in a similarly casual way. In the case of many who hear him the word suffers the fate of the seed that is lost. But when it really strikes home and finds a welcome, the corresponding 'yield' – hundredfold, sixty, thirty – more than compensates for all the loss. The parable is about the generosity and prodigality of God. In the face of so much opposition and growing indifference from the crowds, Jesus does not lose confidence in the worthwhileness of his message. When the word finds a generous response in the human heart, there is no limit to the riches of God's love and grace that can be channelled through such persons more widely into the world. So the disciples – and, following them, teachers, preachers, catechists, and all concerned with the proclamation of the word and its understanding – should not lose heart. As the brief First Reading (Isa 55:10-11) insists, the word that goes forth from God's mouth does not return empty; it does not come back without succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 9 July 2023, <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

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A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears! Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Riflessione:****Un seminatore sprecone**

Al centro della parabola non c'è il seminatore e nemmeno il terreno. Al centro di tutto c'è il seme, la Parola. Il Dio di Gesù di Nazareth è un Dio contadino che crede nella forza della Parola più ancora che nei frutti, nei risultati della Parola: è la Parola che è vera, non i suoi esiti. Amico lettore, credi nella bontà del vangelo più ancora che nei risultati visibili. Dio trasforma le persone anche quando non ne vedi i frutti. I quattro quadretti che sono descritti da Matteo, raccontano esiti diversi dell'unica semina, dello stesso annuncio della Parola. La semina è veramente esagerata. Gesù semina ovunque la sua Parola, non è un contadino schizzinoso, non scarta i

terreni non adatti. Tutti siamo il terreno di Dio. Amico lettore, la sua Parola è gettata anche nella tua vita. Oggi questa Parola può germogliare nella tua vita. Che bello vedere questo Dio contadino che continua a seminare nel terreno del mio cuore. Crede nella forza del seme e nella bontà del mio terreno che è al tempo stesso campo di spine e terra. La bella notizia di questa domenica? Dio continua a seminare in me, senza sosta. Tra spine e rovi, tra strade e sassi, vede una terra capace di accogliere e fiorire, dove il piccolo germoglio alla fine vincerà.

Estratti da Paolo De Martino, 13 luglio 2023, <https://www.lachiesa.it>

The RCIA Program begins in September 2023. Please contact the parish office for more information.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. *R./*

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. *R./*

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps; in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *R./*

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with heat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. *R./*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

<p><i>Entrance:</i> TABLE OF PLENTY <i>Text and music: Dan Schutte © 1992, OCP.</i></p>	<p><i>Offertory:</i> BREAD FOR THE WORLD <i>© 1990, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP.</i></p>	<p><i>Communion:</i> UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT</p>	<p><i>Final:</i> On this day, O Beautiful Mother <i>Public Domain</i></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Refrain Bread for the world: a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst. May we who eat, be bread for others. May we who drink, pour out our love.</p>	<p>Refrain Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.</p>	<p>Refrain: On this day, O beautiful Mother, On this day we give thee our love; Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover, Trusting thy gentle care to prove.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people, you are waiting there, on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.</p>	<p>1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.</p>	<p>On This Day We Ask To Share, Dearest Mother, Thy Sweet Care; Aid Us Ere Our Feet Astray Wander From Thy Guiding Way.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.</p>	<p>2. If any one serves me, then they must follow me; wherever I am, my servants will be.</p>	<p>Queen Of Angels, Deign To Hear Lisping Children's Humble Prayer; Young Hearts Gain, Oh Virgin</p>
<p><i>Text: Based on John 12:24-26; 14:23, 27; 15:4-5, 7-8; 2 Timothy 2:11-12. Text and music © 1983, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP.</i></p>			
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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY SABATO 15th July 2023 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>'Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear'</i>		6.00pm Tommaso FERRARO (20th years) 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations: <i>Daniel Martins PU</i> <i>Samuel IDARRAGA URIBE</i> <i>Allison Arenas THEIS</i> <i>Olivia Joy MANRIQUEZ</i> Congratulations!
SUNDAY DOMENICA 16th July 2023 Year 'A' 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>'Beati i vostri occhi, perchè vedono e i vostri orecchi, perchè ascoltano'</i>	8:30am 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo 11.00am Luigi TOSCANO † Vincenzo AFFLITTO (1 month) 5.00pm Mass	Baptism Celebrations: <i>Jaxon James RUSSO</i> <i>Zayla GASTALDELLO</i> Congratulations! 
Monday / Lunedì 17th July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 1:8-14, 22: Mt 10:34 - 11:1:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Our help is in the name of the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel Andrew LAMONT (Special Int.) 11.00am Rosary 11.30am Funeral Mass For Luigi TOSCANO 	<i>Our deepest sympathy to Teresa and family on the death of her beloved husband & father Luigi TOSCANO. May our loving Father give him eternal rest.</i>
Tuesday / Martedì 18th July 2023 Year "A" Ex 2:1-15: Mt 11:20-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.</i>		9:15 am Mass in the Chapel Andrew LAMONT (Special Int.)	
Wednesday / Mercoledì 19th July 2023 Year "A" Ex 3:1-6, 9-12: Mt 11:25-27	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel Andrew LAMONT (Special Int.) 7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì 20th July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel Andrew LAMONT (Special Int.) 1.00pm Wedding 7.00pm Mass Columbia Independent Day	Wedding Celebrations: <i>Maria Luisa UNEMATOO</i> <i>Traianon THEODOPOULOS</i> Congratulations!
Friday / Venerdì 21st July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 11:10 - 12-14: Mt 12:1-8:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel	

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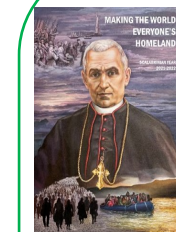
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Liturgy of the Word 22nd/23rd July 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am S. Brigid's	11.00am (Italian) St. Brigids
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	R. Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	A. Villar	P. La Marca



Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini

O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist 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 humankind. 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!

INVITATION FROM DON BOSCO CENTRE

We would like to warmly invite all parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St. John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023 (465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield). Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

ENTRATA: 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!

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.

O Signore, noi t'offriamo tutto quello che ci hai dato: con il pane e con il vino tu accettalo, Signor. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; che divenga per noi cibo e bevanda di salvezza ciò che presentiamo a te.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS CHANGES

The 9.15am Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel in the ex convent. Weekend Masses will be celebrated in Church.
CAMBIAMENTO PER LA MESSA DURANTE LA SETTIMANA La Messa delle 9.15am durante la settimana verrà celebrata nella Cappella del ex convento. Le messe di fine settimana si celebreranno in chiesa.

South American Dance Class Afternoon

Come for Fun — Leainers Welcome With Professional Teachers, Fabio and Michelle Sunday 23rd July 2023 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Mercy Hub 617 Nicholson Street, Carlton North (3 doors from Richardson Street) Tram 96 from Bourke Street or Parliament Station to Stop 20 Admission \$20, student concession \$15 Drinks and nibbles available This is a fundraising event for Papua New Guinea Cookhouse n Tanks a Lot project of Catherine McAuley Services Ltd

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$750 - 00
2 Collection \$400 - 00
Envelopes \$44 - 00

COMMUNIONE: 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. **Rit.**

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. **Rit.**

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 or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link. <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>



HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE

MERCY Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church North Fitzroy.

FEAST IN HONOUR TO THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

Organized by the Spanish Speaking Chaplaincy

Saturday 5th August 2023
St. Brigid's Church

3.00pm Procession with the Statue followed by Mass
6.00pm Dinner Dance in the Parish Hall.

FESTA IN ONORE DEL SALVATORE DEL MONDO

Organizzata dalla Cappellania di lingua Spagnola

Sabato 5 agosto nella chiesa di S. Brigida

3.00pm Processione con la Statua seguita dalla Santa Messa
6.00 pm Cena Danzante nella sala parrocchiale.



FINE: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO

Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.

Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.

Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. **Rit.**

Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit**

