

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

There is no God, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name. O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R/**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R/**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn" He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him. (Ps 110:4-5)**

**Entrance:**

**BLEST BE THE LORD**

**Refrain:**

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear, the dark of night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me  
from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me  
from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow  
of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **(Ref)**

I need not shrink  
before the terrors of the night  
Nor stand alone  
before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me,  
no arrow strike me down,  
No evil settle in my soul. **(Ref)**

Text: Based on Psalm 91.  
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**Offertory:**

**SANCTUARY**

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

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**Communion:**

**SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN**

**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?

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

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



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**Final:**

**IN THE LORD  
I'LL BE EVER  
THANKFUL**

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In the Lord  
I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I'll rejoice.  
Look to God,  
do not be afraid,  
Lift up your voices,  
the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices  
the Lord is near



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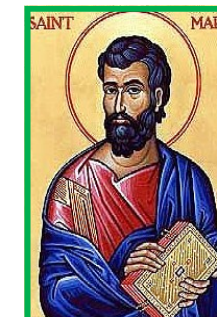
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.  
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**Homily notes:**

**KINGDOM OF GOD**

Taken by itself, the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, as with all the parables in the chapter, addresses the nature of the Kingdom of God. If, as Jesus maintains (Matt 4:17; 12:28), the kingdom has already dawned, why such continuing prevalence of evil? Why has God not already intervened to root out evil and establish God's rule once and for all? To this the parable responds that the onset of the kingdom is not taking place on neutral ground. A powerful opposition is at work, holding human hearts against it. Hence the slowness of its growth. In Palestine a poisonous weed known as darnel affects wheat crops. In the early stages of growth it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished, the roots are so entwined as to as to make tearing out the darnel very injurious to the wheat.

**GOOD AND EVIL CO-EXIST**

Likewise, good and evil are at present so inextricably co-existent in the world as to make too ruthless an attempt to eradicate the one fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time to come, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in 'the wheat' of the kingdom. Traditionally, the parable has been interpreted as bearing on the continuing prevalence of evil as well as good in the Church. But the primary identification of the 'field' in the parable is with 'the world' rather than the Church (v. 38b). The interpretation would, then, address and account for the situation whereby "the children of the kingdom" (= 'the church') continue to suffer at the hands of evildoers. In this case, the final judgment, rather than a threat hanging over members of the Church, will be their vindication; persecution will not last for ever; evildoers will eventually suffer the fate their behaviour deserves.

**COMFORT AND CHALLENGE**

This complex parable, then, presents comfort as well as challenge to the church. That said, the accompanying imagery (hell-fire, etc.) may need some comment. Literalistic understandings of such features will hardly promote growth in faith and virtue today. The two shorter parables again address the nature of the kingdom in the interests of encouragement. The kingdom may be unimpressive in its current manifestation in the activity of Jesus. But before long, like the mustard seed, it will have sprouted up into something far greater - a substantial tree to which many, like the birds of the air, will flock. Leaven, going about its work silently and unobtrusively within measures of flour produces a result totally out of proportion to its size. So too the kingdom, may not have spectacular beginnings but, as proclaimed and enacted by Jesus, it is quietly and effectively working transformation.

*Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 16 July 2023*

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**The Wheat and the Weeds**



**Riflessione:**

**PAZIENZA:**

**Riflessione sul XVI Domenica del Tempo Ordinario**

La parabola della zizzania si trova solo in Matteo. La zizzania è una graminacea i cui grani neri sono tossici e hanno un effetto narcotizzante, molto simile al frumento, impossibile da distinguere finché non arriva la mietitura quando la differenza è chiara. Il rischio, poiché le radici s'intrecciano, è di sradicare con la zizzania anche il grano. «Lasciate che l'una e l'altro crescano insieme fino alla mietitura». Ovviamente Gesù non vuole dare consigli di agronomia. Lasciatela la zizzania: il male e il bene devono crescere insieme. Verrebbe da dire: ma come "lasciatela"? Il male va tolto, estirpato! Cos'è questa storia di lasciar crescere il grano con la gramigna? Bisogna purificare. Noi abbiamo sempre una violenta fretta di moralizzare e mettere a posto. Gesù mette in guardia gli apostoli da quella tentazione, sempre presente in ogni comunità religiosa, di formare un gruppo di migliori o di puri. Dio non divide i buoni dai cattivi. Gesù non vuole una comunità ristretta di "puri e duri". La parabola racconta in fondo due modi di guardare: i servi vedono soprattutto il male; il padrone, invece, fissa il suo sguardo sul bene. Ecco, Dio ci guarda così: noi non siamo le nostre debolezze; non siamo creati a immagine del nemico, ma a immagine del Creatore; non coincidiamo con il nostro peccato, con le nostre fragilità. Se non vediamo la luce in noi, non la vedremo in nessuno. Davanti a Dio il bene è più importante del male, una spiga di grano conta più di tutta la zizzania del campo. Amico lettore, il bene vale di più e il bene possibile domani è più importante del male di ieri.

*Estratti da don Paolo De Martino,  
<https://www.lachiesa.it>. 20/07/2023*

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY SABATO</b> 22nd July 2023 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"He who sows the good seed is the Son of man".</i>		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebrations:</b> <b>Charlotte MESIC</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY DOMENICA</b> 23rd July 2023 Year 'A' 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>"Colui che semina il buon seme è il Figlio dell'uomo"</i>	8:30am Mario RUSSO  10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Popolo  11.00am Luigi TOSCANO † Angelo VARVERI † Giovanna NICOLAZZO Tommasina e Michele NICOLAZZO	<b>11.00am Intentions</b> <b>Domenica e Bruno</b> <b>FAVARO</b> <b>Maria DE PETRO</b> <b>Maria GAZZO †</b> <b>Maria GALLO †</b> <b>Mario CARUSO</b> <b>Giovanna e Domenico</b> <b>CARUSO</b>
<b>Monday / Lunedì</b> 24th July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 14:5 -18: Mt 12:38 - 42:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel <b>Marie BREEN</b> (Special Int.)	
<b>Tuesday / Martedì</b> 25th July 2023 Year "A" 2 Co 4:7-15: Mt 20:20-28 St. James, apostle	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.</i>		9:15 am Mass in the Chapel <b>St. James</b> <b>Marie BREEN</b> (Special Int.)	<b>TONIGHT</b> <b>7.30pm In Church</b> <b>Baptism Workshop for</b> <b>parents and godparents.</b>
<b>Wednesday / Mercoledì</b> 26th July 2023 Year "A" Ex 16:1-55, 9-15: Mt 13:1-9 Sts Joachim and Anne Parents of the BVM	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>The Lord gave them bread from heaven.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel <b>Sts Joachim and Anne</b> <b>Juliana BREEN</b> (Special Int.)  7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
<b>Thursday / Giovedì</b> 27th July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Mt 13:10-17	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Glory and praise forever.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel <b>Juliana BREEN</b> (Special Int.)	
<b>Friday / Venerdì</b> 28th July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 20:1- 17: Mt 13:18-23:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel <b>HOLY SOULS</b>  7.00pm <b>Salvatore VAVALÁ</b> (1st annv)	

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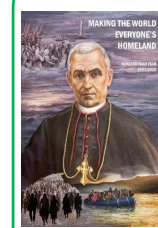
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Liturgy of the Word 29th/30th July 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am S. Brigid's	11.00am (Italian) St. Brigid's
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	P. La Marca
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	G. Catena

### 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!**

**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.

### ENTRATA:

#### NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE

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 tuoi,  
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.

**Rit.:**  
**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.:**



### COMMUNIONE:

#### DOV'É CARITÀ E AMORE

*Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio*

Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore:  
godiamo esultanti nel Signore!  
Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente,  
e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero.

Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo:  
evitiamo di dividerci tra noi:  
via le lotte maligne, via le liti,  
e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio.

Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte  
e dall'ombra della morte non risorge;  
ma se noi camminiamo nell'amore,  
noi saremo veri figli della luce.

Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati,  
rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre,  
tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli,  
e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra.

Fa che un giorno  
contempliamo il tuo volto  
Nella gloria dei beati, Cristo Dio,  
E sarà gioia immensa, gioia vera:  
Durerà per tutti i secoli, senza fine!

### Moving with the times - Online

**Giving:** If anyone  
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parish this is the link to St. Brigid's  
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### 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.

**Rit.**

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. **Rit.**

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