

A reading from the book of Kings (3:5, 7-12)

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.' **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R./**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live, for your law is my delight. **R./**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R./**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:28-30)

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (13:44-52)

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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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:

THE FUTURE "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like..."

The parables address a central feature concerning the kingdom of God (for Matthew 'kingdom of heaven'). The kingdom is essentially future; it is not yet something one can 'possess'. People who really catch a glimpse of it from Jesus' preaching know they have come on a treasure that will fulfil lifelong desires and aspirations. He cannot yet 'deliver' it to them or place them within it but the glimpse of it that he communicates fills them with such joy that they have the freedom to 'sell all' in order, one day, to gain it. The parables are essentially descriptive. They are not about what one 'ought' to do; they simply describe what happens in the life of people who have caught a glimpse of the kingdom. While not yet within their grasp, it is already bringing joy, freedom, and hope to human lives. The outstanding historical example of such transformation would be St Francis of Assisi. His commitment to radical poverty did not come to him as a hard moral demand. It flowed in complete freedom from the 'treasure' of divine love that he had come upon in such high degree.



-Matthew 13:45

ESSENCE OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY
The two brief parables encapsulate the essence of Christian spirituality. Christian life requires a measure of detachment. It requires freedom from being completely absorbed and immersed in the attractions, pleasures, and concerns of these world – not because these are bad in themselves but because we have been 'captured' by a sense of God's love and God's future for us that relativises all these things and puts them in their place. We do not yet possess the treasure but the prospect of it, unseen but grasped in faith, is already working transformation.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ., 22 July 2023, <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

Riflessione:

XVII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)

San Tommaso d'Aquino, il grande teologo del Medioevo, utilizza un'immagine: noi uomini siamo come una freccia già in piena corsa. Un altro ha preso la mira e ha tirato. Non spetta più a noi cercare un obiettivo: è già stabilito. E dove va questa freccia di cui il Creatore ha stabilito l'obiettivo? Ecco la risposta: la freccia corre verso il bene, e dunque verso la felicità. Dio, e la felicità di essere presso di lui, corrispondono alla più profonda aspirazione dell'uomo. Qui non vi è nulla di imposto, nessun compito da fare come penso, nessun passaggio a gincana, non dobbiamo stringere i denti. Come il ruscello scorre naturalmente verso il mare, così l'uomo è in cammino verso Dio. Questo insegnamento sugli uomini si trova nella parabola di Gesù che ci presenta il Vangelo. È riassunto in sette righe di una semplicità geniale. Il Regno dei cieli è proprio ciò che si cerca nel profondo del cuore. È come un tesoro di cui si scopre l'esistenza. È come una perla, la perla delle perle che il mercante ha cercato per tutta la sua vita. Se il mercante raggiunge il suo obiettivo, non è grazie alla sua tenacia, ma perché ciò gli è concesso in dono. Tuttavia il regno dei cieli non ci è tirato in testa. Bisogna impegnarsi personalmente, essere pronti anche a sacrificare tutto. Ma non per una cosa estranea. È ciò che abbiamo di più personale, e al tempo stesso un dono. E bisogna saper cogliere questo dono; bisogna essere pronti. Quando si raggiunge l'obiettivo, non bisogna crollare come dopo un eccesso di sforzo, ma esultare di indescrivibile gioia. Il segreto del cristianesimo può essere espresso in un'immagine di sette righe. Ce ne vogliono un po' di più ai predicatori! Quanto a ciascuno di noi, ci vuole tutta una vita per capirlo.

La Chiesa.it, <https://www.lachiesa.it> 28/07/2023

Entrance:

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Text: Based on Psalms 65, 66. Text and music Dan Schutte, © 1976, OCP.

Refrain:

**Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways**

We the daughters and sons of Him-
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders
our God has done
In every heart that sings **Ref.**

In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save **Ref.**

Every moment of every day
Our God is waiting to save
Always ready to seek the lost
To answer those who pray **Ref.**



Offertory: THE SUMMONS

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Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Communion:

I FOUND THE TREASURE

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Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak
the words of life
You alone on the earth
or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

Chorus

**I found the treasure
in a field,
that neither time
nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure
as my own**

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord.

Chorus



Final:

SING A NEW SONG

Text: Based on Psalm 98:1, 4-6. Text and music: Dan Schutte © 1972, OCP. All rights reserved.

Refrain:

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung
from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**



Shout with gladness,
dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him
on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **Ref.**
Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

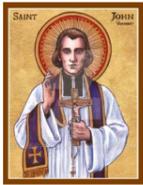
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Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds;
the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives. **Ref.**

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 29th July, 2023 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field".</i>		6.00pm Pro Populo 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 30th July, 2023 Year 'A' 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>"Il regno dei cieli è simile anche a un mercante che va in cerca di perle preziose".</i>	8:30am John & Moya PERRETT 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am 11.00am Luigi TOSCANO Domenica e Domenico † BELLISSIMO 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	
Monday / Lunedì 31st July 2023 Year 'A' Ex 32:15-24, 30-34: Mt 13:31-35: St. Ignatius of Loyola	Responsorial Psalm <i>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel St. Ignatius of Loyola Luigi TOSCANO †	
Tuesday / Martedì 1st August, 2023 Year 'A' Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28: Mt 13:36-43 St. Alphonsus Liguori,	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>		9:15 am Mass in the Chapel St. Alphonsus Liguori Luigi TOSCANO †	
Wednesday / Mercoledì 2nd August 2023 Year 'A' Ex 34:29-35: Mt 13:44-46	Responsorial Psalm <i>Holy is the Lord our God</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel Gaetano e Carmelina CAFARELLA † 7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì 3rd August 2023 Year 'A' Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53 St. Dominic, priest	Responsorial Psalm <i>How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel St. Dominic 10.30am Rosary 11.00am Funeral Mass for Carmelo PELLEGRINO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Carmelo PELLEGRINO. May he rest in peace!</i>
Friday / Venerdì 4th August 2023 Year 'A' Lev23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37: Mt 13:54-58: St. John Vianney, priest	Responsorial Psalm <i>Sing with joy to God our help.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel St. John Vianney 7.00pm (Spanish Mass) 1st Friday Mass in honour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	

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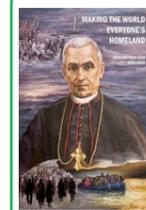
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Liturgy of the Word 5th/6th August 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am S. Brigid's	11.00am (Italian) St. Brigid's
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	C. Smith	G. Catena
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	MC Sisters	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. Pereira	T. Toscano

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.

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

ENTRATA:

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. **Rit.**

Tu sei forza, sei vita immortal. Perché triste cammino tra il mal? **Rit**

Mi risplenda la luce del ver e mi guidi sul retto sentier. **Rit.**

Mia speranza e salvezza sei tu; ch'io ti lodi in eterno, o Gesù. **Rit**



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1 Collection	\$700 - 00
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Envelopes	\$168 - 00

OFFERTORIO: MISTERO DELLA CENA

Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù.
Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù.
È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi.
Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.

Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù
Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù.
Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà.
Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà .



COMMUNIONE:

QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE

Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà.
Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà.
L'acqua viva che egli dà Sempre fresca sgorgnerà.

Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.

Se la strada si fa oscura Spero in lui: mi guiderà.
Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui: mi salverà.
Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. **Rit.**

Nel mattino io ti invoco: tu, mio Dio, risponderai.
Nella sera rendo grazie: tu, mio Dio, ascolterai.
Al tuo monte salirò E vicino ti vedrò. **Rit.**

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Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to [St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy](https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453) or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link. <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>



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Excelsis - 10th Anniversary Concert - Friday 25 August

The concert will be at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne on the evening of Friday 25 August, and will be presented with the Yarra Philharmonic Orchestra, Rachael Joyce (Soprano), and Tom Buchanan OAM (Conductor). Tickets are available online here: www.trybooking.com/CJQP

Thank you to so many of you who have bought tickets already. We so appreciate all of your support over the last 10 years. Let's celebrate together!

FINE:

È L'ORA CHE PIA

È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel.
Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel.

**Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**

Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu,
Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù.
Rit.

A te, Immacolata, la lode, l'amor:
Tu doni alla Chiesa il suo Salvator.
Rit.

Di tutti i malati solleva il dolor,
consola chi soffre nel corpo e nel cuor.
Rit.

Proteggi il cammino di un popol fedel,
Ottieni ai tuoi figli di giungere al ciel.
Rit.

