

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. (Ps 83:10-11)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon the earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R./**

Let the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R./**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption. (Ps 129:7)

Entrance: TABLE OF PLENTY



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.

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.

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.

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Offertory: BREAD FOR THE WORLD

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.

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. *(refrain)*

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.

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Communion: GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT



Chorus:

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat, come give to us O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when You call Your family Lord, we follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to You, Our praise and gratitude, that You should count us worthy Lord, to share this heavenly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share, the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare Our oneness in the Lord?

The mystery of Your presence Lord, No mortal tongue can tell; Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

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Final :

GO TELL EVERYONE

God's spirit is in my heart He has called me and set me apart This is what I have to do What I have to do

Refrain:

He sent me to give the good news to the poor Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more Tell blind people that they can see, And set the downtrodden free And go tell everyone The news that the kingdom of God has come And go tell everyone The news that God's kingdom has come

Just as the Father sent me So I'm sending you out to be My witnesses throughout the world The whole of the world *(Ref)*

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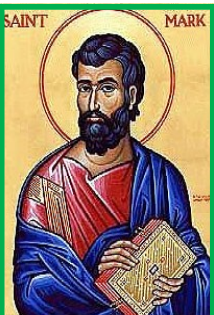
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Homily notes

INCLUSIVENESS

The Gospel, Matt 15:21-28, telling of Jesus' encounter in the region of Tyre and Sidon with a Canaanite woman whose daughter was tormented by a devil, presents us with one of the most striking episodes of inclusiveness in the Gospel tradition. Just before entering this Gentile region, Jesus had given a long instruction in response to criticism from Pharisees and scribes that he did not live according to the tradition of the elders concerning ritual purity, that is, what was 'clean' and 'unclean' in a technical religious sense (15:1-20). Rebutting the criticism, Jesus insisted that 'uncleanness' (meaning incapacity for worship) is not something that one 'catches,' like a contagious disease, from external objects or particular kinds of food. Rather, such incapacity is something that proceeds from within a person. It is not the failure to perform external rituals like hand-washing but evil intentions and behaviour that flow from the heart that renders a person unclean. Having thus broken through the ritual cleanliness barrier in his teaching, Jesus now enacts such boundary-crossing 'geographically', so to speak, by crossing over into a region (Tyre and Sidon) where 'unclean' Gentiles made up the majority. There the faith of a Gentile woman brings about a breaking of the barrier in a far more significant way.

CROSSING BOUNDARIES

In the very full account of the episode given by Matthew, the sense of separation of 'holy' Israel from 'unclean' Gentile world emerges with increasing intensity. Jesus first ignores the woman completely, despite the persistence and force of her plea, as she turns to the Jewish Messiah ('Son of David') for help. The disciples' urgent recommendation, 'Send her away', seems to imply 'Get rid of her by granting her what she wants', but Jesus he coldly insists that his mission is restricted to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (cf. 10:5-6). When, in one of the most moving gestures in all the Gospels, she comes and kneels before him and simply begs, 'Lord, help me', all she receives is a third rebuff in the form of the heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs. But here, at last, is her chance. With superb wit, she takes up Jesus' image and turns it against him – or at least against the restrictive attitude he is displaying. Certainly, food prepared for children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily and house dogs under the table seize any scraps that fall. 'Outwitted', Jesus gives in, agreeing to her request and praising the greatness of her faith. Many readers of the Gospel will doubtless be troubled by the apparent coldness that Jesus initially displays towards this desperate person. By depicting him acting in such a way, however, the narrative first intensifies the sense of the barrier between Jews and Gentiles, only to highlight the significance of what is happening when, as a result of the woman's faith, the barrier comes crashing down.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 13 August 202, <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



RIFLESSIONE:

Dio viene a noi, ma noi non sempre gli andiamo incontro. Si manifesta in molti modi diversi, ma non sempre viene riconosciuto e accolto dal suo popolo. A volte, tuttavia, viene accolto in luoghi e modi sorprendenti. Nel Vangelo di oggi, vediamo Gesù partire verso un luogo inatteso: la regione fra Tiro e Sidone, abitata da pagani. Il suo arrivo non passa inosservato: gli va incontro una donna cananea, qualcuno, dunque, che non apparteneva ad Israele. La donna è spinta verso Gesù dai suoi bisogni, non dalla fede. Quali siano i suoi bisogni e quali quelli della figlia è chiaro, tanto più che la donna li esprime a gran voce, con una violenta insistenza: implora la pietà di Gesù, grida perché egli la aiuti e, soprattutto, non desiste. La donna, tuttavia, non esprime solo e soprattutto i propri bisogni: riconosce, infatti, Gesù come Signore, come figlio di Davide. Il suo grido di disperazione si purifica così diventando preghiera.

18 Agosto 2023, <https://www.lachiesa.it>

The Parish Community of St Brigid's and St Mark's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY's** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units T:9926 5621 E:psu@cam.org.au W:melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding



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2	Liturgical Calendar and activities				
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity	
SATURDAY/SABATO 19th August, 2023 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	"Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted".		6.00pm Fr. John RACCANELLO,cs 7.00pm Spanish Mass		
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 20th August, 2023 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	"Donna, grande è la tua fede! Avvenga per te come desideri"	8:30am Fr. John RACCANELLO 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo Fr. John RACCANELLO,cs 11.00am Fr. John RACCANELLO Nicola COLOSIMO (Died 15/8/23) Santo COLOSIMO (3rd annv) † Mario RUSSO(1mth) Peter BILIC Alfredo e Antonietta BERNAR Special Prayers for: Ilenia YSELI	 11.00am  Santa Messa in Onore Di San Rocco e della Madonna Del Monte Di Bolognano Benvenuti a tutti i devoti.	
Monday / Lunedì 21st August 2023 Year 'A' Judges2:11-19;Mt 19:16-22 St.Pius X, pope	Responsorial Psalm Lord, remember us, for the love you bear your people.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel St.Pius X		
Tuesday / Martedì 22nd August 2023 Year 'A' Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10:1 Cor 15:20-26; The Queenship of the BVM	Responsorial Psalm The Lord speaks of peace to his people.		9:15 am Mass in the Chapel The Queenship of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
Wednesday / Mercoledì 23rd August 2023 Year 'A' Judges 9: 6-15: Mt 20:1-216	Responsorial Psalm Lord, your strength gives joy to the king.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel 7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)		
Thursday / Giovedì 24th August 2023 Year 'A' Rev 21: 9-14: Jn 1:45-51: St. Bartholomew, apostle	Responsorial Psalm Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel St. Bartholomew 10.30am Rosary followed 11.00am Funeral Mass for Nicola COLOSIMO 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Carmelo PELLEGRINO (1 mth)	 Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of our dear parishioner. Nicola COLOSIMO. May he rest in peace.	
Friday / Venerdì 25th August 2023 Year 'A' Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22: Mt 22:34-40:	Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, my soul!		9.15am Mass in the Chapel 6.30pm Holy Hour of the Divine Mercy Chaplet		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Religious classes in preparation for 1st Holy Communion will commence on Sunday 3rd September 2023 after the 9.45am mass at 10.30am in the Media Room. If you have, or know anyone who has child/children interested in attending, please ring Sr. Guadalupe from the Missionaries of Charity on 0405785710, the parish office on 94896777 or speak to Fr. Frank the parish priest.			NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION For parents wishing to have their child baptised at St. Brigid's, is on next Tuesday 29th August at 7.30pm in the church.		
Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta,cs Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo & Maggy Mihardja Tel: (03) 9489 6777	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain Fr. Gesner Felix, CS Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228	

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Liturgy of the Word 26th/27th August 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am S. Brigid's	11.00am (Italian) St. Brigid's	WEEKDAY MORNING MASS CHANGES The 9.15am Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel in the ex convent. CAMBIAMENTO PER LA MESSA DURANTE LA SETTIMANA La Messa delle 9.15am durante la settimana verrà celebrata nella Cappella del ex convento. An Invitation to Connect with Aboriginal Spirituality 434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury on <u>one</u> of the following dates: Wednesday, 13 th September 2023 Friday, 6 th October 2023 Friday, 13 th October 2023 From 10am-2.30pm RSVP by 5 th September to odette.locastro@cam.org.au 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/CJQPY 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.
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	R. Malana	G. Catena	
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	P. La Marca	
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	A. Villar	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!

Padre GIOVANNI RACCANELLO R.I.P.
Mercoledì 16 Agosto 2023 a Sydney ha fatto ritorno nella casa del Padre il nostro caro Padre Giovanni Raccanello, dove per tanti anni há prestato il suo servizio religioso a migliaia di immigrati Italiani qui nel Victoria. Il funerale sarà celebrato Lunedì prossimo 28 Agosto 2023 alle 10.00am nella chiesa di St. Kevin's, Dee Why, NSW
Una santa Messa in suo suffraggio verrà celebrata qui a Santa Brigida(data da confermare).
Signore accogli nelle tue braccia l'anima di questo tuo amato servo e concedigli il riposo eterno.

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL
Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. Total to date \$270
APPELLO PER CATHOLIC CARE 2023
L'appello si é svolto lo scorso weekend, grazie di cuore per la vostra generosità. Ci sono ancora buste in chiesa per coloro che vogliono donare a questo importante appello. Totale \$ 270

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH Begins in September 2023:
Every First Monday of the month (after 9:15AM Mass) at the ex-convent
Every 3rd Friday of the month (after 6:30PM Holy Hour of Divine Mercy) at the Welcome Room

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

<p>ENTRATA: TI ESALTO, DIO, MIO RE <i>Ti esalto, Dio, mio re, Canteró in eterno a te: lo voglio lodarti, Signor, E benedirti. Alleluia!</i> Il Signore é degno d'ogni lode, Non si puo misurar la sua grandezza Ogni vivente proclama la sua gloria, La sua opera é giustizia e verita'. Il Signore é paziente e pietoso, Lento all'ira e ricco di grazia, Tenerezza ha per ogni creatura, Il Signore é buono verso tutti. Il Signore sostiene chi vacilla E rialza chiunque é caduto. Gli occhi di tutti ricercano il suo volto, La sua mano provvede loro il cibo. Il Signore protegge chi lo teme, ma disperde i superbi di cuore. Egli ascolta il grido del suo servo; ogni lingua benedica il suo nome.</p>	<p>OFFERTORIO: UNA SPIGA DORATA <i>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.</i> Comunione formiamo insieme, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor, Dio ci fa eucaristia 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. E ci nutriamo del Corpo tuo, Signor, E beviamo il Tuo sangue, Salvator. Tu trasformaci in una cosa sola, Amor, In un corpo sol con te che sei Signor.</p>	<p>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 sgorgherà. 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:</p>	<p>FINE: 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'alma 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)</p>
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