

4 **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. (Ps 85:1-3).

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 22:19-23
I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house. *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:
Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**
I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**
The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

Entrance: OUR GOD IS HERE
Chris Muglia (#86612)
Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong here in this temple we belong. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. And we cry
REFRAIN:
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.

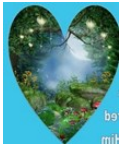
Here in the Word, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast. We are his body, living as one; our God is here. And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.



Offertory:
LORD, YOU HAVE COME
Fr Cesareo Gelbrain (#6905)
Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow.
REFRAIN:
O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name; all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.
Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth. Will you accept, then, my nets and labour? **(Refrain)**
Lord, take my hands and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost, returning love for the love you gave me. **(Refrain)**
Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart, my life's companion, my friend and refuge. **(Refrain)**



Communion:
EYE HAS NOT SEEN
Marty Haugen (#00596)
Refrain:
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.
When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. **(Refrain)**
Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made. **(Refrain)**
To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world. **(Refrain)**
We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God **(Ref.)**



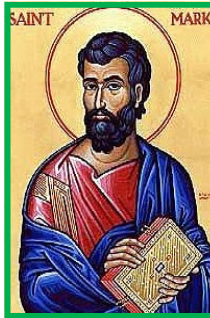
Final : HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD
Chris Tomlin (#240302)
The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice
Refrain:
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God
Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb **(R.)**



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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:

Today the focus of the readings is on the Church. In fact, the text chosen for the Gospel, Matt 16:13-20, is one of only two places in all the four Gospels where the word 'church' occurs (the other being Matt 18:15-17). The community of disciples is being equipped with authority and structures that will enable it to function during the time when Jesus will no longer be with them in the human form they have known.

INSIGHT OF FAITH

Peter is not 'rock' because of personal qualities of steadfastness or reliability. The Passion will further expose (26:69-75) his already demonstrated tendency to falter (14:31). He is 'rock' because of the insight of faith which God has communicated to him. Built on this 'rock', the Church will be a community of life. 'Gates of the underworld' is a biblical expression for the realm of the dead as the inevitable destination of all human beings. Its 'gates' will not prevail against the Church either in the sense that, built upon a 'rock,' it will survive all attempts to destroy it or, more likely, in the sense that its members, even though they die physically, will not be held confined within the realm of the dead but will burst through its 'gates' in resurrection (see 27:52-53).

AUTHORITATIVE TEACHING

The gift of keys does not, as commonly thought, make Peter the gatekeeper of heaven, letting in whoever he deems worthy. It, along with the subsequent reference to 'binding' and 'loosing', has to with authoritative teaching: the power to declare in particular circumstances whether a commandment of the Torah is or is not applicable. Jesus, the Interpreter of the Torah par excellence (Matthew 5-7) leaves his community with a structure of interpretation and assures it of 'heavenly', that is, divine ratification. In this way, the Church, as both expression and foretaste of God's reign (the 'Kingdom of Heaven') on earth, is equipped to discern and live God's will in the changing circumstances that will, in the course of history, confront it. Happily, this text functions less in polemics between Christian denominations than in times past. While it does certainly underwrite much of the Catholic tradition, Catholics need not read it triumphalistically but, along with other Christians, find in it above all an assurance that for all its human weaknesses and failings, the Church guards a supreme treasure and enjoys a divine guarantee.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 20 August 2023,
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



RIFLESSIONE:

Quando Gesù chiese ai suoi discepoli: “La gente chi dice che sia il Figlio dell'uomo?” le loro risposte rispecchiarono le diverse teorie e speculazioni riguardo Gesù diffuse nella loro cultura. Poi però giunge la vera e propria domanda: “Voi chi dite che io sia?”. Non possiamo più rifugiarsi dietro ad opinioni di altri, siano essi teologi o conduttori di dibattiti televisivi. Gesù vuole la nostra risposta personale. Dobbiamo prendere posizione personalmente nei suoi confronti. È quello che succede con l'atto di fede. Gesù lancia una sfida a ogni uomo e a ogni donna direttamente e personalmente: “Tu, chi dici che io sia?”. La nostra risposta possa essere quella di Pietro: “Tu sei il Cristo, il figlio del Dio vivente”. La nostra risposta possa essere quella della Chiesa, che fu fondata da Cristo su Pietro come su una pietra, affinché il “credo” diventasse un “crediamo”: Crediamo in Dio, Padre onnipotente..., in un solo Signore Gesù Cristo, unigenito Figlio di Dio..., per opera dello Spirito Santo... incarnato nel seno della Vergine Maria.

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

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL “Caring for those who care”

Will be held next weekend at all masses.
We are asked to be generous in donating to help care for our retired priests.

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 26th August, 2023 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church".</i>		6.00pm Pro Populo Fr. John RACCANELLO,cs 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding celebrations: Ellias FARAH & Isabel VIAVATTENE Sebastian GREENWAY & Nadine DI BLASI Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 27th August, 2023 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	<i>"E io a te dico: tu sei Pietro e su questa pietra edificherò la mia chiesa"</i>	8:30am Fr. John RACCANELLO 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Fr. John RACCANELLO,cs 11.00am Fr. John RACCANELLO 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	Baptism Celebrations: Eli and Talissa LIONG - ZUNIGA Cogratulations! 
Monday / Lunedì 28th August 2023 Year 'A' 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10 Mt 23:13-22 St. Augustine	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord takes delight in his people.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel St. Augustine	
Tuesday / Martedì 29th August 2023 Year 'A' Jer 1:1-19: Mk 6:17-29 The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr	Responsorial Psalm <i>I will sing your salvation.</i>		9:15 am Mass in the Chapel The Passion of St John the Baptist	7.30pm In Church Baptism Workshop for parents & godparents. 
Wednesday / Mercoledì 30th August 2023 Year 'A' 1 Thess 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32	Responsorial Psalm <i>You have searched me and you know me, Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel 7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Comm)	
Thursday / Giovedì 31st August 2023 Year 'A' 1 Thess 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51	Responsorial Psalm <i>Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel	
Friday / Venerdì 1st September 2023 Year 'A' Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22: Mt 22:34-40:	Responsorial Psalm <i>Let the just rejoice in the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass in the Chapel 7.30pm 1st Friday Mass Spanish Chaplaincy	
<p align="center">"Let your light Shine" with Fr. Rob Galea INDONESIAN CATHOLIC FAMILY ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Will be holding an event especially for young catholic and anyone interested. ST BRIGID'S PARISH HALL Saturday 30th September 2023 The event will start at 4.00pm with the presence of Fr. Rob Galea who will engage with the community through sermon and worship followed by Mass led by Fr. Rob at 5.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Contact person: Petter - 0405 846 222 or Evelyn - 0412 386 159 Please book through https://www.trybooking.com/CKYLB</p>				
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Religious classes in preparation for 1st Holy Communion will commence next 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.		<p align="center">NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION For parents wishing to have their child baptised at St. Brigid's, is on this Tuesday 29th August at 7.30pm in the church.</p>		
Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangmint,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 2nd/3rd September 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	T. Toscano
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	MC Sisters	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer	G. Piantella	M. Pereira	P. La Marca
<p align="center">Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini <i>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.</i> Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!</p>				
<p align="center">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. Primo parroco di questa chiesa, e dove per tanti anni há prestato il suo servizio religioso a migliaia di immigrati Italiani qui nel Victoria. Il funerale sarà celebrato domani Lunedì 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 Domenica 17 Settembre alle ore 11.00am. Signore accogli nelle tue braccia l'anima di questo tuo amato servo e concedigli il riposo eterno.</p>				
<p align="center">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</p>				
<p align="center">The RCIA Program begins in September 2023. Please contact the parish priest or office for more information.</p>				
<p>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!</p>		<p>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. </p>		
<p>COMMUNIONE: 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 So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai 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.</p>		<p> 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. </p>		

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>

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS
 The 9.15am Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel in the ex convent.
CAMBIAMENTO
 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 one of the following dates:
 Wednesday, 13th September 2023
 Friday, 6th October 2023
 Friday, 13th October 2023
From 10am-2.30pm
 RSVP by 5th September to odette.locastro@cam.org.au

PLEASE NOTE!
 Every 2nd Saturday of the month the 6.00pm Mass starts at 5.00pm with Adoration and Benediction Followed by Mass. All welcome!
(next one is Saturday 9th September at 5.00pm)