

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel. (Sir 36:18)

A reading from the Book of Sirach 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence. *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *R/*

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *R/*

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *R/*

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. *R/*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9 The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings. (Ps 35:8)

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)

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Offertory:
LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Lord accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast, Bread and wine to be transformed now, through the action of thy priest, Take us too Lord and transform us, may Thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless, as the host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out like the grape that forms the wine, As we too become partakers in this sacrifice divine

Take our gifts Almighty Father, living God eternal true, Which we give through Christ our Saviour pleading here for us anew Grant salvation to us present and our faith and love renew.

Contributor: Mary Teresine Haban: Text: © 1959, 1977, Liturgical Press.

Communion:
LOVING AND FORGIVING

Refrain:
Loving and forgiving are You, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are You.

(1) All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God. (R)

(2) God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain; Saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love. (R)

(3) Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sin, forgiving and loving is God. (R)

(4) As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. (R)

Text: Based on Psalm 103:8, 1-2, 3-4, 8-10, 11-12. Text and music © 1992, OCP. Contributor: Scott Soper



Final :
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the city of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace. Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

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MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support for the unborn.

Join the March for the Babies on **7th October, 2023** at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear **blue** or **pink**.



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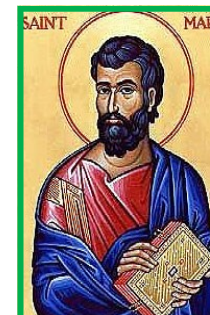
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

HOMILY NOTES:

FORGIVENESS

Today's Gospel concludes the instruction on life in the community of the Church that makes up the 18th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Whereas last Sunday we saw structures of reconciliation set in place, today the concentration is simply on forgiveness itself. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian life. At the same time, we know that it is not something to speak of lightly. For people who have been deeply wronged or hurt finding the capacity to forgive may be the task of a lifetime. Such a capacity is a grace, the gift of God. It cannot simply be willed - still less be prescribed, urged or imposed upon a wronged person as something they 'ought' achieve. Believers at least have strong scriptural resources commending forgiveness as in the total offering of readings for today.

DIVINE AND HUMAN FORGIVENESS

The First Reading, from Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:30-28:7, sets the tone, especially in the way it links divine and human forgiveness. What one will receive from the Lord depends on how one is prepared to treat others: whether with compassion or with desire for vengeance, as the case may be. The text almost gives the impression that human readiness to forgive determines whether one receives forgiveness from God, as if God waits to see how things are on the human side before moving to forgive. This would be contrary to the overall biblical sense that the initiative always remains with God. The concluding instruction, 'Remember the covenant of the Most High', restores and safeguard the true perspective. The lives of all members of God's people are enclosed within the covenant relationship that God graciously initiated without any deserts on Israel's side. The quality of all relationships between members of the covenant people must flow from and reflect this exercise of divine generosity and grace.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 10 September 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



RIFLESSIONE

Pedono perché perdonato

La misericordia è il cuore della fede cristiana. Noi siamo ancora legati alla logica: peccato, castigo, pentimento, perdono. Ancora una volta abbiamo annacquato la portata rivoluzionaria del vangelo che, non a caso, costerà la vita al rabbi di Nazareth. Sì, la misericordia scandalizza, è per questo che Gesù sarà messo in croce. Amico lettore,

nel vangelo, il perdono precede sempre la conversione. Ci si converte, ci si pente perché si è stati perdonati. Nessun personaggio evangelico sarà perdonato dopo essersi pentito, ma tutti si pentiranno dopo essere stati perdonati. Solo l'amore di Dio rende possibile la conversione perché non è meritocratico, è amore solo da accogliere. Non è la conversione dell'uomo che produce la misericordia di Dio, ma il contrario: la misericordia di Dio provoca la conversione dell'uomo. Questa verità è motivo di scandalo ancora oggi. Avere misericordia, smettere di giudicare, amare i nemici: il cristianesimo è tutto qui. Il resto sono amabili conversazioni. Il perdono di Dio è gratuito: non si merita e non si conquista. E' un dono. Gesù non invita mai gli uomini a chiedere perdono a Dio, né a fare penitenze. Il perdono di Dio è sempre certo e sicuro: Gesù non lo chiede all'adultera; non lo chiede alla peccatrice; non lo chiede neppure a Zaccheo. Gesù chiede, invece sempre, ottenuto il perdono di Dio, di perdonare i propri fratelli. Perché chi ha ricevuto perdono, perdona. Gesù lo aveva detto, e lo diciamo anche noi, nel "Padre Nostro": «Rimetti a noi i nostri debiti come anche noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori» (Mt 6,12). Ricevere perdono, infatti, è fare l'esperienza di essere amati, di essere accolti, è percepire che non perdiamo valore per Dio, ma per ricevere perdono bisogna aprirsi: cioè bisogna lasciare che l'amore di Dio ci entri dentro. Bisogna cioè avere l'umiltà di ricevere e di accettare che Dio ci ami nonostante tutto.

Estratti da Paolo De Martino, 17/19/23 <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**



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.Scalabrini.org
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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 16th September, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?'	Baptism Celebrations for: Mariana NOVO & Ramos MARTINELLI Congratulations! 	6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Wedding Celebrations for: Carmen LEE & David BONNADIO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 17th September, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	"Signore se il mio fratello commette colpa contro di me, quante volte dovrò perdonargli?" 	8:30am 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo 11.00am Padre Giovanni RACCANELLO Damiano Felice ALESSI 	Baptism Celebrations for: Ziggy SIMMONS Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 18th September 2023 1 Tim 2:1-8: Lk 7:1-10:	Responsorial Psalm Blest be the Lord for he has heard my prayer.		9.15am Julie (Healing Intentions)	
Tuesday/Martedì Year 'A' 19th September 2023 1 Tim 3:1-13: Lk 7:11-17	Responsorial Psalm I will walk with blameless heart.		9:15am Julie (Healing Intentions) 12.00pm Funeral Mass for Domenico IGINI 	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Domenico IGINI May he rest in peace!
Wednesday/Mercoledì 20th September 2023 Year 'A' 1 Tim 3:14-16: Lk 7:31-35 Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn Paul Chõng Ha-Sng & comp.	Responsorial Psalm How great are the works of the Lord! 		9.15am Julie (Healing Intentions) Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn Paul Chõng Ha-Sng & comp. 7.30pm Mass and Novena in Honour to O.L.P.H (Filipino Chap)	
Thursday / Giovedì 21st September 2023 Year 'A' Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13 St. Matthew, apostle, evang.	Responsorial Psalm Their message goes out through all the earth. 		9.15am St. Matthew Lachie LAMONT (Healing Intentions) 7.00pm Nicola COLOSIMO (1mth)	
Friday / Venerdì Year 'A' 22nd September 2023 1 Tim 6:2-12 Lk 8:1-3:	Responsorial Psalm Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.		9.15am Mass in the Chapel Lachie LAMONT (Healing Intentions) 7.00pm Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz 	

SORRY! No more tickets available for "Let your light Shine" with Fr. Rob Galea 30th September 2023 event at St. Brigid's Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Religious classes have commenced, every Sunday 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.

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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23th/24th September 2023	6pm (V) St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	L. Eyles	G. Piantella	F. Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	K. Chang	P. La Marca
Altar Servers			J. D'Souza	

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!

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.

ENTRATA:
TI ESALTO, DIO, MIO RE



Ti esalto, Dio, mio re, Canterò in eterno a te: lo voglio lodarti, Signor, E benedirti. Alleluia!

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.

OFFERTORIO:
MISTERO DELLA CENA



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

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

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COMMUNIONE:

IL SIGNORE CI HA AMATO



Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci conduce nella notte, luce nell'oscurità. Quando il pane dividiamo nella gioia tra di noi, Il Signore é qui presente col suo amor.

É il tuo corpo, dato a tutti noi, é il tuo Sangue, dato a tutti noi; sei per noi la vita, sei per noi l'amor. O Signore, porta tutti al tuo amor.

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessuno altro mai Per la gente del villaggio egli é figlio di operai, che lavora come gli altri nella pena, nel sudor, e conosce la fatica di ogni di. **Rit.:**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Un amore così grande che morì per tutti noi; un amore così forte che la morte superò: dal sepolcro vincitore si levò. **Rit.:**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci riunisce nel suo nome, ci ridona libertà. Siamo membro del suo corpo, una nuova umanità; nulla mai può separarci dal suo amor. **Rit.:**

Online 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.
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MIGRANTS & REFUGEE SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to the Migrants & Refugee Sunday next Sunday 24th September at St. Patrick's Cathedral
2.00pm Rosary recited in various languages followed by Mass at
3.00pm Celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Migrants Chaplains of the Archdiocese.

An Invitation to Connect with Aboriginal Spirituality

434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury on one of the following dates:
Friday, 6th October 2023
Friday, 13th October 2023
From 10am-2.30pm
RSVP by 5th September to odette.locastro@cam.org.au

Today we celebrate SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

A day to reflect and give thanks
Let us pray for our parishes, that they not be simple offices, but that animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen".

FINE:
QUANDO NELL'OMBRA

Quando nell'ombra cade la sera, è questa, o Madre, la mia preghiera: fa pura e santa l'anima mia:
AVE MARIA! AVE!

E quando l'alba annuncia il giorno, all'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia:
AVE MARIA! AVE!

Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura ed in quelli ancora della sventura, ti dirò sempre, o Madre mia.
AVE MARIA! AVE!

Vergine bella, del ciel Regina, è tutto il mondo che a te s'inchina. Benigna ascolta la voce mia:
AVE MARIA! AVE!

