

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 55:6-9 Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R/**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27 Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. *Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Entrance: **GATHER US IN**

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Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong,
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song

Offertory:

ON THE PATEN

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On the paten with the Host
I offer up my lowly heart:
All my life, my deeds,
my thoughts

Thine shall be as mine Thou art.
In the chalice let me be
A drop of water mingled there.
Lost O Jesus in Thy Love
Thy great sacrifice I share.

All today and ev'ry day
O Jesus let me live in thee,
So that I no longer live
But that thou may'st
live through me.



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WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

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*Where your treasure is,
there your heart shall be.
All that you possess
will never set you free.*

*Seek the things that last;
come and learn from me.
Where your treasure is,
your heart shall be.*

What do you gain from all your worry,
What you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry
Do you not know that you are held
within God's care? **Ref.**

Look at the ravens high above you!
They do not work their whole life through--
And yet God feeds them
and protects them.

So how much more will God
protect and care for you! **Ref.**

Behold the lilies in their splendor
In grace and beauty are they dressed
And yet so soon their bloom is faded
So how much more will those who look
to God be blessed? **Ref.**

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.



**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**.

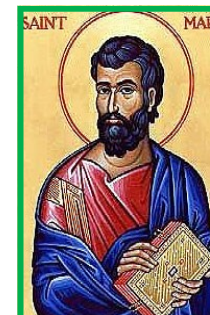


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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

HOMILY NOTES: GENEROSITY OF GOD UNCONVENTIONAL

The parable that makes up the Gospel, from Matthew 20:1-16, provides a classic illustration of the way Jesus used parables to break down people's conventional ideas. Still today, despite the distance from its original cultural context, the shock and sense of injustice it can still produce in a listening congregation is quite palpable. It is introduced, as a parable about 'the Kingdom of Heaven': that is, as a story that will illustrate the way in which God is reclaiming the world for true relationship with its Creator and for values that will allow all people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word. Day labourers had little security of employment in the Palestine of Jesus' day. Exactly as depicted in the parable, employment was a day to day business. Whether they got work – and the wage they needed – depended entirely on whether they were hired for that day in the marketplace. The story presupposes a 12-hour working day, beginning at 6am. So the sequence of hirings would take place at 6am ('the third hour'), 9am, 12noon, 3pm and, finally, 5pm. A denarius was the standard wage for a day's labour. This would have been the 'just wage' agreed on at the start. But, when at the end of the day all line up to receive their pay and when those who have laboured since early morning see even the late comers paid this wage, they – very understandably – think to themselves that in their case 'a just wage' will mean considerably more. They are reasoning from how the landowner treats their fellows to the way in which he should treat them. Hence their outrage when early comers and late comers are paid exactly the same wage.

PROVOCATION

Of course, the vineyard owner provokes their reaction with the instructions he gives concerning the order of payment: start with the latecomers and finish with those who toiled all day. No 'sensible' employer would proceed in this way. But, as so often in Jesus' parables, it is odd behaviour that gives the story its bite. We hearers of the parable are caught between what seems the 'reasonableness' of the early labourers' protest and the land-owner's insistence that he has not acted contrary to the agreement and that his decision to be generous to the latecomers is entirely his right. The latecomers too had families to support. If the land-owner, out of wider social concern, chooses to pay what social justice today would call 'a living wage', those who worked all day have no grounds for resentment. They are reasoning out of an understanding of rewards tied to deserts on a strictly individualist basis. His procedure sees the workers as a community, all of whom should be objects of social concern. The parable suggests that God will not be imprisoned within a strict 'law of deserts'. God is just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well – not on a comparative basis, but on the basis of the divine relationship with each individual, something often wrapped in mystery. So much trouble comes from the human propensity constantly to 'look sideways', to be envious at what others seem to have and what we do not, despite the labours and all the 'deserts' we might seem to have accumulated in God's sight.

TEMPTATION AND HINDRANCE

The parable suggests that this is a temptation and a hindrance. No one has really any 'deserts' before God; no one can claim to be more deserving than others who seem to have received more. We are all equally and totally recipients of God's boundless generosity. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the Kingdom to transform our lives and our world.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 15 September 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

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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Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959



Riflessione

Gesù ci svela quanto la sua logica sia diversa dalla nostra e la superi. Nella sua vigna c'è spazio per tutti e ogni ora può essere quella giusta. Così come ogni nostra situazione di vita deve essere la vigna che ci è affidata per curarla e metterla in grado di portare molto frutto e questo non per rinchiuderci egoisticamente in un ambito ristretto ma per riconoscerci, a partire dal concreto dell'esistenza, "lanciati sulle frontiere della storia", per essere cioè veri evangelizzatori e missionari. Siamo tutti pronti a riconoscerci tra gli operai che hanno accettato l'invito della prima ora, ma quale potrà essere la chiamata che il Signore ci riserva per l'ultima ora, per la sera della nostra vita? Riconoscersi tra i chiamati alla salvezza deve significare renderci disponibili ad accogliere ogni chiamata, anche la meno gratificante, la più difficile e dolorosa.

22/09/2023 <https://www.lachiesa.it>

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 23rd September, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"So the last will be first, and the first last."</i>		6.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 24th September, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	<i>"Così gli ultimi saranno i primi e i primi, ultimi"</i>	8:30am 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo 11.00am Baby Boston Brett SCHOLES † 3.00pm Mass for Spanish Charismatic Group 7.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	Migrants & Refugee Sunday 2.00pm St. Patrick's Cathedral Rosary in various languages followed at 3.00pm by Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Migrant Chaplains. Everyone welcome!
Monday/Lunedì Year 'A' 25th September 2023 Ezra 1:1-6: Lk 8:16-18:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord has done marvels for us.</i>		9.15am Ollie LAMONT (Healing Intentions) 7.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	
Tuesday/Martedì Year 'A' 26th September 2023 Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20: Lk 8:19-21	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i>	<i>Or deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maria CARNEIRO. May she rest in peace.</i>	9:15am Ollie LAMONT (Healing Intentions) 10.30AM Funeral Mass For Maria CARNEIRO  7.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	7.30pm In Church Baptism Preparation for parents and god-parents. 
Wednesday/Mercoledì 27th September 2023 Year 'A' Ezra 9:5-9: Lk 9:1-6 St. Vincent de Paul, priest	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Blessed be God who lives for ever.</i>		9.15am St. Vincent de Paul Gracie LAMONT (Healing Intentions) 7.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	
Thursday / Giovedì 28th September 2023 Year 'A' Haggai 1:1-8: Lk 9:7-9	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord takes delight in his people.</i>		9.15am Arlo PILMORE (Healing Intentions) 7.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	
Friday / Venerdì Year 'A' 29 September 2023 Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael archangels	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.</i>		9.15am Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael archangels Arlo PILMORE (Healing Intentions) 7.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	

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.

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30th Sept. /1st Oct. 2023	6pm (V) St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	C. Smith	P. La Marca
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	MC Sisters	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	M. Pereira	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C. Smith	

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: SEI GRANDE DIO 
C'è una vita che respira in tutto l'universo è il cuore del mondo delle sue creature che grida forte questa sua canzone
Sei grande Dio
Sei grande come il mondo mio
Sei immenso come il cielo
Come il cuore di ogni madre della terra.

Io ti porto, il mio mondo pieno di problemi ti porto il mio cuore anche se nel suo dolore ti grida forte questa sua canzone.
Le speranze
Noi t'offriamo Dio dell'universo; le attese del mondo, del tuo popolo Signore, che loda e canta questa sua canzone.

OFFERTORIO: O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO
O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà
O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.
O Signore, noi t'offriamo tutto quello che ci hai dato: con il pane e con il vino tu accettalo, Signor. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; che divenga per noi cibo e bevanda di salvezza ciò che presentiamo a te.

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.**

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.**
St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection
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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 Today 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".

