

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy. (Dan 3:31.29,30,43,42)

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel 18:25-28
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:
Resp. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R./**
Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R./**
The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R./**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11 If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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)**
Text: Based on Psalm 91.
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Offertory: BLESSED BE GOD
Text: Aniceto Nazareth © 1984, Kevin Mayhew
Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this bread we offer
Fruit of the earth, work of our hands
It will become the bread of life
Refrain:
Blessed be God, Blessed be God Blessed be God, forever Amen Blessed be God, Blessed be God Blessed be God, forever Amen
Blessed are you Lord,
God of all creation
Thanks to your goodness,
this wine we offer
Fruit of the vine, work of our hands
It will become the cup of joy **(Ref)**

Communion SPIRIT SONG
Tune: © 1979 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing Text: John Wimber
O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart
And satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole
Refrain: Jesus Oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs (Repeat)
Oh let us sing this song
with gladness
As our hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet
Surrender To His name
Oh give Him all your tears
and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life
In Jesus name **(ref)**

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Final : IMMACULATE MARY
Immaculate Mary,
your praises we sing.
You reign now in Heaven,
with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! (2x)
Your name is our power,
Your virtues our light
Your love is our comfort,
Your pleading our might.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! (2x)
We pray for our Mother,
the Church upon earth,
And bless, Holy Mary,
the land of our birth.

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**.



Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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: Personal responsibility
At first glance, not perhaps the most promising readings this week! Even the usual link between the reading from the Old Testament and the Gospel is not all that easy to find. What the readings do seem to have in common is the theme of personal responsibility for salvation. While salvation is from beginning to end the product of divine grace, we are free to say 'Yes' and 'No' to God's invitation. God wants us to share eternal life as friends drawn by love, rather than puppets pulled by strings. And – the readings today suggest – God is prepared to take from us a lot of 'Nos' in the hope that finally our freedom to say 'Yes' will prevail. God wants us to share eternal life as friends drawn by love, rather than puppets pulled by strings. ... The brief parable that makes up most of the Gospel, Matt 21:28-32, can be understood on various levels. In Jesus' own context it probably served to defend his practice, shocking to the religious authorities, of celebrating the discovery of God's mercy with those considered outcasts and sinners.

INCLUSIVITY
In respect to such people, Jesus' fidelity to the will of his Father involves his acting inclusively rather than exclusively. At a deeper level, the parable powerfully makes the point that what God looks to – and can wait with infinite patience for – is the final outcome in people's lives. God can put up with an initial 'No' and a lot of other 'Nos' besides on the way to a final and lasting 'Yes'. On the other hand, people who appear religious and obedient from the start may never have sufficiently plumbed the depth of God's mercy to know God as God really is. Conversion at depth gives the capacity to say 'Yes' with an abundance of freedom that overflows into a pattern of life truly reflective of God's grace. A judgmental attitude towards others may indicate lack of true conversion and real knowledge of God: something that may keep such people waiting at the door, while those they have thought far less worthy enter before them. What will ultimately determine fitness for eternal life is conformity of the human heart to the heart of God. None of us could ever amass sufficient good works to merit even a second of life with God. The latter will be God's gift in abundance if only we have grown-sometimes in the course of a very winding and to-and-fro life journey-into the capacity to receive it.

NEW TESTAMENT TREASURE
It is here perhaps that the Second Reading, from Phil 2:1-11, does have some bearing on the theme. It contains one of the great treasures of the New Testament: the very early 'Christ-Hymn' that Paul quotes in order to remind the community in Philippi that the heart of good community relations is a sharing of the 'mind' (disposition) of Christ. At all three stages of his 'career', so to speak-pre-existent life with God; earthly life; exalted risen life-Christ displayed self-emptying love, something that issued forth in an 'obedience unto death', even to the extremity of the cross. This is what being 'in a divine state', being 'equal to God', meant. Christian community life ought to be energised by the overflow of divine love that wells up within them through their existence 'in Christ'.

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

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RIFLESSIONE:
Molte volte, infatti, può verificarsi una forma di sintonia solo apparente, perché ultimamente interessata, tra la nostra volontà e quella del Padre. Siamo capaci di dirgli dei “sì” speciosi e superficiali, non maturati al sole di quella vera obbedienza interiore, che può solamente essere il frutto di una profonda conversione a Dio. Una forma di obbedienza disobbediente perché non tocca le radici del nostro cuore e non cambia la nostra esistenza. In questa ipotesi è vero che, pur immersi in una vita ancora disordinata, coloro che hanno deciso di seguire Cristo, senza reticenze e senza cercare in ultima analisi il loro interesse, si riscatteranno e avranno la precedenza nel regno dei cieli. La parabola ci fa capire quanto sia anche per noi reale il pericolo di partecipare, con apparente docilità, durante tutta la nostra vita, alle celebrazioni liturgiche e alle attività della Chiesa, senza mai diventare veri cristiani. Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it> 28/09/23

READER AND ALTAR SERVER VOLUNTEERS
There will be readers and Altar Servers' Workshop on Thursday 23 November at St. Brigid's Parish. Please save the date.
Thank you.

Becoming Missionary Disciples with Archbishop Julian Porteous, who is one of the most courageous bishops in Australia today. He is visiting Melbourne to inspire Catholics to be missionary disciples using their "head, heart & hands" to evangelise. **Topic:** Becoming Missionary Disciples **Speaker:** Arch Julian Porteous **Date:** Wednesday 4th October **Time:** 6.30pm light supper provided, 7.00pm Talk begins **Cost:** Free, light supper provided **Venue:** Greg Craven Conference Centre, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy. **Registration essential:** CatholicEvents.com.au An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross Vic.

2 Liturgical Calendar and activities				
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 30th September, 2023 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.		6.00pm Mass & Novena in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations for: Sophia BETANCUR RUIZ & Mikael Manuel-Jose GALLEGOS BARRIENTOS Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 1st October, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	Fammi conoscere, Signore, le tue vie, insegnami i tuoi sentieri	8:30am 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo 11.00am Stella FRATANGELO R.I.P. 12.30pm Religious Celebrations in honour to San Lorenzo Ruiz	
Monday/Lunedì Year 'A' 2nd October 2023 The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23); Mt 18:1-5, 10	Responsorial Psalm He has put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.		9.15am The Holy Guardian Angels Eileen McMANUS R.I.P Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA R.I.P	
Tuesday/Martedì 3rd October 2023 Year 'A' Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56	Responsorial Psalm God is with us.		9:15am Eileen McMANUS R.I.P 7.00pm Lily PETRUCCI (1mth)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 4th October 2023 Year 'A' Neh 2: 1-8; Lk 9:57-62: St. Francis of Assisi	Responsorial Psalm Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.		9.15am St. Francis of Assisi Christine (Healing) 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Filipino Chaplaincy (Church))	
Thursday / Giovedì 5th October 2023 Year 'A' Neh8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12	Responsorial Psalm The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.		9.15am Christine (Healing) 7.30pm Giovanni SANSONETTI (1mth)	
Friday / Venerdì 6th October 2023 Year 'A' Baruch 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	Responsorial Psalm For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.		9.15am Xavier BREEN (Healing) 11.15am Rosary followed at 11.30am Funeral Mass for Adelina BARRO R.I.P. 7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Adelina BARRO. May she rest in peace.
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 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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7th & 8th October2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid	 Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to <u>St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy</u> or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link. https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453 MISSION FAIR The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation & extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children.' Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715. An Invitation to Connect with Aboriginal Spirituality 434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury on one of the following dates: 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 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	J. Santos	G. Catena	
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	A. Senduk	P. La Marca	
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	C. Goodson	T. Toscano	
Altar Servers			J. D'Souza		
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<div><div><p>ENTRATA: NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA Noi canteremo gloria a Te, Padre che dai la vita, Dio d'immensa carità, Trinità infinita. Tutto il creato vive in Te, segno della tua gloria; tutta la storia ti darà onore e vittoria. La tua Parola venne a noi, annuncio del tuo dono la tua Promessa porterà salvezza e perdono. Vieni, Signore, in mezzo ai tuoi,vieni nella tua casa: dona la pace e l'unità, raduna la tua Chiesa.</p></div><div><p>OFFERTORIO: A TE NOSTRO PADRE A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar. Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo Cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel. Rit.: Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. Rit.: Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l'ostia che t'offriam in tutta umiltà. Rit.:</p></div><div><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 mi 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 el 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></div><div><p>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 Salvatore. Rit. Di tutti i malati solleva il dolor, consola chi soffre nel corpo e nel cuor. Rit.</p></div></div>					
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