

**4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. (Est. 4:17)

**A reading from the Book of Isaiah 5:1-7**  
Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**Resp.** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.  
You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R./**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R./**  
God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R./**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R./**

**Entrance:**  
**ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL**  
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All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.  
O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.  
For why! the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.  
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**Offertory:**  
**LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER**  
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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.

**Communion O HOW BLESSED**  
O how blessed are the poor in spirit, the Kingdom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who dwell in sorrow they surely will be consoled.  
**Refrain:**  
**Rejoice and be glad, beloved of the Lord, the Kingdom of heaven is yours. The first shall be last, the last shall be first, for such is the wisdom of God.**  
O how blessed are the meek and lowly, for they shall possess the earth. O how blessed those who thirst for justice, they surely will have their fill. **(Refrain)**  
O how blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall behold God's face. O how blessed those who mend with mercy forgiveness is their reward. **(Refrain)**  
O how blessed those who fight for peace, the children of God are they. O how blessed those despised and hated, who bear it because of me. **(Refrain)**

**Final :**  
**O QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY**  
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O Queen of the Holy Rosary, O bless us as we pray, And offer thee our roses In garlands day by day, While from our Father's garden, With loving hearts and bold, We gather to thine honour Buds white and red and gold.  
O Queen of the Holy Rosary, We share thy joy and pain, And long to see the glory Of Christ's triumphant reign. Oh, teach us holy Mary, To live each mystery, And gain by patient suffering The glory won by thee.

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: 6-9**  
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!** (Jn 15:15 )

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 21:23-33**  
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.** (Lam 3:25)



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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:**  
**SONG OF THE VINEYARD**  
The parable that makes up almost all the Gospel, Matthew 21:33-43, clearly picks up several features of Isaiah's 'song' of his friend's vineyard. Once again, the 'vineyard' is Israel but how, exactly, Jesus meant the parable to be understood and how we should interpret and explain today are matters of considerable delicacy. This is one of four or five texts in the Gospels most open to anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish readings and proclamation. While it is not all that easy to discern the exact shape of the parable as told by Jesus, we can be sure that he told it against the religious leadership in Jerusalem in his day. They have resisted the prophetic messengers sent by God, the last of whom was himself; they have shown themselves to be usurpers, attempting to control and retain for themselves the vineyard (Israel) and its produce (the life of the people). The arrival of the Kingdom (or Rule) of God will mean for them dispossession and retribution.

**FRUITS OF THE VINEYARD**  
Subsequently, the early Church retold the parable in the light of its knowledge of the death and resurrection of Jesus and its belief in his status (God's Son). Strongly colouring its understanding of the parable is its bitter awareness of the 'No' given to the Gospel by the great bulk of Israel and its keen sense of itself, made up of both Jewish and Gentile believers, as the community (literally, 'nation') to whom the Kingdom is now being given (v 43). Through the continuing presence of the risen Lord ('Emmanuel') to the end of the age (1:23; 28:20), they can and ought to produce the 'fruits' that God desires from the 'vineyard'. Today, we can move on from the early community's preoccupation with the 'No' of Israel and concentrate, as the First Reading suggests, on the 'fruits' that God looks to see produced within a new vineyard. The parabolic le gives no grounds for Christian triumphalism at Jewish expense.  
**THE CORNERSTONE**  
God has made the 'rejected' stone, the crucified and risen Lord, the cornerstone of the 'building' (the 'vineyard' image changes to an architectural one) that is the community of the Church. The question for us is whether the 'song' (Isaiah 5:1) sung over the vineyard is one of delight or disappointment. Inevitably, a bit of both. But, in either case, it will always be a song of the Friend's love for the vineyard.

*Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 30 September 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>*

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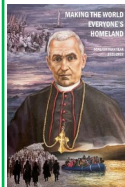





**RIFLESSIONE:**  
La parabola dei vignaioli omicidi è di un realismo tale che potremmo considerarla come una teologia della storia. L'omicidio è l'apogeo di una infedeltà continua, che nasconde naturalmente ingratitudine. È la storia dell'umanità e quella di ogni uomo, con i nostri limiti, le nostre ingiustizie, la nostra avarizia, le nostre ambizioni.  
Noi reagiamo spesso così davanti al bene che riceviamo dai nostri simili. Noi agiamo spesso così davanti alla bontà di Dio. Siamo dei cattivi amministratori, che cominciano commettendo il grave errore di credersi padroni del regno e il minimo potere ci disturba, anche quello di Dio, assoluto ma non dominatore. Noi non ci troviamo al posto che dovremmo occupare, e ci piacerebbe vietare l'ingresso nel regno a coloro che vogliono entrarci. L'atteggiamento di Dio differisce completamente dal nostro. Ci ama allo stesso modo; ma non tollera che i suoi figli non mangino il pane che egli offre loro e che per di più si ostinino ad impedire agli altri di mangiarlo. Noi ci sbagliamo in tutto. E proprio quando ci sentiremo più sicuri, verremo privati dei nostri doni, perché non possediamo, anche se lo crediamo, alcuna esclusività. È necessario che scopriamo Cristo come pietra angolare dell'edificio in pietre vive che è la Chiesa, alla quale siamo stati introdotti con il battesimo. Cerchiamo con coraggio di produrre frutti per raggiungere il regno dei cieli.  
*-- Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>*

**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.



2 Liturgical Calendar and activities				
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 7th October, 2023 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner'.		6.00pm (English)  7.00pm (Spanish)	Baptism Celebrations for: <b>Sophia &amp; Natalie SANTOS</b> <b>Alejandro HOYOS</b> <b>John LEPRE</b> Congratulations!
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 8th October, 2023 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	'La pietra che i costruttori hanno scartato é diventata la pietra d'angolo'.	8:30am (English/Italian)  10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am (English) Fr. Frank's 9th anniv. of Priesthood Ordination  11.00am (Italian) Pro Populo	Baptism Celebrations for:' <b>Adrian CASSAR</b> <b>Ava Lily CAMPBELL</b> Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 9th October 2023 Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37	Responsorial Psalm You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.		9.15am Xavier (Healing)	
Tuesday/Martedì 10th October 2023 Year 'A' Jonah 3: 1-10; Lk 10:38-42	Responsorial Psalm If you O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?		9:15am Fr. Frank's 9th anniv. of Priesthood Ordination Gracie LAMONT (Healing)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 11th October 2023 Year 'A' Jonah 4: 1-11; Lk 11:1-4	Responsorial Psalm Lord, you are tender and full of love.		9.15am Gracie LAMONT (Healing)  7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Filipino Chaplaincy (Church))	
Thursday / Giovedì 12th October 2023 Year 'A' Malachi 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.	St. Mark's 7.00pm Rosary, Procession and Mass in Honour to Our Lady of Aparecida	9.15am Mary Ellen LAMONT (Healing)	
Friday / Venerdì 13th October 2023 Year 'A' Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26	Responsorial Psalm The Lord will judge the world with justice.		9.15am Mary Ellen LAMONT (Healing)  5.00pm Mass for Sr. Faustina	
<div><div></div><div><b>OCTOBER! MONTH OF THE ROSARY:</b> We are all invited to recite the rosary daily, in church before or after Mass, or in our own homes, together with our family.</div><div><b>OTTOBRE! MESE DEL SANTO ROSARIO:</b> Tutti siamo invitati a recitare il Santo Rosario giornalmente, in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa oppure con la nostra famiglia in casa.</div></div>				
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b> 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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14th & 15th October2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid	<div><b>Online Giving:</b> If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to <a href="#">St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy</a> or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link. <a href="https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453">https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453</a></div> <div><b>MISSION FAIR</b> The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair Next Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation &amp; extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715.</div> <div><b>Every 2nd Saturday of the Month</b> Next Saturday 14th October 2023 Mass starts at 5.00pm with Adoration and Benediction followed at 6.00pm by Mass Everyone welcome!</div> <div><b>HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY</b> Everyone is welcome to <b>HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY</b> every 2nd,3rd &amp; 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.</div>
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	L. Eyles	G. Piantella	G. Barrett	T. Toscano	
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	D Dunlevie	G. Catena	
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	B. Koh	P. La Marca	
Altar Servers			C. Smith		
<div><div><b>Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini</b> 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. <b>Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!</b></div><div></div></div>					
<div><b>NEW METHOD OF DONATING IN CHURCH</b> In the next couple of weeks we will be trying a new method for collection and/or donating to the parish with a Tap &amp; Give device. This is a contactless portable electronic device that will enable you to make your donation to the parish. More information will follow.</div>					
<div><b>Santa Messa e Fiaccolata</b> <b>In Onore Della Madonna Di Lourdes</b> <b>Domenica prossima 15 ottobre, 2023</b> L'Associazione Maria Regina Dei Cuori invita tutta la comunità nella chiesa di S. Brigida, Domenica 15 ottobre con inizio alle 5.30pm con la recita del Santo Rosario seguita dalla Santa messa alle 6.00pm celebrata da P.Vito Pegolo segue poi la Processione a Fiaccolata nel cortile della chiesa. Tutti benvenuti.</div>					
<div><b>NEW COMMUNITY IN OUR PARISH</b> We warmly welcome the Swahili community joining our parish in the celebration of the Eucharist every 3rd Sunday of the month 5.00pm onwards beginning from 15th October. May their presence amongst us will be a happy and fruitful one. <b>Please Note! The first mass here next Sunday 15th October will be celebrated at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome!</b></div>					
<div><b>FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH</b> Begins in September 2023: <b>Every First Monday of the month</b> (after 9:15AM Mass) at the ex-convent <b>Every 3rd Friday of the month</b> (after 6:30PM Holy Hour of Divine Mercy) at the Welcome Room</div>					
<div><b>The RCIA Program</b> begins in September 2023. Please contact the parish priest or office for more information.</div>					
<div><b>ENTRATA: LODATE DIO</b>  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. Iodate 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!</div>	<div><b>OFFERTORIO: UNA SPIGA DORATA</b>  <i>Una spiga dorata dal sol Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol</i> <b>Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor.</b> Comunione formiamo insiem, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor Dio ci fa eucharistia 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. <b>Una spiga dorata dal sol Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol</b> <b>Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor.</b></div>	<div><b>COMMUNIONE: QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE</b>  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 sgorgnerà. <b>Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.</b> 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. <b>Rit.</b> 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. <b>Rit.</b></div>	<div><b>FINE: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO</b>  Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te. <b>Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.</b> Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. <b>Rit.</b> Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. <b>Rit.</b></div>	<div><b>St. Brigid &amp; St. Mark Collection</b> 1st Collection \$740 - 00 2 Collection \$460 - 00 Envelopes \$114 - 00</div>	