

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand. But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel. (Ps 129:3-4)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 25:6-10 On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready or anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (Ps 33:11)

Entrance:

TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.



O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit

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Offertory:

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Refrain

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat, be bread for others.

May we who drink, pour out our love.



Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.

Where we divide your people, you are waiting there, on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. **R./**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair. **R./**

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Communion

SHEPHERD ME O GOD

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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Final: I'LL SING A HYMN TO MARY

I'll sing a hymn to Mary, The Mother of my God, The Virgin of all virgins, Of David's Royal blood. O teach me, holy Mary, A loving song to frame, When wicked men blaspheme thee, I'll love and bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley, O mystic Rose what tree Or flower, e'en the fairest, Is half so fair as thee? O let me, though so lowly, Recite my Mother's fame: When wicked men blaspheme thee, I'll love and bless thy name.

O noble Tower of David, Of gold and ivory, The Ark of God's Own promise, The Gate of Heaven to me; To live, and not to love thee, Would fill my soul with shame: When wicked men blaspheme thee, I'll love and bless thy name.

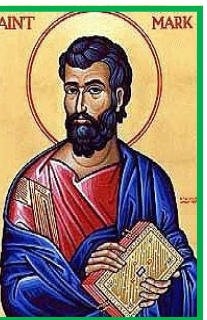


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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

HOMILY NOTES:

WEDDING BANQUET

Read in the light of the Christian Gospel, what is being promised here is nothing less than human freedom from mortality in an ultimate sense and a pledge that all would share the eternal life of God. Every human life, then, is a life lived in the hope of this invitation to the 'banquet of eternal life... Matthew presents the parable in this form to help his community understand and come to terms with unexpected and troubling things that had occurred: the 'No' of the bulk of Israel to the message of the Gospel, the existence of bad, as well as good, in the community of the Church. Having Jesus tell the parable in this way shows that all had been foreseen and foretold by him and therefore should not cause too great dismay or loss of faith.

AN ILLUSTRATION

As in all his parables, Jesus simply takes illustrations from life as it is, neither commending or deploring the behaviour involved but simply using the way people (including kings) behave to illustrate what he wants to convey. Hearers of the Gospel will also wonder why a poor unfortunate brought in without warning 'from the crossroads' is treated so harshly for not wearing a wedding garment. How could he have had time to get one - even if it was something he could afford! Once again, allegory has rather spoiled the realism of the story. As noted already, this final episode has to do with the problem of good and bad in the Christian community. You don't have to be good to get into the community of the Kingdom: God's invitation is a great net of grace that envelops all. But, once within, people have to allow themselves to be transformed by the grace they have received; their subsequent good works will constitute the 'wedding garment' required for the banquet. The man without a wedding garment represents people inside the community who have not so responded to grace. The parable makes the point that, though the community may have to put up with bad behaviour for a while, there will come a time of judgment when such recalcitrants will be called to reckoning and expulsion from the 'banquet'.

GOD'S INTENT

In this way, a parable that originally reflected on Israel's failure to respond to Jesus has been given a meaning for members of the Church. All God's intent for us is to share with us the riches of the 'banquet' of life. But God's graciousness and generosity should not be an excuse for complacency. Our lack of cooperation can exclude us from the banquet. Finally, we should note the Semitic idiom in the concluding comment: 'Many' (= 'all') are called, 'few' (= 'not all') are 'chosen' (= persevere to the end); it is possible to exclude oneself from the banquet of life.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 6 October 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



Riflessione

Come riuscirà la Chiesa, Sposa di Cristo, a presentare agli uomini del nostro mondo, della nostra società post-cristiana, l'incredibile invito del Padre alle nozze di

suo Figlio? Come far sedere alla tavola di questo "banchetto di grasse vivande, di cibi succulenti, di vini raffinati" un'umanità apparentemente senza appetito? Questo compito appassionante di tutta la Chiesa - questa nuova evangelizzazione - deve occupare tutti i figli del nuovo popolo di Dio. Ne va di mezzo la vita e la vita del mondo. Sembra che annunciare l'invito con un nuovo ardore, con nuovi metodi, con una nuova espressione non sia un mezzo superato. Alcuni tra coloro che trasmettono questo invito alle nozze saranno forse maltrattati, forse uccisi. Ci saranno certamente quelli che rifiutano l'invito. Poco importa. C'è gente agli angoli delle strade. Basta annunciare con convinzione che noi andiamo a un banchetto, che l'invito di Cristo è arrivato fino a noi e che noi conosciamo le portate. Basta sapere che noi possiamo tutto in colui che ci conforta. L'annunciamo così? Siamo convincenti perché abbiamo già partecipato a questo banchetto? Non c'è niente di più ripugnante di coloro le cui parole ripetono quello che dicono gli altri, senza dare prova di alcuna esperienza.

Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it> 13/10/23

READER AND ALTAR SERVER VOLUNTEERS

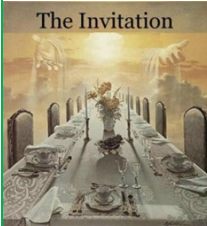




There will be readers and Altar Servers' Workshop on Thursday 23 November at St. Brigid's Parish. Please save the date. Thank you.

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 safe-**



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Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 14th October, 2023 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"Behold, I have made ready my dinner, come to the marriage feast."</i>		5.00pm Adoration and Benediction followed by 6.00pm Mass (English) 7.00pm (Spanish)	Baptism Celebrations for: Christopher PANTALONE <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 15th October, 2023 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	<i>"Ecco ho preparato il mio pranzo; venite alle nozze"</i>	8:30am (English/Italian) 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo (English) 11.00am (Italian) Grazia CAPITO † 2.30pm Mass Swahili Community	Associazione Maria Regina Dei Cuori 5.30pm Santo Rosario 6.00pm S. Messa seguita dalla processione a fiaccolata. Celebrante P. Vito Pegolo,cs
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 16th October 2023 Rom 1:1-7: Lk 11:29-32	Responsorial Psalm <i>The Lord has made known his salvation.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Rosary followed 11.30am Funeral Mass for Antonio MARTINO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Antonio MARTINO</i> <i>May he rest in peace.</i>
Tuesday/Martedì 17th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41 St. Ignatius of Antioch bishop, martyr	Responsorial Psalm <i>The heavens proclaim the glory of God.</i>		9:15am St. Ignatius of Antioch	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 18th October 2023 Year 'A' 2 Tim 4: 10-17: Lk 10:1-9: St. Luke, evangelist	Responsorial Psalm <i>Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.</i>		9.15am St. Luke 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Filipino Chaplaincy (Church))	
Thursday / Giovedì 19th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 3:21-30: Lk 11:47-54	Responsorial Psalm <i>With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.</i>		9.15am	
Friday / Venerdì 20th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 4:1-8: Lk 12:1-7:	Responsorial Psalm <i>I turn to you Lord in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Funeral Mass for Antonio NOVEMBRE	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Antonio NOVEMBRE</i> <i>May he rest in peace.</i>

OCTOBER! MONTH OF THE ROSARY: We are all invited to recite the rosary daily, in church before or after Mass, or in our own homes, together with our family.

OTTOBRE! MESE DEL SANTO ROSARIO: Tutti siamo invitati a recitare il Santo Rosario giornalmente, in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa oppure con la nostra famiglia in casa.

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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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

21st & 22nd October 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	P. La Marca
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	K. Chang	G. Catena
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!

NEW METHOD OF DONATING IN CHURCH
In the next couple of weeks we will be trying a new method for collection and/or donating to the parish with a Tap & Give device. This is a contactless portable electronic device that will enable you to make your donation to the parish. More information will follow.

Sante Messe in Italiano per i Defunti
Domenica 29 Ottobre 2023 alle 2.30pm
Cimitero di Preston - Mausoleo
Celebrante: Padre Vito Pegolo.
Domenica 5 Novembre, 2.30pm al Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery Vicino al nuovo Mausoleo. Cel. Padre Vito Pegolo
Domenica 12 Novembre alle 2.30pm
Cimitero di Williamstown. Cel. P. Vito Pegolo

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

NEW COMMUNITY IN OUR PARISH
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. **Please Note! The first mass will be celebrated here at 2.30pm TODAY**
Everyone welcome!

The RCIA Program begins in September 2023. Please contact the parish priest or office for more information.

ENTRATA: VIENI, FRATELLO
Vieni, fratello, il Padre ti chiama, vieni alla cena: c'è un posto anche per te.
Andiamo, fratelli, il Padre ci chiama, andiamo alla cena: c'è un posto anche per noi.
Al nuovo banchetto Dio chiama i figli suoi: Parola e Pane, questo è il dono del Signor. *Rit.*
Il pane è Cristo, il vino è il sangue suo. Uniti, offriamo questa vittima d'amor. *Rit.*
Da ogni contrada Gesù ci chiama a sé: con gioia andiamo alla mensa del Signor. *Rit.*

OFFERTORIO: SIGNORE DI SPIGHE INDORI
Signore, di spighe indori i nostri terreni ubertosi, mentre le vigne decori, di grappoli gustosi.
Salga da questo altare l'offerta a Te gradita: dona il pane di vita e il sangue salutare.
Nel nome di Cristo uniti, il calice e il pane t'offriamo: per i tuoi doni largiti Te, Padre, ringraziamo. *Rit.:*
Noi siamo il divin frumento E i tralci dell'unica vite: dal tuo celeste alimento son l'anime nutrite. *Rit.:*

COMMUNIONE: SIGNORE, SEI TU IL MIO PASTORE
Signore, sei tu il mio pastore, nulla mi può mancar nei tuoi pascoli.
Tra l'erbe verdeggianti Mi guidi a riposar; all'acque tue tranquille mi fai tu dissetar. *Rit.:*
Se in valle tutta oscura lo camminar dovrò, vicino a te Signore, più nulla temerò. *Rit.:*
Per me hai preparato il pane tuo immortale; il calice m'hai colmo di vino celestiale. *Rit.:*
La luce e la tua grazia Mi guideranno ognor; da te m'introduurranno per sempre, o mio Signor. *Rit.:*

FINE: DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA
Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella, coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra, e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra non vi è stella più bella di Te.
Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te.
Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare. La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio, Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior.
T'incoronano dodici stelle. Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento Della luna s'incurva l'argento Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel.

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>

'War is a defeat': pope and Jerusalem's Christian leaders pray for peace. War is a defeat,' Pope Francis insisted as he called for prayers for peace in Israel and Palestine. Speaking to thousands of people gathered in St Peter's Square on 8 October for the recitation of the Angelus prayer, the pope said he is following events in Israel and Gaza 'with apprehension and sorrow'. Let us all join in prayer for the many victims and their families.

Our Congratulations to the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master on celebrating 50 years of dedicated service and care for the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

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.

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