

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. (Ps 16:6-8)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods, the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: "God is King." He will judge the people in fairness. **R.**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars: you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Entrance:

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory,
great things He hath done,
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Ref:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory;
great things He hath done.**

Oh, perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives. **(Ref)**



Offertory:

ALL THAT WE HAVE

Refrain:

**All that we have
and all that we offer
Comes from a heart
both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now
and give what we need,**

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness
never grows old. **Ref.**

Sometimes the road
may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage
and always remember
Love isn't just for a day. **Ref.**

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Communion

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek,
be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
we are in Christ made one.

No race or creed can love exclude,
if honoured be God's name;
Our family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

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Final :

**AS I KNEEL
(AVE MARIA)**

Text and music:
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As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day,
make it yours,
and fill me with your love.

Refrain:

**Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.**

All I have I give you,
Every dream
and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine,
present them
to my Lord **(Ref)**



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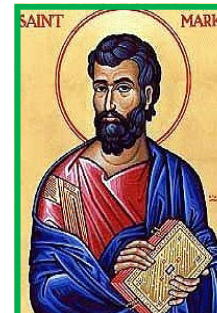
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

HOMILY NOTES:

POWER AND AUTHORITY OF GOD

While this is the what the text principally asserts, implied is also the significant – and for its time, novel-truth that behind foreign rulers, as behind Israelite ones, stands the power and authority of God. This not simply the case in a punitive sense, as when such rulers become instruments of divine chastisement, but also in a saving sense, as is the case here with Cyrus. The positive portrayal of a non-Israelite ruler in this text paves the way for the episode related in the Gospel. Traditionally, the question put to Jesus in the Gospel, Matthew 22:15-21, concerning the legitimacy of paying taxes to the Roman Emperor, has been the occasion for addressing Christian responsibility to the state. Taken in itself, however, the main point is not to present Jesus giving an instruction on this issue. We are at a point in the Gospel where Jesus, having entered Jerusalem as its messianic king, is engaged in a power struggle with representatives of various groups who, under the overall control of the Romans, currently wield authority in the city. They, rightly, perceive the threat posed by Jesus to their hold on the people and seek to bring him down. They want to portray him as dangerous to the Romans and also to lessen his authority with the people by getting the better of him in public dispute.

MAJESTIC RESPONSE

Jesus' majestic response not only frees him from the dilemma but actually goes on the offensive against his adversaries. By calling for them to produce a coin with Caesar's image on it he shows them up as people who carry around the offensive coinage, something he does not himself do. In this sense, they are revealed as already collaborating whereas his own position is not disclosed. Then his dual 'Render' instruction throws back the dilemma on them. They had set the issue simply in terms of obligation to Rome; they had not brought God into the equation at all-though they would claim to be religious authorities. Jesus takes possession of the religious and moral high ground by setting responsibility to the civil power (which he does not deny) within the broader and higher framework of obedience to God. It is difficult to derive from Jesus' response any clear indication of his attitude to the Roman military occupation. Certainly, he distanced himself from the kind of Zealot fundamentalism that required absolute theocracy in the name of God – a religious attitude all too resurgent in our world today. His followers, especially as portrayed by Luke (Gospel and Acts), would commend a peaceful and loyal existence within the Roman Empire so long as allegiance to Christ Jesus and the Rule of God had priority (Acts 5:29). The later Christian sense of the separation of Church and State has its origins here, along with the recognition that believers have responsibilities in both realms that oblige in conscience before God.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 12 October 2023

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Riflessione

L'ipocrisia dei farisei e dei sadducei proclama la veridicità di Gesù, che essi cercano di cogliere nella rete di un dilemma sapientemente calcolato: o egli afferma che il tributo ad uno Stato straniero e idolatra è lecito, e perde la stima di coloro che non accettano il dominio romano; oppure dichiara che questo tributo è illecito, e apre la porta al suo processo con l'accusa di istigare la sedizione. "Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che è di Cesare". Gesù non è il capo di un movimento di rivolta: il suo discepolo deve compiere i suoi obblighi civili. È in questo modo che l'ha capito la prima Chiesa. Ma ciò che è importante e decisivo, e che non sembra preoccupare i farisei, è il seguito: "E a Dio quello che è di Dio". Soltanto a Dio si devono l'adorazione e il culto, e né lo Stato né alcun'altra realtà di questo mondo possono pretendere ciò che è dovuto esclusivamente a Dio. Il martirio è l'espressione suprema della resistenza cristiana di fronte al tentativo assolutistico del potere temporale di usurpare il posto di Dio. A Dio ciò che è di Dio! Ma tutto appartiene a Dio, che è il creatore. Ed è per questo che non si può astrarre Dio durante la costruzione della città terrena, "quasi che Dio non meriti alcun interesse nell'ambito del disegno operativo ed associativo dell'uomo" (Reconciliatio et paenitentia. L'uomo può realizzare la pretesa blasfema di costruire un mondo senza Dio, ma "questo mondo finirà per ritorcersi contro l'uomo".

Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it> 19/10/2023

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2 Liturgical Calendar and activities				
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 21st October, 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”	Baptism Celebrations for: Danyela URBINA Aya Isabella CICALA Congratulations! 	6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass (Spanish)	Wedding Celebrations for Chantelle MARASHEILLO & Pat OPPEDISANO Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 22nd October, 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	“Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che é di Cesare e a Dio quello che é di Dio”	8:30am John & Moya PERRETT 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo 11.00am (Italian) Gennaro BONADIO Anselmo BONADIO † Salvatore e Caterina CRISTIANO Francesco e Caterina BONADIO	2.00pm Spanish Mass in Honour to El Señor De Los MILAGROS 
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 23rd October 2023 Rom 4:20-25: Lk 12:13-21	Responsorial Psalm Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; he has come to his people.		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 24th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21 Lk 12:35-38	Responsorial Psalm Here am I, Lord; I come to do you will.		9:15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 25th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 6:12-18: Lk 12:39-48:	Responsorial Psalm Our help is in the name of the Lord.		9.15am 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì 26th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 6:19-23: Lk 12:49-53	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.		9.15am	
Friday / Venerdì 27th October 2023 Year 'A' Rom 7:18-25: Lk 12:54-59:	Responsorial Psalm Teach me your laws, O Lord.		9.15am 11.00am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Maria MASON 	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maria MASON. May she rest in peace.
<div><div>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.</div><div>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.</div></div>				
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION this year will take place during the 9.45am mass on Sunday 26th November 202, Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Religious classes are continuing every Sunday after the 9.45am mass in the Media Room under the care of Sr. Guadalupe from the Missionaries of Charity.				
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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28th & 29th October 2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid	<div>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</div> <div>'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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div>
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	G. Catena	
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	P. La Marcaq	
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	FCCM	T. Toscano	
Altar Servers			FCCM		
<div><u>Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini</u> <p>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.</p>Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!</div>					<div><u>NEW METHOD OF DONATING IN CHURCH</u> Last weekend we began suing the new method for collection and/or donating to the parish with an electronic Tap & Give device. This is a contactless portable device that will enable you to make your donation of \$2, \$5,or \$10 to the parish. It is very simple, your choose the amount and then you tap or swipe your card. For those preferring cash, no problem, continue giving the same way. The parish greatly appreciates your understanding and generosity.</div>
<div><u>FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH</u> <u>Every First Monday of the month</u> (after 9:15AM Mass) at the ex-convent <u>Every 3rd Friday of the month</u> (after 6:30PM Holy Hour of Divine Mercy) at the Welcome Room</div>					<div><u>Sante Messe in Italiano per i Defunti</u> 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</div>
<div>ENTRATA: <u>NOI CANTEREMO</u> 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.</div> <div></div> <div>St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection 1st Collection \$530 - 00 2 Collection \$320 - 00 Envelopes \$ 79 - 00</div>					<div>COMMUNIONE: <u>DOV'É CARITÀ E AMORE</u>  Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore: godiamo esultanti nel Signore! Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente, e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero. Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo: evitiamo di dividerci tra noi: via le lotte maligne, via le liti, e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio. Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte e dall'ombra della morte non risorge; ma se noi camminiamo nell'amore, noi saremo veri figli della luce. Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra. Imploriamo con fiducia il Padre Santo perché doni ai nostri giorni la sua pace: ogni popolo dimentichi rancori, ed il mondo si rinnovi nell'amore.</div> <div></div>
<div>OFFERTORIO: <u>SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO</u> 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.</div>					<div>FINE: <u>O BELLA REGINA</u> O bella Regina, O Madre del ciel, all'Angiol t'inchini, ancella fedel. Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave, ave Maria. Di grazia sei piena e t'ama il Signor; Tuo Figlio è Dio, uman Redentor. Rit. O Madre pietosa, Gesù ti donò al mondo in peccato che egli salvò. Rit. Soccorri i tuoi figli, O Madre d'amor, che in gioia o nel pianto ti pregano ognor. Rit. </div>