

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia. (1 Pet 2:2)

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-16)**

Many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And the faithful were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high honour. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R/**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success, Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R/**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation (1:9-13, 17-19)** I, John, your brother, who share with you in Jesus the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lamp-stands, and in the midst of the lamp-stands one like a Son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden girdle round his breast. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for ever-more, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Now write what you see, what is and what is to take place hereafter." **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Thomas, you have believed, says the Lord, because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia. (Jn 20:27)**

**Offertory Blessed be God**

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. **R.**

**Communion In Him Alone**

**In him alone is our hope In him alone is our strength In him alone are we justified In him alone are we saved.**

What have we to offer That does not fade or wither Can the world ever satisfy The emptiness in our hearts In vain we deny? **R.**

When will you cease running In search of hollow meaning? Let his love feed the hunger In your soul, til it overflows With joy you yearn to know. **R.**

**Interfaith Memorial Prayer Service to Honour all the Victims of recent Terrorist Acts in Sri Lanka**

**Date & Time:** Monday, 29 April 2019, from 5.30 to 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** St Mary's Catholic Church, 1 Rossmoyne Street (corner High Street), Thornbury. All welcome.

**Entrance: Gather us in**

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.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call  
your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true



# 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.*

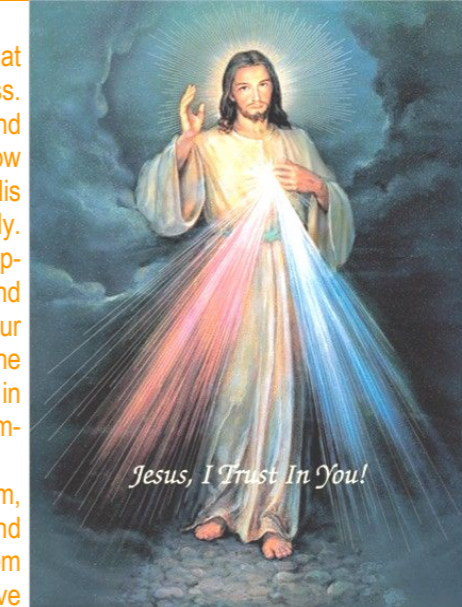
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Words of Pope Francis)**

The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion. (8)

Jesus, seeing the crowds of people who followed him, realized that they were tired and exhausted, lost and without a guide, and he felt deep compassion for them (cf. Mt 9:36). On the basis of this compassionate love he healed the sick who were presented to him (cf. Mt 14:14), and with just a few loaves of bread and fish he satisfied the enormous crowd (cf. Mt 15:37). What moved Jesus in all of these situations was nothing other than mercy, with which he read the hearts of those he encountered and responded to their deepest need.

In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.

These parables contain a profound teaching for all of us. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle's exhortation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain



**LA DOMENICA DELLA MISERICORDIA (Parole del Papa Francesco)**

La missione che Gesù ha ricevuto dal Padre è stata quella di rivelare il mistero dell'amore divino nella sua pienezza. « Dio è amore » (1 Gv 4,8.16), afferma per la prima e unica volta in tutta la Sacra Scrittura l'evangelista Giovanni. Questo amore è ormai reso visibile e tangibile in tutta la vita di Gesù. La sua persona non è altro che amore, un amore che si dona gratuitamente. Le sue relazioni con le persone che lo accostano manifestano qualcosa di unico e di irripetibile. I segni che compie, soprattutto nei confronti dei peccatori, delle persone povere, escluse, malate e sofferenti, sono all'insegna della misericordia. Tutto in Lui parla di misericordia. Nulla in Lui è privo di compassione. (8)


Gesù, dinanzi alla moltitudine di persone che lo seguivano, vedendo che erano stanche e sfinite, smarrite e senza guida, sentì fin dal profondo del cuore una forte compassione per loro (cfr Mt 9,36). In forza di questo amore compassionevole guarì i malati che gli venivano presentati (cfr Mt 14,14), e con pochi pani e pesci sfamò grandi folle (cfr Mt 15,37). Ciò che muoveva Gesù in tutte le circostanze non era altro che la misericordia, con la quale leggeva nel cuore dei suoi interlocutori e rispondeva al loro bisogno più vero. Nelle parabole dedicate alla misericordia, Gesù rivela la natura di Dio come quella di un Padre che non si dà mai per vinto fino a quando non ha dissolto il peccato e vinto il rifiuto, con la compassione e la misericordia. Conosciamo queste parabole, tre in particolare: quelle della pecora smarrita e della moneta perduta, e quella del padre e i due figli (cfr Lc 15,1-32). In queste parabole, Dio viene sempre presentato come colmo di gioia, soprattutto quando perdona. In esse troviamo il nucleo del Vangelo e della nostra fede, perché la misericordia è presentata come la forza che tutto vince, che riempie il cuore di amore e che consola con il perdono.

Le parabole contengono un profondo insegnamento per ciascuno di noi. Gesù afferma che la misericordia non è solo l'agire del Padre, ma diventa il criterio per capire chi sono i suoi veri figli. Insomma, siamo chiamati a vivere di misericordia, perché a noi per primi è stata usata misericordia. Il perdono delle offese diventa l'espressione più evidente dell'amore misericordioso e per noi cristiani è un imperativo da cui non possiamo prescindere. Come sembra difficile tante volte perdonare! Eppure, il perdono è lo strumento posto nelle nostre fragili mani per raggiungere la serenità del cuore. Lasciar cadere il rancore, la rabbia, la violenza e la vendetta sono condizioni necessarie per vivere felici. Accogliamo quindi l'esortazione dell'apostolo: « Non tramonti il sole sopra la vostra ira » (Ef4,26). E soprattutto ascoltiamo la parola di Gesù che ha posto la misericordia come un ideale di vita e come criterio di credibilità per la nostra fede: « Beati i misericordiosi, perché troveranno misericordia » (Mt 5,7). (9)



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians [www.Scalabrini.org](http://www.Scalabrini.org)  
Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY</b> within the Octave of Easter <b>SABATO OTTAVA DI PASQUA</b> 27th April 2019 Year "C"	"My Lord and my God!"		6.00pm PRO-POPULO 7.00pm Mass in Spanish	
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>SECONDA DOMENICA DI PASQUA</b> 28th April 2019 Year "C" <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	"Mio Signore e mio Dio!" 	8.30am Pasquale VILLANI	9.45am Ermando IARUSSI 11.00am <b>S. Messa in Onore della Madonna Di Grumentino</b> Pasquale VESCIA (1st annv.) Michele PITISANO (20th annv.) Domenica BELLISSIMO 4.00pm Brazilian Community Prayers, Adoration and Mass	12.30pm (in Church) Celebrations in Spanish <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ADORATION, CONFESSIONS, PRAYERS AND HOLY MASS</b> 
Monday/Lunedì 29th April 2019 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	 <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Happy are all who put their trust in the Lord.	8.00am <b>NO MASS</b>	9.15am <b>St. Catherine of Siena</b>	7.30pm <b>Baptism Preparation</b> tonight in the church. Parents & God-parents invited to attend
Tuesday/Martedì of the 2nd week of Easter 30th April 2019 Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15	<b>Responsorial Psalm.</b> The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.	8.00am <b>NO MASS</b>	9.15am Carmelo CALANDRA	
Wednesday/Mercoledì of the 2nd week of Easter 1st May 2019 Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3:16-21	<b>Responsorial Psalm.</b> Il Signore ascolta il grido dei poveri. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.	8.00am <b>NO MASS</b>	9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor 2nd May 2019 Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> The Lord hears the cry of the poor.	8.00am <b>NO MASS</b>	9.15am <b>St. Athanasius</b> Carmelina CAFARELLA St. John Paul II	
Friday/Venerdì 3rd May 2019 Sts Philip & James, apostles 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14:6-14	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Their message goes out through all the earth.	8.00am <b>NO MASS</b>	9.15am <b>Sts. Philip and James</b> 7.30pm <b>1st Friday Mass in honour to the Sacred Heart</b> (Spanish Chaplaincy)	

**Canto alla Madonna di Grumentino**

Bello il ciel, calmo il mar nell'aria la fede si desta, tutto ci invita a pregare, splende ancor un raggio d'or, il raggio della luna che veglia sul mar. Una campana suona lontano, lontano, Ave Maria suona la squilla di sera, oh Grumentino, vieni a veder quanto è dolce, vieni all'altare vieni a pregare. Una campana suona lontano, lontano, Ave Maria suona la squilla di sera, oh Grumentino, vieni a veder quanto è dolce, vieni all'altare vieni a pregare. Spende ancor un raggio d'or, il raggio della luna che veglia sul mar. Spende ancor un raggio d'or, il raggio della luna che veglia sul mar.

**PLEASE NOTE! During next week, there will be NO 8.00am MASS at St. Mark's**

Per favore notate! Durante questa settimana **non ci sarà la Messa delle 8.00am a San Marco**

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Liturgy of the Word 4th & 5th May 2019	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Church Cleaning
I Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	J. Smith	L. Colosimo	A. Marchesan / M. Del Raso	Lolita Ferrero
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	N. Omenihu	E. Mascia	P. Elkins / S. Atherton	
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	R. Omenihu	M. Lauria	C. Zorzi / L. Di franco	



A tutti i devoti della Madonna Di Grumentino la cui festa si celebra oggi nella nostra Chiesa, diamo loro un caloroso benvenuto.

**Divine Mercy Prayer**

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen!

**PROJECT COMPASSION - 2019**

Thanks to everyone who has returned the box or envelopes. If you still have yours at home, please return it as soon as possible. If you need a Tax Receipt please mark it down or ring the parish office. Total to date is \$4880.

**PROGETTO COMPASSIONE—2019**

Grazie di cuore a tutti voi che avete contribuito a questo appello. Se ancora avete le scatole o buste, per favore ritornatele al più presto possibile. Se qualcuno ha bisogno della ricevuta per motivo di tasse, per favore fate la richiesta oppure telefonate all'ufficio parrocchiale. Totale corrente \$4880

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY 2019**

From this Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May, the fathers will be away for the Annual General Assembly in Sydney. **During this week there will be NO morning mass at St. Mark's.** However morning mass at St. Brigid's will be as usual. Our thoughts and prayers go with all the fathers.

**ASSEMBLEA PROVINCIALE 2019**

Da questo Lunedì 29 Aprile a Venerdì 3 Maggio, i padri saranno assenti dalla parrocchia per l'Assemblea Generale a Sydney. **Non ci sarà la messa del mattino a San Marco.** Comunque a Santa Brigida le messe verranno celebrate come al solito. Assicuriamo a tutti i padri le nostre preghiere.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with Holy Week and Easter and also for your Easter Offerings and best wishes. Fr. Savino and confreres.

Grazie di cuore a tutti voi che avete aiutato per le preparazioni durante la settimana Santa e per Pasqua. Grazie anche per le vostre offerte e auguri. P. Savino e confratelli.

Good Friday Collection \$540 donated for the Holy Places. Thank you.  
Donazione del Venerdì Santo \$540 sono stati raccolti per i luoghi sacri. Grazie

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1 Collection \$1240 - 00  
2 Collection \$ 750 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 114 - 00

**HOUSE BLESSING** Anyone wishing to have their house blessed by Fr. Savino during this time of Easter, please fill out the form available from the table.

**BENEDIZIONE DELLE CASE** Coloro che desiderano la benedizione della casa durante questo tempo di Pasqua, per favore riempiti il modulo che trovate sul tavolo, e Padre Savino sarà molto lieto di venire.

**CHOSEN CONFERENCE**

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please visit [www.chosenconference.org.au](http://www.chosenconference.org.au). For further information, queries or group registration please contact [info@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:info@chosenconference.org.au) or call 0491 002 081.

**ST CARTHAGE'S SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB EVENING: VOICES FROM YOUTH FORUM** This Wednesday 1 May, 7.30pm for 8pm start St Andrew's Hotel 124 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy The younger generations are outstanding in their potential to bring about change to our future Church with knowledge and maturity. This is an inspired and opportune time for a promising exchange of ideas. **Contact:** Del Durrant [deldurrant@hotmail.com](mailto:deldurrant@hotmail.com)

**Canto D'Ingresso****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.

**Canto D'Offertorio****UNA SPIGA DORATA**

Una spiga dorata dal sol  
Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol  
Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor  
E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor.

Comunione formiamo insiem, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor Dio ci fa eucharistia nell'amor. **Rit.**

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. **Rit.**

**Canto di Comunione****TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE**

Ti ringrazio, o mio Signore, per le cose che sono nel mondo, per la vita che tu mi hai donato, per l'amore che tu nutri per me.  
**Alleluia, O mio Signore!  
Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo!  
Alleluia, O mio Signore!  
Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!**

Come il pane che abbiamo spezzato Era sparso in grano sui colli, così unisci noi, sparsi nel mondo, in un Corpo che sia solo per te. **Rit.**

Quell'amore che unisce te al Padre Sia la forza che unisce i fratelli ed il mondo conosca la pace: la tua gioia regni sempre tra noi. **Rit.**

**Canto Finale DELL'AURORA**

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, bacciate 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.