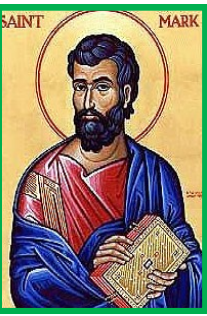


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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (49:3,5-6)
 The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' **The Word of the Lord.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3
 I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm
Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
 I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
 You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.
Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 1:29-34
 Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.
The Gospel of the Lord.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.
Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
 Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.
Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Entrance: PRAISE TO THE LORD
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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
 Come, all who hear:
 Now to his altar draw near, Joining in glad adoration!
 Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;
 Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, Who with his love will befriend us.
 Praise to the Lord!
 O let all that is in us adore him!
 All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
 Let the "Amen" sound from his people again, Now as we worship before him!

Offertory: TAKE OUR BREAD
Take our bread, we ask you, Take our hearts, we love you, Take our lives, oh Father, We are yours, we are yours
 Yours as we stand at the table you set, Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget. We are the signs of your life with us yet; We are yours, we are yours (ref)
 Your holy people standing washed in your blood, Spirit filled, yet hungry, we await your food. We are poor but we've brought ourselves the best we could We are yours, we are yours. (ref)
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Communion: HERE I AM LORD
 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? (Ref)
Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go Lord, if You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? (Ref)
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send? (Ref)
 Dan Schutte; Text: Based on Isaiah 6. Text and music © 1981, OCP

Final: THE VOICE OF GOD
 The voice of God goes out to all the world; God's glory speaks across the universe. The great King's herald cries from star to star: "With power, with justice, Christ will be the way!"
 The Lord has said, "Receive my messenger, my promise to the world, my pledge made fresh, a lamp to every nation, light from light: "With power, with justice, Christ will be the way!"
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Homily Notes JOHN AS WITNESS
 In the Gospel John the Baptist is carrying out his role of witness. This has, of course, already been mentioned in the Prologue to the Gospel (1:1-18; see esp. vv 6-7, 15).
 He makes clear his own status vis-à-vis esus. The usual understanding was that figures who came later in the scheme of salvation ranked lower than those who had preceded them. But the Prologue has established that Jesus, the embodiment of God's creative Word, has a priority in eternity that completely transcends the human history of John. Hence the One who comes 'after' him actually 'ranks before' him. Besides this, there is the vast difference in what each has to give. John's water baptism is a simple preparatory rite of conversion, disposing people for salvation. Jesus, upon whom John has seen the Spirit come down and rest, is going to 'baptise with the Holy Spirit'. He is going to impart the Spirit of God. To understand the full significance of what John is saying we have to look forward to the climax of the Fourth Gospel. The moment of Jesus' death upon the cross is not simply a final expiration of breath; it involves a majestic imparting of the Spirit (19:30). In the person of his Mother and the Beloved Disciple, the Church comes to birth at this moment through the gift of the Spirit and then in the hint of the sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) in the flow of water and blood from his pierced side (19:33-34). Because his legs are not broken, Jesus dies as the Paschal Lamb.

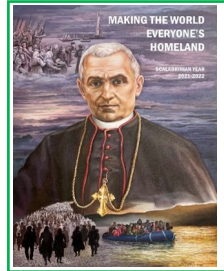


Note dell'Omelia GIOVANNI COME TESTIMONE
 Nel Vangelo Giovanni Battista svolge il suo ruolo di testimone. Questo, naturalmente, è già stato menzionato nel Prologo al Vangelo (1:1-18; vedi esp. vv 6-7, 15). Egli rende chiaro il suo status nei confronti di Gesù. L'intesa usuale era che le figure che sono venute più successivamente nello schema di salvezza hanno allineato più basso di coloro che le aveva precedute. Ma il Prologo ha stabilito che Gesù, incarnazione della Parola creatrice di Dio, ha una priorità nell'eternità che trascende completamente la storia umana di Giovanni. Quindi Colui che viene dopo di lui in realtà 'ranghi prima' di lui. Oltre a questo, c'è la grande differenza in ciò che ognuno deve dare. Il battesimo in acqua di Giovanni è un semplice rito preparatorio di conversione, che dispone le persone per la salvezza. Gesù, sul quale Giovanni ha visto lo Spirito scendere e riposare, sta per 'battesimare con lo Spirito Santo'. Egli sta per impartire lo Spirito di Dio. Per comprendere appieno il significato di ciò che Giovanni sta dicendo dobbiamo guardare al culmine del Quarto Vangelo. Il momento della morte di Gesù sulla croce non è semplicemente una scadenza finale del respiro; comporta una maestosa trasmissione dello Spirito (19:30). Nella persona della Madre e del discepolo prediletto, la Chiesa nasce in questo momento attraverso il dono dello Spirito e poi nell'accenno ai sacramenti (Battesimo ed Eucaristia) nel flusso di acqua e di sangue dal suo costato trafitto (19,33-34). Poiché le sue gambe non sono rotte, Gesù muore come Agnello Pasquale.

STRUMENTO DI SALVEZZA
 Alla sera, due giorni dopo, il Signore risorto starà tra i suoi discepoli, respirerà su di loro e dirà: 'Ricevi lo Spirito Santo; di chi perdonerai i peccati, saranno perdonati; di chi conserverai i peccati, saranno conservati' (20:22-23). Solo quando avremo imparato tutto questo alla fine del Vangelo capiremo veramente perché Giovanni Battista indica Gesù, come 'l'Agnello, che toglie il peccato del mondo' (1,29; cf. v 36). In questo modo, come aveva predetto Isaia, egli è strumento di salvezza per il mondo intero.

INSTRUMENT OF SALVATION
 In the evening two days later, the risen Lord will stand among his disciples, breathe upon them and say, 'Receive, the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained' (20:22-23). Only when we have learned all this at the close of the Gospel will we truly grasp why John the Baptist points out Jesus, as 'the Lamb, that takes away the sin of the world' (1:29; cf. v 36). In this way, as Isaiah foretold, he is the instrument of salvation for the entire world.
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Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini
O Blessed 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!



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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 14th January 2023 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" VIGIL	"Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God". 		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 15th January 2023 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	"E io ho visto e ho testimoniato che questi e' il Figlio di Dio".	8.30am Deceased Members of the REBESCHINI Family 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am Vito PANETTA Francesco FLORIO Gilberto MUNARI Carolina PITISANO Giuseppina NISTA Domenico e Domenica BELLISSIMO	
Monday/Lunedì 16th January 2023 Heb 5:1-10: Mk 2:18-22:	Responsorial Psalm You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 17th January 2023 Heb 6:10-20: Mk 2:23-28: St Anthony, abbot	Responsorial Psalm The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.		9.15am St Anthony, abbot 10.15am Rosary & Funeral Mass for Gilberto MUNARI	Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Gilberto MUNARI May he rest in peace 
Wednesday /Mercoledì 18th January 2023 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17: Mk 3:1-6:	Responsorial Psalm You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.		9.15am 7.30pm Mass Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy) Church	
Thursday Giovedì 19th January 2023 Heb 7:25 - 8:6: Mk 3:7-12:	Responsorial Psalm Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.	Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Francesco FLORIO May he rest in peace. 	9.15am 11.00am Funeral Mass for Francesco FLORIO	7.00pm RCIA Meeting Welcoming- Room 
Friday/Venerdì 20th January 2023 Heb 8:6-13: Mk 3:13-19:	Responsorial Psalm Kindness and truth shall meet.		9.15am	

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Liturgy of the word 21st & 22nd January 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	R. Malana	G. Catena / T.Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	A. Villar	N. Oro

LADIES PURSE FOUND IN CHURCH

A Ladies purse was found in church on Friday 30th December 2022. If you, or know anyone who lost a purse in church that night, please ring the parish office on 94896777.

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 12th February 2023
FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare
"Our Patron Saint" The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE combined Mass at 10.30am with Procession.**

PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2023 FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona" Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle 10.30am con Processione e S. Messa.
Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa.

Canto D'Ingresso:**NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE**

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.

Dio si è fatto come noi,
è nato da Maria:
egli nel mondo ormai sarà
Verità, Vita, Via.

Cristo è apparso in mezzo a noi,
Dio ci ha visitato;
tutta la terra adorerà
quel Bimbo che ci è nato.

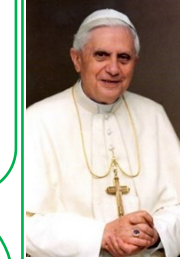
Canto D'Offertorio**A TE SIGNOR LEVIAMO I CUORI**

A te Signore leviamo i cuori
A te Signor noi li doniam.

Quel pane bianco che t'offre la Chiesa
e' frutto santo del nostro lavoro
accettalo, Signore, e benedici.
A te Signore leviamo i cuori
A te Signor noi li doniam.

Quel vino puro che t'offre la Chiesa
forma la gioia dei nostri bei colli;
accettalo, Signore, e benedici.
A te Signore leviamo i cuori
A te Signor noi li doniam.

Gioie, dolori, fatiche e speranze
nel sacro calice noi deponiamo:
accettali, Signore, e benedici.
A te Signore leviamo i cuori
A te Signor noi li doniam.

Remembering Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

We are all invited to a memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 29th January 2023 at 6.30pm

HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY

Prayer service and Holy Hour of Divine Mercy in memory of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at St Brigid's Church, Fitzroy North on Friday 20th January 2023 at 6:30pm. All welcome!



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES
On the table at the entrance to the church. The Scalabrinian fathers thank you for your kindness and generosity. BUSTINE PER L'OFFERTA DI NATALE si trovano all'entrata della Chiesa. I padri vi ringraziano per la vostra generosità.

Canto Di Comunione**QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE**

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 sgorgherà.

Il Signore è la mia vita,
il Signore è la mia gioia.

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. **Rit.**

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. **Rit.**

Moving with the times - 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>

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IN MEMORY OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

who unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday night (Rome time) with heart complications. Let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life. May he Rest In Peace.

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Canto Finale**SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO**

Mentre trascorre la vita,
solo tu non sei mai
Santa Maria del cammino,
sempre sarà con te.

Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi
viene Maria quaggiù
cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.

Quando qualcuno ti dice:
"Nulla mai cambierà"
lotta per un mondo nuovo,
otta per la verità. **Rit.**

Lungo la strada la gente,
chiusa in se stessa va:
offri per primo la mano
a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**