

A reading from the Book of Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors? *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R/**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R/**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R/**

Entrance:

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Refrain:
Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of him, who built the valleys and plains. Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings (**Ref**)

In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails our God is there to save (**Ref**)

Text: Based on Psalms 65, 66. Text and music, Dan Schutte © 1976, OCP.



Offertory:

SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All welcome.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9,1

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father, and he is in heaven; you have only one Teacher, the Christ! **Alleluia!** Mt. 23:9,10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord. (Ps. 15:11)

Communion

SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, bread, broken and shared as one, the Living bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured? (**Ref**)

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life. (**Ref**)

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one. (**Ref**)

Text: Dan Feiten, Tune: Arr. by Eric Gunnison and R.J. Miller; © 1987, Ekklesia

Final :

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

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I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.

The world behind me,
the cross before me,
The world behind me,
the cross before me;
The world behind me,
the cross before me;
No turning back,
no turning back.

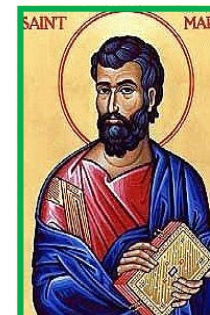


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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

HOMILY NOTES:

THE GREATEST MUST BE YOUR SERVANT

The Gospel (Matt 23:1-12), comes from the final stages of Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem when he warns the people and his disciples against the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus seems to accept the continuing religious authority of these experts, even telling his followers to listen to what they say. Interpreters have long been hard put to explain how Christians of Matthew's generation could see themselves as still somehow under the authority of the Synagogue. The gospel seems to have preserved some very early tradition recording Jesus' critique of the religious leaders of his time to set up a contrast with the way leadership is to run in the later Christian community.

The critique goes to the very heart of Matthew's presentation of Jesus as an authoritative interpreter of the Torah (Law of Moses). The scribes and Pharisees bring to their interpretation of the Torah a host of rulings from their own tradition that, instead of making it something liveable and life-enhancing, make it burdensome and crushing. Their scribal and religious expertise simply serves to lay heavier burdens upon an already burdened people. It also serves to enhance their own power and authority, leading to the kinds of honour-seeking behaviour in public that Jesus lampoons and condemns.

I WILL GIVE YOU REST

In contrast, Matthew consistently portrays Jesus as the One, who, as Son of God and Servant, comes to bear and lift the burdens of afflicted humanity. It is all summed up in the invitation, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my (in contrast to their) yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (11:28-29). In fact, the sense of people as burdened and of Jesus as the one who looks upon them with compassion and acts towards them accordingly runs throughout the narrative (4:23-25; 8:16-17; 9:10-13; 9:35-36; 12:15-21; 14:13-14; 15:32; cf. 23:23). The entire Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7) is simply a sustained and authoritative reinterpretation of the Torah in the light of this vision. It is this understanding and practice of Jesus that sets the pattern for the way in which leadership in the community of the Kingdom should be exercised. Since all belong equally to the one family of God (God as Father) and since all teaching flows directly from the continuing presence of the one Teacher, the risen Lord, in the community (18:20; 28:20), there is no place for honorific titles and practices that might suggest otherwise. The pattern of leadership has been set forever by the Servant One who came "not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (20:28); the "greatest", therefore, must be "your servant".

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 29 October 2023

<https://www.australiancatholics.com>

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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Riflessione

Che cosa significa essere cristiano? Andare a Messa, battezzare i propri figli, fare la comunione a Pasqua, rispettare i comandamenti? Nel Vangelo di oggi, Cristo svela la falsità della religiosità dei farisei servendosi dell'esempio dei sacerdoti dell'Antico Testamento: "Quanto vi dicono, fatelo e osservatelo; ma non fate secondo le loro opere, perché dicono e non fanno". Viene da pensare ai genitori e agli educatori: non basta parlare o insegnare, bisogna dare il buon esempio. Quante volte un padre alcolizzato, una madre negligente o degli educatori poco adatti avviano i bambini alla menzogna? Quello che dovrebbe essere il comportamento del vero cristiano appare nell'insegnamento di san Paolo ai Tessalonicesi. Chiamato da Cristo sulla via di Damasco, san Paolo scopri, per un'improvvisa folgorazione, tutto il mistero di Cristo e capì che l'essere cristiano consiste nello spirito di apostolato. Egli stesso, pieno dello Spirito di Cristo risorto, lo trasmise agli altri. Essere cristiani vuol dire questo: non tanto rispettare ciecamente delle formule o dei precetti, ma donare Cristo agli altri, mediante una vita cristiana onesta, perché, grazie all'apostolato della preghiera, della sofferenza e delle opere, il cristiano possa divenire una forza vivente del Vangelo di Cristo. Questo è l'insegnamento di Gesù ed è così che deve vivere chi vuole essere cristiano.

Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it> 2/11/2023

Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 4th November, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."</i>		6.00pm Mass Dec. members of CIRACI & MAZZON Families 7.00pm Mass (Spanish)	Wedding Celebrations for Pierre De PERINDORGE Elizabeth HENDRIQUEZ Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 5th November, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	<i>"Chi si esalterá, sará umiliato e chi si umilierá sará esaltato"</i>	8:30am Pro Populo 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Grazia FERRARO (1st annv.) 11.00am (Intenzioni, guardare pagina accanto)	Baptism Celebrations for Romeo John PAPPAS Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 6th November 2023 Rom 11:19-36; Lk 14:12-14	<i>Responsorial Psalm Lord, in your great love, answer me.</i>		9.15am 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Pietro SCARMOZZINO (11th annv.)	
Tuesday/Martedì 7th November 2023 Year 'A' Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24	<i>Responsorial Psalm In you, Lord, I have found my peace.</i>		9:15am 10.30 Family Mass (Spanish Chaplaincy)	7.00pm Santo Rosario per Alfonso LICASTRO 
Wednesday/Mercoledì 8th November 2023 Year 'A' Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33	<i>Responsorial Psalm Happy the merciful who give to those in need.</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Alfonso LICASTRO 7.30pm Mass in honour to O.L.P. H. & All Souls (Filipino Chaplaincy)	We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Alfonso LICASTRO. May he rest in peace. 
Thursday / Giovedì 9th November 2023 Year 'A' Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	<i>Responsorial Psalm The waters of the river gladden the city of God.</i>		9.15am The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 11.00am Funeral Mass for Trevor KRETCHMAR 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Antonio NOVEMBRE (1mth)	We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Trevor KRETCHMAR May he rest in peace. 
Friday / Venerdì 10th November 2023 Year 'A' Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8 St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving Power.</i>		9.15am St. Leo the Great	

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION this year will take place during the 9.45am mass on Sunday 26th November 2023, 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.




The Combined Societies of Mary Extend a warm invitation to the **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 2023** Sunday 26th November at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.
2.00pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Street Procession (Free Quality Rosaries) Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Leslie Tomlinson. Enquiries 9509 2207 www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com

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

11th&12th November 2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	J. Santos	P. La Marca
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	A. Senduk	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	C. Goodson	G. Catena
Altar Servers			J. D'Souza	

Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to [St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy](https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453) or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link.



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11.00am MASS INTENTIONS
Luigi TOSCANO - Francesco ACQUARO

Defunti Membri delle famiglie RUSSO e COLOSIMO

Defunti Membri delle Famiglie DI GIUSEPPE ,GALIE e PERILLI Nicola e Filippo DI GIUSEPPE Elia Ilda MAZZOCCA 4th annv.

Defunti Membri delle famiglie LA MARCA, PASQUALE, MURGO GRASSO e NUCCI

INTENZIONI PER I CARI DEFUNTI MESE DI NOVEMBRE:

Sul tavolo all'ingresso della Chiesa e sui banchi, si trovano bustine per le intenzioni in ricordo dei defunti, scrivete i loro nomi con la vostra offerta e questi saranno ricordati durante il mese di Novembre e durante tutto l'anno. Grazie.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES:

For those who wish to remember their loved ones during November and throughout the year, there are envelopes available at the entrance to the church and on the pews. Please write the name of the person/s you wish to remember and place the envelope with your offering in the collection basket. Thank you.

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.

St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you to a **NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION WITH RON HUNTLEY - Intentional Parish Renewal** Please join us in the St Luke's church on **Wednesday, 15th November** at 7.00pm for this FREE event Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world. For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish, (03)94652180, lalor@cam.org.au

2023 Knox Public Lecture
Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"
Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ

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Sante Messe in Italiano per i Defunti Celebrate da Padre Vito Pegolo,cs

Oggi, Domenica 5 Novembre, 2.30pm al Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery Vicino al nuovo Mausoleo.

Domenica prossima 12 Novembre alle 2.30pm Cimitero di Williamstown.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH 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

ENTRATA: LODATE DIO
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. lodate 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!

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.

Quel vino puro che t'offre la Chiesa forma la gioia dei nostri bei colli; accettalo, Signore, e benedici.

Gioie, dolori, fatiche e speranze nel sacro calice noi deponiamo: accettali, Signore, e benedici.

COMMUNIONE: 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 sgorgnerà.

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

The NIGHT of the WITNESSES

You are invited **Wednesday 22 November 7.00pm St.Patrick's Cathedral.**

Night of the witnesses is an evening of **testimony, prayer, song, adoration and reflection** to honour the witness of **modern-day Christian Martyrs** and to stand in solidarity with Christians around the world who are **suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.**

President: Archbishop Peter Comensoli

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection

1st Collection \$550 - 00
2 Collection \$260 - 00
Envelopes \$ 97 - 00

Southern Stars Social Club

Over 28'S Party Night for Single Catholics in 28 to 60 age group Saturday 18th November 2023 starting 8pm St. Scholastica's School Hall, Burwood.Hway & Stirling St. Melw. Map 61 D 6 \$13includes lucky door prizes

FINE: QUANDO NELL'OMBRA

Quando nell'ombra cade la sera, É questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera: Fa pura e santa l'anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave

E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno, All'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia. Ave Maria, Ave.

Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura: Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave.

