

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord. (Ps 87:3)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long: for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. *Resp.*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. *Resp.*

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. *Resp.*

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *Resp.*

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 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. Ps.22:1-2

Entrance:

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. **(Ref)**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **(Ref)**

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Offertory: LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER

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Lord accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast, Bread and wine to be transformed now, through the action of thy priest, Take us too Lord and transform us, may Thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless, as the host of wheat so fine, May all stain of sin be crushed out like the grape that forms the wine, As we too become partakers in this sacrifice divine Take our gifts Almighty Father, living God eternal true, Which we give through Christ our Saviour pleading here for us anew Grant salvation to us present and our faith and love renew.

Communion AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

Refrain:

**You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

You're my friend And You are my brother Even though You are a King I love You more than any other So much more than anything I want You more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy You alone are the real joy giver And the apple of my eye

Final: JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE MY LIFE

**Refrain:
Jesus Christ, you are my life, Alleluia, Alleluia
Jesus Christ, you are my life, You are my life, Alleluia**

Be our way, our truth, and our life Form us anew in how you died We embrace the cross that you bore, and will arise in glory. **Ref.**

Holy fire, come dwell in each heart Grant us the gifts your love imparts Free our tongues to boldly proclaim "Jesus is Lord forever!" **Ref.**

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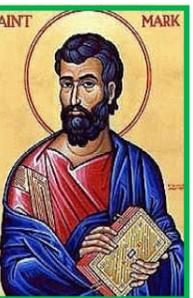
Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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.

HOMILY NOTES:

AWAKE AND ALERT!

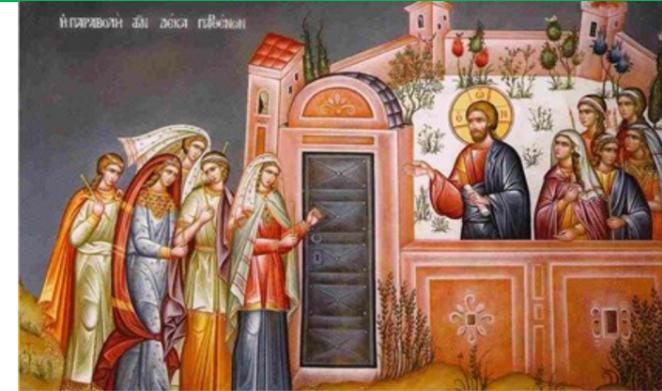
All three readings this Sunday find some unity around the theme of the right attitude to adopt towards the future. Matthew's Gospel devotes a long section to this theme, culminating in the three parables that make up chapter 25. Today's Gospel, Matt 25:1-13, features the first of these parables, the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids (literally, "virgins").

The parable appears as an allegory for life in the Church during the time of waiting for the return of its Lord (the "Bridegroom"). The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids represent members of the Church, who, as so often in Matthew, are of mixed quality. The oil represents the kind of good deeds that Jesus commends: "justice, mercy and faith" (23:23) and which will be so graphically illustrated in the concluding parable of the Great Judgement (25:31-46). The five foolish bridesmaids represent the kind of believers depicted towards the close of the Sermon on the Mount: those who cry out, "Lord, Lord" but have no good works to accompany this confession of faith (7:21-27). The wise may "sleep" (in death) before the coming of the Lord but when he does come they will go out to meet him with the "lamps" of their good works shining (cf. 5:16). Thus the final warning about "staying awake" because neither "the day or the hour" is known really means, in the light of the parable, "Be prepared", rather than "stay awake".

The parable-and the Gospel as a whole-remind us that the words of dismissal at the Eucharist, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord", are no perfunctory conclusion to the rite but a programme for living the twin commandment of love of God and love of neighbour (Matt 22:37-40). Those who take them to heart have always with them the "oil" required for salvation; they can "sleep" without anxiety about being caught short by the Lord's sudden arrival. The kind of attentive waiting upon and pursuit of Wisdom commended in the First Reading, Wis 6:12-16, coheres well with the Gospel in the light of Matthew's portrayal of both Jesus himself and his teaching as the true Wisdom (see esp. Matthew 5-7; 11:28-30).

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 6 November 2023

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Riflessione

Ai tempi di Gesù la sposa aspettava nella casa dei genitori l'arrivo dello sposo. Dopo il tramonto del sole, lo sposo arrivava con un corteo nuziale per portarla nella sua casa. Alcune damigelle seguivano la sposa. Diverse ragioni potevano causare il ritardo dello sposo come, per esempio, lunghi discorsi con i genitori della sposa sui doni e sulla dote. Il tirare in lungo le trattative era di buon auspicio. Ma non è lo stesso per le spose di cui si parla nel Vangelo di oggi. Qui si tratta infatti del ritorno di Cristo e tutto è riassunto nelle ultime parole: "Vegliate, dunque, perché non sapete né il giorno né l'ora", cioè: "Siate pronte per l'arrivo di Cristo". Così la parabola delle vergini poteva cominciare con questa frase: "Per il regno dei cieli accadrà come per le dieci vergini che uscirono, con le loro lampade, incontro allo sposo". Agli occhi di Gesù, è saggio chi veglia, cioè chi pensa sempre, nel suo animo, al giorno del ritorno del Signore e all'ora della propria morte, chi vive ogni giorno nell'amicizia di Dio, nella grazia santificante, e chi si rialza subito se, per debolezza, cade. Allora "Vegliate", perché nessuno, all'infuori di Dio, conosce il giorno e l'ora.

Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it> 9/11/2023

SCALABRINIANS ANNUAL RETREAT - RITIRO ANNUALE PER I NOSTRI PADRI SCALABRINIANI

All the Fathers will be on retreat in Sydney from this Monday 13th to Friday 17th November.

Our thoughts and prayers go with them.

Tutti i nostri Padri saranno assenti dalla parrocchia da questo lunedì 13 a venerdì 17 novembre per il ritiro annuale a Sydney. Gli assicuriamo di cuore le nostre preghiere.

(Morning mass will be as usual in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr. Peter CARRUCAN).

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 11th November, 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."</i>		5.00pm Adoration and Benediction followed by 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass (Spanish)	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 12th November, 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	<i>"Vegliate dunque, perché non sapete né il giorno né l'ora"</i>	8:30am C. PIANTELLA A. & S. ANDREETA G. CHER - L. MOLARO B. & L. PIANTELLA P. GANEO 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Pro Populo 11.00am (Intenzioni, guardare pagina accanto)	
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 13th November 2023 Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.		9.15am Mass in the chapel celebrated by Fr. Peter CARRUCAN	
Tuesday/Martedì Year 'A' 14th November 2023 Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Lk 17:7-10	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> I will bless the Lord at all times.		9:15am Mass in the chapel celebrated by Fr. Peter CARRUCAN	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 15th November 2023 Year 'A' Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Rise up O God, bring judgment to the earth.		9.15am Mass in the chapel celebrated by Fr. Peter CARRUCAN 7.30pm Mass in honour to O.L.P. H. & All Souls (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì 16th November 2023 Year 'A' Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Your word is for ever, O Lord.		9.15am Mass in the chapel celebrated by Fr. Peter CARRUCAN	
Friday / Venerdì 17th November 2023 Year 'A' Wis 13:1 - 9: Lk 17:26-37 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> The heavens proclaim the glory of the Lord.		9.15am St.Elizabeth of Hungary Mass in the chapel celebrated by Fr. Peter CARRUCAN	

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

Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangmint,cs Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm 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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Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

18th&19th November 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	G. Barrett	G. Catena
II Reading	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	D. Dunlevie	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Raveche	G. Piantella	B. Koh	T. Toscano
Altar Servers			C. Smith	

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
Jenny Gannon in LA MARCA (M. 3/11/23)
Luigi TOSCANO - Michele PANTALEO
Bartolomeo e Maria PANTALEO
Emilio, Anna, Angelo e Raffaele RICCIUTI
 Def. membri famiglie **FRACARO e MARTINI**
Giovanni e Maria COSTANZO
Umberto e Giuseppina CHIANELLO
 Defunti membri delle famiglie: **TOSCANO, AIELLO, DI PIERRI e SPINA**
 Defunti membri delle famiglie: **LAMBERTI TOTINO, DORIA, SPANO, FOSSELLA, DOMINE, MARINUCCI e CARELLI**
 Defunti membri delle famiglie: **MAZZOCCO e SPAGNOLO**
Erminia, Marcello e Luciano DONNINI
Silvia, Aldo e Gianni SLAVIERO

Proclaim 2023
 Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community. Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org>. Use the discount code: **parishmember** to access the special registration price for parishioners.. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au.

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. To book scan the QR code or go to trybooking.com/CMYVM
 Enquiries: +61 3 9412 3333
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Santa Messa in Italiano per i Defunti
Celebrata da Padre Vito Pegolo,cs
Oggi, Domenica 12 Novembre, 2.30pm
al 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: TERRA TUTTA
Terra tutta, dá lode a Dio
Canta al tuo Signore
 Servite Dio nell'allegrezza, con canti di gioia andate a Lui. *Rit.*
 Poiché il Signore é nostro Dio, da lui siam creati, e siamo suoi. *Rit.*
 Noi siamo il gregge che egli pasce, Il popolo suo; gloria al Signor. *Rit.*
 Gloria al Signore, Padre e Figlio, e Spirito Santo. Lode al 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: DOV'É CARITÀ E AMORE
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. *Rit.*
 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. *Rit.*
 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. *Rit.*
 Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra. *Rit.*

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 and supper.Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167

The NIGHT of the WITNESSES
 You are invited **Wednesday 22 November 7pm 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.** Presider:Archbishop Peter Comensoli

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Fa' che un giorno contempliamo il tuo volto nella gloria dei beati, Cristo, Dio, e sarà gioia immensa, gioia vera, durerà per tutti i secoli senza fine. *Rit.*



FINE: MIRA ILTUO POPOLO
 Mira il tuo popolo, o bella Signora che pien di giubilo oggi t'onora. Anchio festevole corro ai tuoi pie'
O Santa Vergine, prega per me;
O Santa Vergine, prega per me.
 Il pietosissimo tuo dolce cuore Porta e rifugio del peccatore. Tesori e grazie racchiude in sè.
O Santa Vergine, prega per me;
O Santa Vergine, prega per me.
 In questa misera valle infelice, tutti t'invocano: Soccorritrice. Questo bel titolo conviene a te.
O Santa Vergine, prega per me;
O Santa Vergine, prega per me.