

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (8:23-9:3)

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R/**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R/**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R/**

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Entrance:

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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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 pow'r 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)**

Offertory:

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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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,
All done in his name.**

Some would rely
on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Saviour,
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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A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(1:10-13,17) I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew(4:12-23)

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

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The Lord is my light,
my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear?
With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life
With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain:

**The Lord is my light,
the Lord is my help
The Lord is my salvation**

There is one thing I ask
of the Lord that I long for
all of my days with God to be dwelling,
gazing with awe, at the beauty of God
and in wonder look on God's house

I know I will live to see
the Lord's goodness
now, in this life I'm sure I will see it
Trust in the Lord,
be strong and be brave
wait in hope for God, our salvation.

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



Weekly Parish Newsletter

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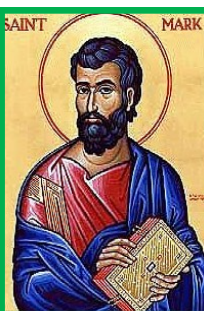
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Homily Notes

MESSAGE OF REPENTANCE

The Gospel goes on to give us a summary of Jesus' message: 'Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'. On the lips of Jesus, 'Repent' means something far more than simple sorrow for sins. The Greek word literally refers to a 'change of mind' – a change not just in an intellectual sense but involving a transformation of attitude at a deep personal level. Full biblical repentance means being prepared to look at one's life and one's hopes for the future in a totally new way, open and receptive to the – usually surprising – action of God.

When Jesus preached the onset of the Kingdom he was tapping into fairly conventional expectation amongst people of his time. There was a widespread belief that Israel had somehow fallen out of the hand of God and lay in helpless bondage to evil spirits and malign influences. The oppressive occupation of the country by the Romans was one manifestation of this. People longed for a time when, as in the Exodus and again at the time of the Exile, there would be a reassertion of God's rule, bringing in the messianic age.

CHANGE OF HEART

Before political and economic freedom, however, what was central to the Kingdom in Jesus' eyes was a divine reclaiming of people's hearts. The Kingdom meant a radical change of heart. Hence the summons, 'Repent', before the proclamation of the Kingdom.

The Kingdom was, then, about the gathering of a renewed and transformed Israel – a community in which God could truly dwell ('Emmanuel'). So, as his first public act, Jesus begins to gather this renewed Israel by calling the first four of those who, later to become Twelve, will be the pillars of the People of God. Leaving their family and their livelihood, they are to become his intimate companions and followers. Life with him, and association with his ministry of healing and proclaiming the Good News, will transform them from being fishers of fish to being fishers, 'catching' people for the Kingdom.

Here we have the essential and lasting foundation for what was to become the Christian Church: people who have heard the Good News, who know God lives in their midst, and who seek constantly to draw others (those who 'live in the darkness and shadow of death') into the freedom and light that Jesus has brought into the world.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, *The Australian Catholics*, 12 January 2023
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



Note dell'Omelia

CHIAMATI PER CONVERTIRCI

Gesù dopo aver ricevuto lo Spirito e dopo aver definito la propria missione comincia finalmente ad agire... Cosa predica? «Convertitevi», cioè cambia mentalità, cambia modo di pensare. Amico lettore, smetti di pensare che per raggiungere Dio tu debba diventare più buono, dire tante preghiere, fare tante penitenze.

Un particolare interessante: a tutti chiede di cambiare ma solo ad alcuni chiede di seguirlo. Perché? Perché non si può seguirlo senza essere disposti a cambiare, a mettersi in gioco, a trasformarsi. Nessuno può seguire veramente Gesù se non cambiando, convertendosi.

"Metanoia" vuol dire "cambiamento di pensiero". Non bisogna essere di più ma diversi. La conversione non ha nulla di moralistico. Certo, cambiare genera conflitti, perché cambiare è andare verso l'ignoto, verso ciò che non conosco e che ancora non sono. Il certo è molto rassicurante: lo conosco, lo gestisco e non mi fa paura.

La conversione non è una condizione imposta da Dio per il perdono. Che bella notizia sarebbe se Dio desse il suo amore secondo le prestazioni religiose? E' Dio che mi raggiunge, mi viene incontro, mi abita. Prima che io agisca, Lui mi è già venuto vicino, gratuitamente senza attendere nulla da me. Allora io cambio vita, il modo di vedere me stesso, gli altri e Dio. Scrive padre Vannucci: «la verità è che noi siamo immersi in un mare d'amore e non ce ne rendiamo conto». Il suo amore non è condizionato dal mio agire. Il Regno è dato gratis, c'è solo chiesto di farne esperienza. «Non siamo stati noi ad amare Dio, ma Dio ci ha amati per primo» (1Gv 4, 19).

Poi ecco l'annuncio tanto atteso: «Il regno dei cieli è vicino». Ecco la bella notizia: Dio si è avvicinato, a noi il compito di voltare lo sguardo. E' Lui che cammina, vede, chiama, come ha fatto con i primi discepoli.

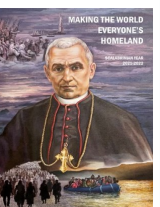
Paolo De Martino, *Omelia del 22-02-2023*, <http://www.lachiesa.it>

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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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
SATURDAY / SABATO 21st January 2023 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" VIGIL	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i> 		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass Edita TOVAR (1 st annv)	Baptism Celebration for Matias Vargas Herrera <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 22nd January 2023 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>Il Signore e' mia luce e mia salvezza.</i> 	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am Sebastiano LIOTTA (1 st ann) 11.00am Sebastiano LEONE (1mth) Antonio VALDARCHI (1mth)	
Monday/Lunedì 23rd January 2023 Heb 9:15,24-28: Mk 3:22-30:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Esmaro BURGA 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Raffaella PERUZZI (1 st anniversary) 	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Esmaro BURGA</i> <i>May he rest in peace</i> 
Tuesday/Martedì 24th January 2023 Heb 10:1-10: Mk 3:31-35: St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.</i>		9.15am St Francis de Sales	
Wednesday /Mercoledì 25th January 2023 Acts 22:3-16: Mk 16:15-18: The Conversion of St Paul, apostle	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy) Church	
Thursday Giovedì 26th January 2023 Is 32:15-18: Mk 5:1-12: Australia Day	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord speaks of peace to his people.</i>		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 27th January 2023 Heb 10:32-39: Mk 4:26-34:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.</i>		9.15am 6.30pm Holy Hour of the Divine Mercy 	Wedding Celebration for Laura ALTOON & Stephen MOREE <i>Congratulations!</i> 

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Liturgy of the word 28th & 29th 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	N. Oro / G. Catena
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	C. Smith	T. Toscano
Prayer of the Faithful	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	C. Smith	P. La Marca

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 Messa.**
Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa.

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.

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, **Next Sunday 29th January 2023 at 6.30pm**




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.**



IN MEMORY OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL A Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal George Pell will be held at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney on Thursday 2 February at 11am, following his death in Rome on 10 January. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be the Principal Celebrant at the Mass, which will be open to all and also livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube Channel, prior to the Cardinal's burial in a private ceremony in the cathedral crypt. May he rest in eternal peace.


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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(21 days) Journey together with more than a million young people for the largest youth gathering in the world—World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal! For more information call (03)9926 5713 or visit: wyi@cam.org.au



Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Cardinal George Pell will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 3rd February 2023 6.30pm
Main Celebrant:
Archbishop Peter Comensoli.




CATHOLIC MISSION ANNUAL REPORT
Is available on the table at the entrance to the church for anyone interested. A big thank you for the continued support from the parish. \$1130 raised for World Mission Sunday Appeal.

Canto D'Ingresso:
TU SOLE VIVO
Tu Sole vivo per me sei, Signore, vita e calore diffondi nel cuor.

Tu sul cammino risplendi, mio Sole: luce ai miei passi
Ti voglio, Signor. *Rit.*

La tua parola mi svegli al mattino, e mi richiami alla sera con Te. *Rit.*

Sulla mia casa T'innalza, mio Sole: splenda d'amore, di luce, per Te. *Rit.*




Canto D'Offertorio
SALGA DA QUESTO ALTARE
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 ti offriamo: per i tuoi doni largiti te, Padre, ringraziamo.

Salga da questo altare l'offerta a te gradita: dona il pane di vita e il sangue salutare.

Noi siamo il divin frumento e i tralci dell'unica vite: dal tuo celeste alimento son l'anime nutrite.

Salga da questo altare l'offerta a te gradita: dona il pane di vita e il sangue salutare.




Canto Di Comunione SYMBOLUM
Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò
Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai
Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me.

Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi
Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio.

Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mia pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà
So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai E nel tuo perdono vivrò.

Padre della vita, noi crediamo in te Figlio Salvatore noi speriamo in te Spirito d'amore, vieni in mezzo a noi Tu da mille strade ci raduni in unità E per mille strade, poi, dove tu vorrai, Noi saremo il seme di Dio.



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Thank You!

Canto Finale
NOME DOLCISSIMO
Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore.
Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!

Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella.
Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia: Ave Maria, ave Maria.

Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero,
Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!

