

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah(2:3,3:12-13)
Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**

It is the Lord who loves the just, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Entrance:

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

REFRAIN:

**Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.**

**Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.**

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all. **(Refrain)**

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God. **(Refrain)**

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days. **(Refrain)**



Communion: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
blessed are the gentle
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted,
blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,
and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find,
blessed are the peace-makers
for they shall be called God's children.

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LOST AND FOUND: There have been a few items found in church. If you think you might have left something in church, please ring the parish office, it might be there waiting to be claimed.

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Offertory:



Filipino Choir to sing.

Final:

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. **(Refrain)**

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. **(Refrain)**

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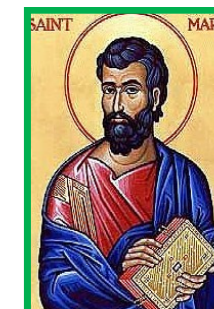
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

Homily Notes

INSTRUCTION FOR THE DISCIPLES

'Seeing the crowds' (5:1a), Jesus ascends the mountain, sits down, and his disciples come to him – as to a teacher – for instruction. He is not trying to get away from the crowds. Like a bishop addressing ordinands in the presence of the congregation they are being ordained to serve, he is about to tell his disciples who they must be and how they should live, so that they can be something for that burdened mass of humanity that is down there on the plain waiting for his – and ultimately their – ministry.

This is the essential context for the Beatitudes with which the Sermon begins (vv 2-12). The Beatitudes are not commandments bluntly instructing the disciples about how they should live. They are rather invitations to adopt certain attitudes and live out certain values in the light of a particular vision of God. In terms of values prized by the world those who choose to live in this way may seem to be placing themselves at a disadvantage. But, in the light of God's faithfulness, they are really placing themselves in the most advantageous and fruitful position of all. The biblical sense of 'Blessed those who . . .' lying behind the Beatitudes is basically that of 'Congratulations!' – the sort of thing we say to someone who has won the lottery. We are not commending them for being virtuous. We are acknowledging their good fortune and sharing their joy; we're saying, 'You're in a good place!'

CORE IDEA FOR LIVING

Other things being equal, the attitudes and situations that Jesus here commends are not in themselves a recipe for getting on in the world. All cohere around the core idea of living in a non-competitive, non-grasping way. To be poor in spirit (as well as being actually poor); to be gentle and unselfish, rather than on the make; to be prepared to weep alongside the unfortunate rather than avoid them; to work for justice and peace; to exercise mercy and be single-minded in pursuit of the good ('pure in heart') to be ready to endure persecution and calumny for the sake of the gospel: all these things make one vulnerable here and now, entailing much loss. But then we have to note the second clause in each beatitude, stating the reason for the 'blessedness' in each case. All those passives: 'shall be comforted', 'shall be satisfied', 'shall have mercy show to them', and so forth, indicate, in biblical parlance, the action of God. To live in this way, according to these values, makes supreme sense if God truly is as Jesus reveals God to be. It is only in the context of faith in such a God that living according to the Beatitudes makes sense and is, in fact, the supreme wisdom. Now it may involve vulnerability and loss; in the perspective of faith and the hope for the Kingdom of Heaven that faith holds out, it is hard-headed common sense. That is why those who, following Jesus, adopt this way of life, are to be 'congratulated', why they are 'blessed'. It is by living in this 'blessed' way that the disciples can be, as Jesus goes on to say, 'Salt of the earth' (5:13), 'Light of the world' (5:14).

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, *The Australian Catholics*, 20 January 2023



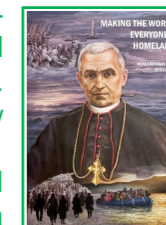
Note dell'Omelia

VIVERE LE BEATITUDINE

Beati i poveri davanti a Dio... Che messaggio! Lascia che Dio ti colmi! Egli ti ama malgrado la tua povertà, malgrado i tuoi limiti. Quando sei addolorato dall'effimero della felicità umana sempre minacciata, quando ti senti povero, quando l'afflizione ti paralizza, ascolta la grande promessa di Dio: sarete consolati, sarete sfamati, vedrete Dio... Questa promessa è nel cuore della nostra fede. Tutto il lieto messaggio di Gesù si riflette nelle beatitudini come uno specchio ardente. Colui che ha accolto la buona novella nel più profondo di sé stesso e nel quale questa verità raggiunge le radici dell'esistenza, diventerà naturalmente misericordioso e indulgente nel giudizio che ha sugli altri. Sarà capace di diffondere la pace, perché egli stesso la possiederà.

Se solamente fossimo in grado di vivere seguendo l'atteggiamento fondamentale delle beatitudini! Se solamente potessimo amare e avere fiducia come Gesù! Forse allora molti uomini che la vita ha reso amari e chiusi, ai quali le numerose delusioni hanno fatto perdere la fede in Dio e negli uomini, forse potrebbero ugualmente ricominciare a credere nella bontà di Dio e nella sua sollecitudine, attraverso la bontà e la sollecitudine umane. Forse allora molti uomini potrebbero ugualmente contare su Dio per instaurare su questa terra il bene, e offrirci quello che abbiamo sperato e atteso durante tutta la nostra vita: la sicurezza e la gioia. Una gioia che regna.

26 Febbraio 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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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY / SABATO 28th January 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" VIGIL	<i>Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!</i>		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebration for Emilia ALMONTE <i>Congratulations!</i> 
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 29th January 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>Beati I poveri in spirito, perché Di essi è il regno dei cieli.</i>	8.30am Felice DE MARTINO R.I.P 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 11.00am Felice DE MARTINO R.I.P. Fino MAZZOCCA R.I.P. 5.00pm Brazilian Mass	
Monday/Lunedì 30th January 2023 Heb12:1-4: Mk 5:1-20:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.</i>		9.15am 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Giuseppina ESPOSITO (1 month anniversary)	
Tuesday/Martedì 31st January 2023 Heb 12:1-4: Mk 5:21-43: St John Bosco, priest	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.</i>		9.15am St John Bosco	7.30pm In Church Baptism Preparation for Parents & Godparents
Wednesday /Mercoledì 1st February 2023 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15: Mk 6:1-6:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.</i>		9.15am St. Brigid of Kildare 7.30pm Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday Giovedì 2nd February 2023 Mal 3:1-4: or Heb 2:14-18: Lk 2:22-40: The Presentation of the Lord	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!</i>		9.15am The Presentation of the Lord Gaetano & Carmelina CAFARELLA 10.30am Funeral Mass for Mario CRESCI	7.00pm RCIA Meeting Welcome In Room <i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Mario CRESCI May he rest in peace.</i>
Friday/Venerdì 3rd February 2023 Heb 13:1-8: Mk 6:14-29:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is my light and my salvation</i>		9.15am	

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Liturgy of the word 4th & 5th February 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Responsorial Psalm	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	J. Smith	P. La Marca / N. Oro
II Reading	A. Linda	G. Piantella	C. Smith	G. Catena
Prayer of the Faithful	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	M. Pereira	T. Toscano

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.
Lunch will follow in the parish hall.

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 Santa Messa.
Notate! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa.
Pranzo parrocchiale seguirà in sala.

LOURDES DAY MASS
Saturday 18 February 2023, 10:30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.
Those attending receive a blessing for good health and a bottle of Lourdes water for their personal use. All welcome

Canto D'Ingresso:
AL TUO SANTO ALTAR
Rit.: Al tuo santo altar m'appresso, o Signor, mia gioia e mio amor.

O Signore che scruti il mio cuore, dal maligno mi salvi il tuo amore.
Tu sei forza, sei vita immortale. Perché triste cammino tra il mal?

Mi risplenda la luce del vero e mi guidi sul retto sentier.

Mia speranza e salvezza sei tu; ch'io ti lodi in eterno, o Gesù.

Sulla cetra a Te canto, o Signor: non s'attristi e si turbi il mio cuore.



Canto D'Offertorio
MISTERO DELLA CENA

Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.

Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà.



Canto Di Comunione
IL SIGNORE CI HA AMATO

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci conduce nella notte, luce nell'oscurità. Quando il pane dividiamo nella gioia tra di noi, Il Signore è qui presente col suo amore.

È il tuo corpo, dato a tutti noi, è il tuo Sangue, dato a tutti noi; sei per noi la vita, sei per noi l'amor. O Signore, porta tutti al tuo amor.

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessuno altro mai. Per la gente del villaggio egli è figlio di operai, che lavora come gli altri nella pena, nel sudore, e conosce la fatica di ogni dì. **Rit.:**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Un amore così grande che morì per tutti noi; un amore così forte che la morte superò: dal sepolcro vincitore si levò. **Rit.:**

Il Signore ci ha amato come nessun altro mai. Ci riunisce nel suo nome, ci ridona libertà. Siamo membro del suo corpo, una nuova umanità; nulla mai può separarci dal suo amore. **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>



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 MARY'S PARISH - THORNBURY CELEBRATES 100 Years

To mark this special occasion, the parish will host a series of events: **Saturday 11 February (2-4pm):** musical prelude, followed by a talk on 'Our Lady of Lourdes: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' by Professor Joan Barclay Lloyd **Wednesday 15 February (9.15am):** Italian Mass followed by lunch. **Friday 17 February (6.30pm):** twilight concert by Genevieve Bryant and co. and St Mary's students **Sunday 19 February (10am):** celebration Mass and blessing of the centenary flag by Bishop Terence Curtin. For all enquiries, email thornbury@cam.org.au or call 0408 470 114.

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1 Collection \$500 - 00
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Thank You!

Canto Finale
MADRE DELLA CHIESA

Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa Ave Maria (2)

A te, Maria, guardiamo con gioia in te il Signore ha fatto meraviglie. **R.:** Ci sei sorella, conosci la vita, la tua fede dà forza ai nostri passi. **R.:** Tu sei la stella, sei luce di Dio, E nel cammino tu sei davanti a noi. **R.:**

