

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah (58:7-10)**

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Resp: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is the light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends. He conducts his affairs with honour. *R/*

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever, He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *R/*

With a steadfast heart he will not fear: open-handed, he gives to the poor, his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. *R/*

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-5)**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord: the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:13-16)**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

**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:**

**LORD ACCEPT  
THE GIFTS WE OFFER**

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.

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**Communion:**

**WHATSOEVER  
YOU DO**

**Whatever you do  
to the least of my people,  
that you do unto Me.**

When I was hungry you gave me to eat.  
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was homeless  
you opened your door.  
When I was naked you gave me your coat.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was weary  
you helped me find rest.  
When I was anxious  
you calmed all my fears.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When in a prison  
you came to my cell.  
When on a sick bed  
you cared for my needs.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was laughed at  
you stood by my side.  
When I was happy you shared in my joy.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

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**Final:**

**BRING FORTH THE  
KINGDOM**

You are salt for the earth,  
O people,  
salt for the city of God!  
Share the flavor of life,  
O people:  
life in the kingdom of God!

**Chorus:**

**Bring forth  
the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the  
kingdom of peace.  
Bring forth  
the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth  
the city of God!**

You are a seed  
of the word, O people,  
bring forth the  
kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy  
and seeds of justice,  
grow in the kingdom  
of God!

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# Weekly Parish Newsletter

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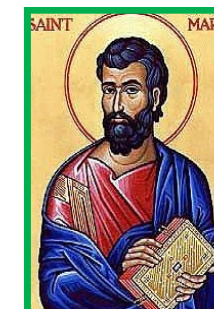
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**Homily Notes  
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The First Reading, from Isaiah 58:7-10, features one of the great appeals for social justice in the Old Testament. Israel has complained that much fasting on her part has met with no response from God. In reply God explains the kind of 'fast' Israel needs to undertake not one involving penitential ritual but a 'fast' from injustice. Refraining from indifference and violence towards the weak, and a positive program of hospitality will cause Israel's 'light to shine like the dawn' and her 'wound' to be 'quickly healed over'. In a way that retains remarkable relevance for all human societies – local, national or, indeed, global – the prophetic text insists that if a community gets social justice right, then all else will fall into place.

**SALT AND LIGHT**

It is at this point that the prophetic text becomes most relevant as a background for the brief extract from the Sermon on the Mount that forms the Gospel (Matt 5:13-16). Two images – salt and light – dominate the extract. The community of disciples, to whom Jesus has just addressed the Beatitudes (5:3-12), is not just to be something for itself. It has the vocation both to preserve ('salt') and to model ('light') something for the rest of the world.

To appreciate this, we must recall the setting in which the Sermon takes place: the mass of burdened, afflicted humanity described as the recipients of Jesus' healing at the end of the preceding chapter (4:23-25). Matthew's introduction to the Sermon (5:1-2) suggests that it is the sight of these crowds and their needs that prompts Jesus to address his disciples in the way that follows ('Seeing the crowds, he went up the mountain ...'). The implication is that it is people who are prepared to live according to the dispositions and attitudes pronounce 'blessed' in the Beatitudes (vv. 3-12) – that is, people prepared to live in the vulnerable, non-grasping way they propose – who can really help lift humanity's burdens, thereby becoming and remaining 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world'. It is the compassionate and merciful who make the world safe for humanity. (Paul's description in the Second Reading of the vulnerable way in which he approached the community in Corinth illustrates this disposition). In this way the community that is receiving from Jesus the 'Torah' for the messianic age will reclaiming the vocation of Israel as spelled out in the passages from Isaiah.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, The Australian Catholics, 26 January 2023

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**Note dell'Omelia**

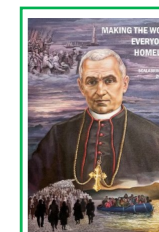
**SIATE SALE E LUCE DELLA TERRA**

Se metto un grosso cucchiaino di sale nella zuppa, sarà immangiabile. Ce ne vuole solo un pizzico, che basta ad insaporirla. O, senza utilizzare un'immagine, anche se non ci sono che pochi uomini a sopportare con buon umore, bontà e indulgenza le debolezze del loro prossimo (e le loro, in più!), a non essere solo preoccupati di imporsi, di perseguire i propri scopi e i propri interessi, questo pugno di uomini ha la possibilità di cambiare il proprio ambiente, contribuendo a che

il nostro mondo resti umano. Il nostro mondo sarebbe povero, inumano e freddo se non ci fossero uomini che danno prova di questa cordialità e di questa generosità spontanee.

Essere il sale della terra: siamo abbastanza fiduciosi per credere al carattere contagioso della bontà? O ci accontentiamo di temere il potere contagioso del male? Un pizzico di sale basta a dare gusto a tutto un piatto. Ognuno di noi, anche se si sente isolato, ha la fortuna di poter cambiare il clima che lo circonda! Gesù ci crede capaci: voi siete il sale della terra, voi siete la luce del mondo! Lo siamo?

<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.*


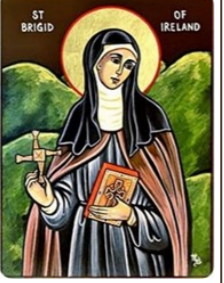




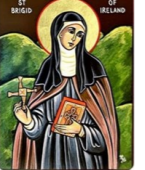



*We rely on your intercession to receive God's blessings  
on ourselves and our beloved ones, on those who face  
migration and on all humankind. May the Holy Trinity,  
through your intercession, grant us the grace ...  
(pause for your intention) that we entrust to your fatherly  
love. Amen.*

**Saint John Baptist Scalabrini. Pray for us!**



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - [www.Scalabrini.org](http://www.Scalabrini.org)  
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
<b>SATURDAY SABATO</b> 4th February 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" VIGIL	<i>A light rises in the darkness for the upright.</i> 		<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b> <b>7.00pm</b> Spanish Mass <b>Michael G. REYES</b> (3rd anniversary)	<b>Baptism Celebration for Dulce Maria REYES DE ANDRADE</b>  <b>Samuel OLEDA VILLAMIZAR</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>
<b>SUNDAY DOMENICA</b> 5th February 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>Il giusto risplende come luce.</i> 	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	<b>9.45am</b> <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>Baptism Celebration for Sorcha Melody RIZZO &amp; Hugo Paul RIZZO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
<b>Monday/Lunedì</b> 6th February 2023 Gen 1:1-19: Mk 6:53-56: St. Paul Miki & companions	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>May the Lord be glad in his works.</i>		<b>9.15am</b> St Paul Miki <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday/Martedì</b> 7th February 2023 Gen 1:20-2:4: Mk 7:1-13:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!</i>		<b>9.15am</b> <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday /Mercoledì</b> 8th February 2023 Gen 2:4-9, 15-17: Mk 7:14-23:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Bless the Lord, my soul!</i>		<b>9.15am</b> <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> In Church Mass in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy) 
<b>Thursday Giovedì</b> 9th February 2023 Gen 2:18-25: Mk 7:24-30:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Happy are those who fear the Lord.</i>		<b>9.15am</b> <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b>	
<b>Friday/Venerdì</b> 10th February 2023 Gen 3:1-8: Mk 7:31-37: St Scholastica, virgin	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.</i>		<b>9.15am</b> <b>St Scholastica</b> <b>Novena to St. Brigid follows mass</b>	

**PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023 - CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY**

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prison and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest time of their life. Please give generously. Envelopes are available in church, or donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 92875513.

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Liturgy of the word 11th & 12th February 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	10.30am St. Brigid ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY
I Reading & Responsorial Psalm	M de Souza	G. Piantella	St. Brigid's Community
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	St. Brigid's Community
Prayer of the Faithful	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	St. Brigid's Community

**NEXT SUNDAY 12th February**  
**FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID**  
**of Kildare "Our Patron Saint"** The parish, together with the Italian, 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 PROSSIMA 12 FEBBRAIO**  
**FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"** Uniti alla comunità Italiana, Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e S. Messa. **Pranzo parrocchiale seguirà in sala.**  
**Novena every day after mass.**

**"LAMPS ALIGHT" - WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Join the Dominican Sisters and Anima Women's Network for a one-day retreat to explore Pope St John Paul II's beautiful and profound thought on the dignity of women and the order of love. The retreat will feature Fr Paschal Corby OFM. There will be Mass at 9am, followed by adoration and an opportunity for confession. Talks and presentations will start around 10am. *Lunch will be provided. Donations gratefully accepted on the day.* For all enquires, contact Sr Mary Sarah at [melbourne@op-tn.org](mailto:melbourne@op-tn.org).  
**Saturday, February 18, 2023** (all day)  
St Mary MacKillop Church, 152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs

**Canto D'Ingresso:****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!

**Canto D'Offertorio****A TE NOSTRO PADRE**

**A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t'offriam sull'altar.**

Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo  
Cibo per nutrire l'anima fedel. **Rit.:**

Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo,  
fonte che disseta l'arsura del cuor. **Rit.:**

Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l'ostia che t'offriam in tutta umiltà. **Rit.:**

**PELLEGRINAGGIO IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES**

Domenica prossima presso il Reggio Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla. Inizio alle **10am** con l'arrivo della statua e confessioni. **11.00am** S. Messa Celebrata da Pd. René Ramirez e Pd. Michele Cagna. **3.00pm.** Seconda Messa celebrata dai Padri Frank e Bruno, dopo la S. Messa segue processione e benedizione Eucaristica e benedizione per gli ammalati. Tutta la comunità è invitata a partecipare.

**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!

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

**1 Collection \$500 - 00**  
**2 Collection \$300 - 00**  
**Envelopes \$172 - 00**

*Thank You!*

**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: 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>

**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](mailto:thornbury@cam.org.au) or call 0408 470 114.

**Canto Finale****È L'ORA CHE PIA**

È l'ora che pia la squilla fedel.  
Le note c'invia dell'Ave del ciel.

**Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**  
**Ave, ave, ave, Maria!**

Nel piano di Dio l'eletta sei tu,  
Che porti nel mondo il Figlio Gesù. **Rit.**

A te, Immacolata, la lode, l'amor:  
Tu doni alla Chiesa il suo Salvatore. **Rit.**

Di tutti i malati solleva il dolor,  
consola chi soffre nel corpo e nel cuor. **R.**  
Proteggi il camminodi un popol fedel,  
Ottieni ai tuoi figli di giungere al ciel. **Rit.**

**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.

