

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

A reading from the Book of Leviticus (19:1-2, 17-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord." *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *The Lord is kind and merciful*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all his blessings. *R/*

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *R/*

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *R/*

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *R/*

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Entrance: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing, that songs cannot repay for we can only wonder, at every gift you send at blessings without number, and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.



O God of all creation, whose glory fills the sky We gather in your presence, our spirits lifted high; To bring for humble service, those who answer to your call, That they may follow Christ, the example for us all Protect them and guide them, their faith in you be strong, As now they journey onward, we sing the ancient song.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour, may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows, be filled with good or ill we'll triumph through our sorrows, and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty, and glory in your ways And make a joyful duty, our sacrifice of praise

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A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (3:16-23):

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Offertory: BREAD FOR THE WORLD

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Refrain

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat, be bread for others.

May we who drink, pour out our love.



Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people, you are waiting there, on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.

Communion: LOVING AND FORGIVING

Refrain:

Loving and forgiving are You, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are You.

All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God. *(R)*

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain; Saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love. *(R)*

Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sin, forgiving and loving is God. *(R)*

As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. *(R)*

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Final: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed: We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to Your purpose Every gift which You impart.

Called from worship in to service, forth in your great name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your children, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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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

HOLINESS CODE

Jesus' reinterpretation of the Torah arrives at its most radical point in the two final rulings that make up the Gospel: on retaliation (Matt 5:38-42) and love of enemies (5:43-48). The old prescription about 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' (Exod 21:24; Deut 19:21; Lev 24:20) is commonly cited as an example of the harshness of the Old Testament dispensation. This is unfair. In the tribal situation of early Israel, where institutions of justice were barely established, the law of strict reciprocity was a realistic measure to contain and limit the spiral of violence – to bring 'pay back' to a closure that all parties would recognise as fair. What Jesus commends is a readiness to disarm violence by being prepared to accept double what the perpetrator requires.

DISARM VIOLENCE

Readiness to meet such demands in order to disarm violence is hardly realistic on the level of society as a whole where evil and evil-doers must be resisted and restrained. If disciples of Jesus, on an individual or small group level (as, for example, in Christian non-violent protest), adopt a generous stance in the face of injury and unreasonable demand, the freedom to do so will stem from consciousness of the far greater generosity they have themselves received from God.

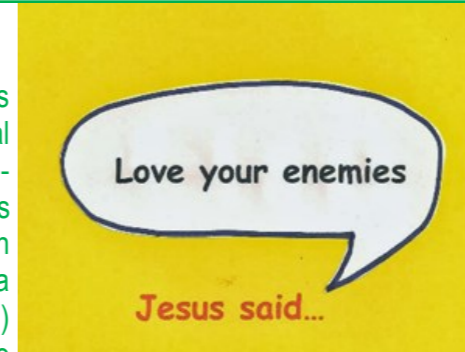
In the case of the ruling about enemies (5:43-43) it is again important again not to drive a wedge between the old and the new. Lev 19:18, cited in the First Reading, says 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself,' adding nothing about enemies. Hating one's enemy is simply a human tendency that Jesus knows to be widely prevalent. He resists it in the context, now made explicit, of the disposition and action of God, whose 'children' his disciples know themselves to be. 'Like parent, like child,' the adage runs. So, they will truly show themselves to be children of God if they reflect the divine action in this radical way.

DEFINITION OF PERFECT

In conclusion, Jesus offers a definition of what it means to be 'perfect' in observance of the Torah: 'You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.' The stress here falls on the little word 'as': perfection means acting towards others, including one's enemies, as the Creator acts towards all, good and bad alike.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 12 February 2023

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Note dell'Omelia

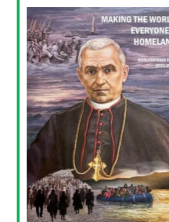
Gesù Cristo, Dio-con-noi e umanità nuova, insegna ai suoi discepoli il comandamento dell'amore, la nuova legge del Vangelo che sostituisce per sempre la legge pagana del vecchio uomo: "Amerai il tuo prossimo e odierai il tuo nemico". Il nostro spirito trema sentendo le esigenze di questo nuovo comandamento. Non è forse più facile aggredire chi ci aggredisce e amare chi ci ama? Forse è a

questo che ci spingerebbero i nostri sensi, è questa la voce dell'anima umiliata non ancora raggiunta dalla luce del Dio di Gesù Cristo, del solo vero Dio. Ecco perché l'amore di carità è un precetto insolito, che apre ad un nuovo orizzonte antropologico la civiltà antica e ogni civiltà umana possibile.

Visto da questo orizzonte, l'uomo, ogni uomo, appare creato a immagine e somiglianza di Dio e non più formato secondo una natura disuguale e arbitraria, come invece credevano i pagani. Liberato dai suoi peccati grazie all'azione redentrice di Cristo e rinnovato dall'azione dello Spirito, l'uomo, ogni uomo, è il tempio in cui risplende lo Spirito di Dio. Dio ama l'uomo per se stesso, a tal punto che consegna alla morte suo Figlio. Dal momento che Dio ci ama in questo modo e ci ha fatti partecipi del suo amore, noi non possiamo che perdonare il nostro prossimo e aiutarlo perché viva e si sviluppi.

VII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A) 16 Febbraio 2023
<https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/Detailled/20230219.shtml>

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.Scalabrinians.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.

Liturgical Calendar and activities


Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 18th February 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" VIGIL	<i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i> 		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 19th February 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	<i>Il Signore e' buono e grande nell' amore</i> 	8.30am PRO POPULO	9.45am 11.00am Michelangelo MERCURI Gennarina MERCURI Salvino DEL COLLE (2nd annv.) Tomasina & Michele NICOLAZZO Giovanna NICOLAZZO Angelo VARVERI Domenica & Bruno FAVARO Maria DI PIETRO	<i>Baptism Celebration for Harper Lesley GOUGH Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 20th February 2023 Sir 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29:	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.</i>		9.15am	
Tuesday/Martedì 21st February 2023 Sir 2:1-11: Mk 9:30-37:	<i>Responsorial Psalm Commit your life to the Lord, and he will help you.</i>		9.15am 11.00am Requiem Mass for Sara Daniella ILANO	
Wednesday /Mercoledì 22nd February 2023 Joel 2:12-18: Mk 6:1-6, 16-18: ASH WEDNESDAY	<i>Responsorial Psalm Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>	7.00pm St. Mark's Ash Wednesday Mass (Portuguese) 	9.15am ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday Giovedì 23rd February 2023 Duet 30:15-20: Lk 9:22-25:	<i>Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Michelangelo MERCURI	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Michelangelo MERCURI May he rest in peace.</i> 
Friday/Venerdì 24th February 2023 Is 58:1-9: Mk 9:14-15: 	<i>Responsorial Psalm A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn</i> 		9.15am 6.30pm Intercultural Via Crucis Stations of the Cross	

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

Liturgy of the word 25th & 26th February 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Responsorial Psalm	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	F. Malana	N. Oro / G. Catena
II Reading	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	J. D'Souza	P. La Marca

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>



RCIA EVENTS
 Combined Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming to the Catechumens and Candidate, will be held today Sunday 19th February at 9.45am Mass. The Rite of Election will be held on Sunday 26th February at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Lenten Reconciliation Form II (Wednesday, 01 March 2023 at 6:30PM Followed by Mass)
RICONCILIAZIONE Forma II — Mercoledì 1 Marzo 6.30pm seguita dalla S. Messa.

INTERCULTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ VIA CRUCIS Every Friday night during Lent in various languages 6:30pm - 7:15pm in Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023
 This year's theme is: "For All Future Generations". It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact For All Future Generations.
Project Compassion begins on Ash Wednesday 22nd February 2023. Please donate by using the box or envelopes.

Durante il tempo di Quaresima Via Crucis in varie lingue ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa 6.30pm - 7.15pm Tutti benvenuti.

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023 CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY THANK YOU!
 Last weekend we conducted the Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Donations from our Parish community will help Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. If you still wish to donate there are still envelopes available or you can donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 92875513.

Sacramental Program and Formation will commence on Sunday 5th March 2023 after 9.45am Mass with Sr. Guadalupe MC in the Media Room.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Support for Syria and Turkey is urgently needed. Turkey and Syria have been struck by a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake, which has caused thousands of deaths. Your support is needed now with prayers and financial help. Please donate through the parish, or online: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections
 1st Collection \$920 - 00
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 Envelopes \$ 79 - 00 *Thank You!*

THANK YOU - GRAZIE GRACIAS - OBRIGADO - SALAMAT ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY
 Last Sunday we came together to celebrate the feast of our Patroness St. Brigid. The church was filled with hundreds of faithful devotees. It was truly a wonderful celebration with Holy Mass celebrated by Frs. Frank, Fabio and Gesner, followed by procession and final blessing in the hall. Lunch followed with everyone enjoying it. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the liturgy, our wonderful parish and chaplaincy choirs, altar servers, faithful parishioners and members from various communities and everyone who helped to make this celebration a memorable one. A big thank you San Remo, Piedimonte's Supermarket, the various communities for contributing food, sweets, drinks etc. and everyone who kindly helped before, during and after the parish luncheon, it was a great success. May God through the intercession of St. Brigid send his blessings on each and everyone.

Canto D'Ingresso: NOI CREDIAMO IN TE
 Noi crediamo in te, o Signor, noi speriamo in te, o Signor, noi amiamo te, o Signor, tu ci ascolti, o Signor.
 Sei con noi, Signor, sei con noi: nella gioia tu sei con noi, nel dolore tu sei con noi, tu per sempre sei con noi.
 C'è chi prega, Signor: vieni a noi. C'è chi soffre, Signor: vieni a noi. C'è chi spera, Signor: vieni a noi. O Signore, vieni a noi.

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.:

Canto Di Comunione DOV'È 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.**
 Imploriamo con fiducia il Padre Santo perché doni ai nostri giorni la sua pace: ogni popolo dimentichi rancori, ed il mondo si rinnovi nell'amore. **Rit.**

Fine: DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA
 Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella, coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra, e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra non vi è stella più bella di Te.
Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te.
 Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare. La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio, Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior. **Rit.**
 T'incoronano dodici stelle. Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento Della luna s'incurva l'argento Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel. **Rit.**

Every Friday nights during Lent at St. Mark's 7.00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross Portuguese Community

