

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders: in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6: 1 -7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' *Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life Jesus said to his disciples: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. mThere are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Entrance: - SING A NEW SONG

Sing a new song unto the Lord let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord. And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

Sing a new song unto the Lord let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Rise, O children, from your sleep your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy and filled your soul with song.

Sing a new song unto the Lord let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

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Offertory: BLESSED BE GOD

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation Thanks to your goodness, this bread we offer Fruit of the earth, work of our hands It will become the bread of life

Refrain: Blessed be God, lessed be God Blessed be God, orever Amen Blessed be God, Blessed be God Blessed be God, forever Amen

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation Thanks to your goodness, this wine we offer Fruit of the vine, work of our hands It will become the cup of joy **(Ref)**



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Communion: BE NOT AFRAID

Text based on Is 43:2-3; Lk 6:20 ff. Text and music © 1975, 1978, Robert J. Dufford, SJ and OCP.

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Ref: Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!



Final: AS I KNEEL (AVE MARIA)

Text and music: Maria Parkinson © 1978, Kevin Mayhew.

As I kneel before you, As I bow my head in prayer, Take this day, make it yours, and fill me with your love.

Refrain: Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, Every dream and wish are yours, Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord **(Ref)**



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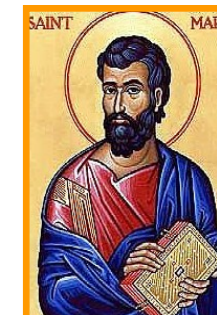
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Homily Reflection DWELLING PLACE

In the human person of Jesus Christ, God has made a dwelling-place – literally, 'has pitched his tent' – among us. The disciples 'have seen his glory' in the sense that the words and actions of Jesus, notably his 'signs' (miracles), have rendered ordinary human life transparent to God's presence and to the gift of 'eternal life' which, through Jesus, God wishes to impart. To 'have eternal life' in this sense is nothing less than to have a share in God's own life, to become 'children of God' (1:12; 11:52), inhabitants of God's 'house' forever. As Jesus explains to Martha, grieving at the death of her brother Lazarus, this is the true response and remedy to human mortality: 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live; and whoever lives believing in me, will never die' (John 11:25-26). What Jesus is attempting to explain to the puzzled disciples in today's Gospel is that this gift of eternal life, and the divine 'at-homeness' that goes with it, can only come about through his 'going away' for a time. His suffering and death are necessary to defeat the grip of sin and death upon the human race and open up the way to life.

AT HOME WITH GOD

The many 'rooms' or 'dwelling places' which he is going away to prepare are in fact the separate instances of God's 'indwelling' in the heart of each and every believer. As he will say later, 'Those who love me will keep my Word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them' (14:23). The disciples, as Philip so plaintively points out, cannot 'see' the Father. But, Jesus explains, he himself is 'the Way' to the revelation of the Father (the 'Truth'), in which is contained the gift of '(eternal) life' ('the Life'). In relating to him (Jesus), they are becoming 'at home' with God and God with them.

The First Reading, Acts 6:1-7, shows the early Church, under the guidance of the Spirit, developing structures of ministry in response to needs that arise as it grows and expands. The Second Reading, 1 Peter, 2:4-9, applies to the members of the Church a magnificent set of titles drawn from the patrimony of Israel. Heading the list is the image of the Church as a 'holy building', a precious new dwelling-place for the living God.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 27 April 2023, <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

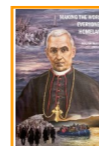


Riflessione:

Le ultime parole che si pronunciano alla fine della vita hanno un carattere particolare. Riassumono il mistero di un essere. Platone fa parlare il suo maestro Socrate di immortalità prima di morire. Il condannato a morte consola quelli che restano. Le ultime parole possono essere molto pragmatiche. La madre di Goethe diede

istruzioni di non mettere troppa uva passa nel dolce preparato per la sua sepoltura. Alcuni esortano i loro figli a sostenersi a vicenda. I patriarchi della Bibbia muoiono beneducendo la loro discendenza. Anche nel nostro Vangelo si tratta di ultime parole. Parla uno che è consapevole di stare per morire. E colui che ne ha preso nota è convinto che quel morto è ancora in vita. Non leggete queste parole come un discorso ben costruito e coerente. Immaginate delle pause. Prendetele piuttosto come parole pronunciate in un profondo silenzio, come parole indirizzate a uomini prigionieri, "tutt'occhi", in qualche modo. Noi potremmo ascoltarle anche come si ascolta una goccia d'acqua cadere in una grotta. Bisogna che chi ascolta sia assolutamente silenzioso per lasciar entrare in sé queste parole. Se noi ascoltiamo veramente, sentiamo parole di consolazione: "Non sia turbato il vostro cuore". Parole di speranza: "Nella casa del Padre mio vi sono molti posti". Parole di maestà: "Io sono la via, la verità e la vita. Nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me". Parole di vocazione esigente: "Chi crede in me compirà le opere che io compio". Non è facile per noi capire immediatamente queste parole. I discepoli che interrompono il Signore fanno delle domande smarrite. Non hanno ancora capito, eppure è già l'ora dell'addio. Sapremo noi capire meglio?

02 May 2023, <https://www.lachiesa.it>



Prayer to Saint John Baptist Scalabrini O Saint 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 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/safeguarding**



The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.Scalabrini.org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid since 1959

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY of the fourth week of EASTER SABATO della quarta settimana di PASQUA 6th May 2023 Year 'A'	<i>"I am the way, and the truth, and the life".</i>	Wedding Celebrations Adele FORGIONE Luke SKOK Congratulations! 	6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations: Samuel ALMANZA Aaliya Alma GONZALEZ Aria DE CUNTO Congratulations! 
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER QUINTA DOMENICA DI PASQUA 7th May 2023 Year "A"	<i>"Io sono la via, la verità e la vita".</i> 	8.30am 10.00am (Portuguese)	9.45am Mary Margaret SACLOT Aldrick Habal ESPINOSA Jose Andres COTES MENDOZA 11.00am 2.30pm Festa <i>in Onore a</i> Santa Lucia 	Baptism Celebrations for: Ilaria Nancy BENINCASA Congratulations! 
Monday / Lunedì of the 5th week of Easter 8th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26:	Responsorial Psalm <i>Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.</i>		9.15am Mass Jose Andres COTES MENDOZA	
Tuesday / Martedì of the 5th week of Easter 9th May 2023 Year "A" Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14:27-31	Responsorial Psalm <i>Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.</i>		9.15am	6.00pm Welcome In room Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday / Mercoledì of the 5th week of Easter 10th May 2023 Year "A" Acts 15:1-6: Jn 15:1-8:	Responsorial Psalm <i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i>		9.15am 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì of the 5th week of Easter 11th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11:	Responsorial Psalm <i>Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.</i>		9.15am Mass 1.00am Viewing  11.30am Funeral Mass for Lucio DE NICOLA 7.30pm Memorial Mass for: Arturo BATISTA	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of</i> Lucio DE NICOLA <i>May he rest in peace.</i> 
Friday / Venerdì of the 5th week of Easter 12th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 15:22-31: Jn 15:12-17:	Responsorial Psalm <i>I will praise you among the nations, O Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass 12pm Funeral Mass for: Giuseppe BENTROVATO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of</i> Giuseppe BENTROVATO <i>May he rest in peace.</i> 

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Liturgy of the Word 13th/14th May 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	J. Santos	G. Catena/ T. Toscano
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	K. Chang	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	J. D'souza	N. Oro

MAGGIO - MESE DI MARIA:
Siamo tutti invitati a recitare il S. Rosario in onore alla nostra Madre Celeste in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa, oppure in casa con la nostra famiglia.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY: We are all invited to pray the Holy Rosary in honour to our mother Mary before or after Mass, or in our own homes with members of our family.

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT
Australian operatic tenor Michael Petruccelli and internationally recognised pianist Coady Green will visit St Patrick's Cathedral on Mother's Day for a vocal recital guaranteed to warm the heart. A joyous family event and a perfect way to spend your Sunday afternoon! All welcome. Tickets: \$30 (adults) \$25 (concession) at door or trybooking.com/BRYBS Children aged 15 years and under admitted free. For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au. Sunday, May 14, 2023 3:00pm – 4:00pm REGISTER NOW VENUE St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023
Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. For All Future Generations. Total amount raised \$5970.00 which has been sent to Caritas Australia.

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!

**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.

**FEAST IN HONOUR TO OUR
LADY OF FATIMA**

Organized by the Portuguese
Community
St. Mark's Church
543 Lygon St. North Carlton
Next Saturday 13th May, 2023
7.00pm Rosary and Procession
followed by Mass.
Next Sunday 14th May, 2023
9.30am Rosary and procession
followed by Mass.
Everyone most welcome.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmations this year will take place in our parish on Sunday 10th July with a combined Mass at 10.30am. If you have children or grandchildren, or you know anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 6 onwards). Classes are held every Sunday morning at 10.30am (straight after the 9.45am Mass) in the Media Room. If interested, please speak to Fr. Frank, the parish priest, or ring Sr. Guadalupe from the Missionaries of Charity on 0405785710 or the parish office on 94896777.

**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

**Il Signore è la mia vita,
il Signore è la mia gioia.**

Se la strada si fa oscura
Spero in 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.
It will re-start on Friday 12th May, 2023.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

We have a new sound system in the church. If anyone wishes to contribute towards the expenses of just over \$12,000. Any donation would be most welcome and appreciated.

NUOVO SISTEMA AUDIO

Abbiamo un nuovo sistema audio nella chiesa. Se qualcuno desidera contribuire alle spese di poco più di \$12,000. Qualsiasi donazione sarebbe molto gradita e apprezzata.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$ 800 - 00
2 Collection	\$440 - 00
Envelopes	\$134 - 00

Fine:**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. x 2**

