

**A reading from the Book of Ezekiel Ezekiel (37:12-14)**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R./**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you. **R./**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than a watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **R./**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me shall never die. **Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45)**

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



# Weekly Parish Newsletter

## Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale

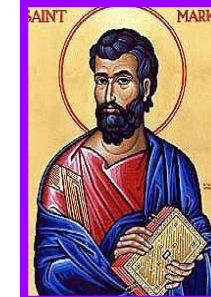
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**Homily Notes**

**FAITH IN JESUS**

In this sense they 'will live' and 'will never die', that is, die eternally. Two senses of 'die' are in view. Nor is it just a matter of rising 'on the last day'. Faith in Jesus and living in that faith communicates a share here and now in the eternal life that is the very life of God. The whole point of Jesus' mission from the Father is to communicate life in this exalted sense to human beings (John 1:4, 12-13; 10:10b, 28). In the end, of course, Jesus does bring Lazarus back to life – after his being dead in the tomb for four days, a length of time after which, it was believed, corruption would have set in irreversibly. Although this stupendous miracle forms the dramatic climax of the narrative, it is not really the theological highpoint. That occurs in the exchange between Jesus and Martha that we have just reviewed. What Lazarus receives is simply a return to this present human life, a brief reprieve from death, so to speak, from which one day he will have to succumb once more. However, in line with the pattern we have observed in regard to all these long narratives in the Fourth Gospel, the miraculous remedying of a human need – here the very basic need for life itself – functions as a symbol of a much more significant gift that Jesus has come to give, not just to individuals such as Lazarus, but to all who respond in faith. The restoration of Lazarus to physical human life is a symbol of the 'eternal life' which Jesus, as 'Resurrection and Life', comes to impart to all. In this connection let us recall how the opening dialogue between Jesus and the very reluctant disciples made the point that Jesus would be putting his own life at mortal risk by leaving a region of safety for him (across the Jordan) and going to Judea to attend to Lazarus.

**SAVING MISSION**

In this way the episode becomes a paradigm of the whole saving mission of the Son of God. As stated earlier in the gospel: 'God so loved the world that he gave up his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish (in eternal death) but have eternal life' (3:16). In obedience to this mission the Son left the 'safe country' of his eternal dwelling with the Father 'in the beginning' (1:1-2) to enter our world, where he will be in mortal danger, a danger actualised in his arrest, trial, and death upon the cross. Herein lies the most profound truth of the story: Lazarus stands in for each one of us. Each one of us is the friend 'whom Jesus loved', the one for whom he left his 'safe country' in order to bring from (eternal) death at the cost of his own life. The Fourth Gospel wants each one of us to hear or read the Passion in the ceremonies of Holy Week, especially Good Friday, saying all along, 'This is for love of me; this is to rescue me from death and give me life'. In the persons of the grieving sisters, the Gospel also addresses grief in the Christian community. Jesus does not abolish physical death. Just as, to the sisters' dismay, he let Lazarus die, so he lets us die and lets our loved ones die. His 'remedy', as he hinted to Martha, is to be 'the Resurrection and the Life' in a more profound way. This is not just 'theological comfort'. The emotion Jesus displays (mentioned four times and including an element of anger as well as grief) shows a divine sharing in the complex emotions that make up human response to death. Though he has come to give eternal life, Jesus weeps over our death and the deaths of those we love and mourn.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 16 March 2023,



**Riflessione:**

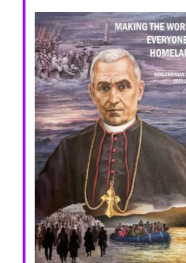
Il racconto della risurrezione di Lazzaro è una delle "storie di segni" che racconta san Giovanni. Si tratta qui di presentare Gesù, vincitore della morte. Il racconto culmina nella frase di Gesù su se stesso: "Io sono la risurrezione e la vita. Chi crede in me non morrà in eterno". Che Dio abbia il potere di vincere la morte, è già la convinzione dei racconti tardivi dell'Antico Testamento. La visione che ha Ezechiele della risurre-

zione delle ossa secche - immagine del ristabilimento di Israele dopo la catastrofe dell'esilio babilonese - presuppone questa fede. Nella sua "Apocalisse", Isaia si aspetta che Dio sopprima la morte per sempre, che asciughi le lacrime su tutti i volti. E, per concludere, il libro di Daniele prevede che i morti si risvegolino - alcuni per la vita eterna, altri per l'orrore eterno. Ma il nostro Vangelo va oltre questa speranza futura, perché vede già date in Gesù "la risurrezione e la vita" che sono così attuali. Colui che crede in Gesù ha già una parte di questi doni della fine dei tempi. Egli possiede una "vita senza fine" che la morte fisica non può distruggere. In Gesù, rivelazione di Dio, la salvezza è presente, e colui che è associato a lui non può più essere consegnato alle potenze della morte.

23 March 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!*

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

**Entrance: BLEST BE THE LORD**

**Refrain:**

*Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves.*

*I shall not fear, the dark of night Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice To find a dwelling place secure. **(Ref)**

I need not shrink Before the terrors of the night Nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul. **(Ref)**

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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

**Offertory:**

**LORD PREPARE ME**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true...

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you...

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**Communion:**

**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believes in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

**Refrain:**  
**And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. **(ref)**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. **(ref)**

I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me even though you die, you shall live forever. **(ref)**

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**Final:**

**IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY**

**Refrain:**

**In these days of Lenten journey we have seen and we have heard the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.**

We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth. In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams; we will clothe them in mercy and peace. **(ref)**

We call on the Spirit of Justice and pray for righteousness' sake We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed; we will loosen the bonds of distress. **(ref)**

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## 2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY SABATO</b> 25th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent Year "A" VIGIL 	"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died".	<b>Today's Feast Day THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> 	<b>3.00pm</b> Mass to celebrate the Cinquenziera of <b>Evelyn GALDAMEZ</b> <b>6.00pm</b> PRO POPULO <b>7.00pm</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebration for Sophia VELASQUEZ GOMEZ</b> <b>Wedding Celebration for Jessica MARTINEZ David SAMMUT</b> <b>Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY DOMENICA</b> 26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"Signore, se tu fossi stato qui, mio fratello non sarebbe morto!"	<b>8.30am</b>  <b>10.00am</b> Portuguese Mass	<b>9.45am</b> Third Scrutiny  <b>11.00am</b>  <b>5.00pm</b> Mass for the Brazilian Community	
Monday/Lunedì of the 5th week of Lent 27th March 2023 Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62: Jn 8:1-11:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil, for you are with me.		<b>9.15am</b>	
Tuesday/Martedì of the 5th week of Lent 28th March 2023 Num 21:4-9: Jn 8: 21-30:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> O Lord hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>7.30pm In church Baptism Workshop for parents and godparents.</b>
Wednesday /Mercoledì of the 5th week of Lent 29th March 2023 Dan 3:14-20 24-25, 28: Jn 8: 31-42:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Glory and praise for ever!		<b>9.15am</b>	
Thursday Giovedì of the 5th week of Lent 30th March 2023 Gen 17:3-9: Jn 8: 51-59:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> The Lord remembers his covenant for ever		<b>9.15am</b>	
Friday/Venerdì of the 5th week of Lent 31st March 2023 Jer 20: 10-13: Jn 10: 31-42:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.	<b>St. Mark's Church</b> <b>7.00pm</b> Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	<b>9.15am</b>  <b>6.30pm</b> Intercultural Via Crucis Stations of the Cross 	<b>Congratulations, best wishes and blessings to Richard MAMONE &amp; Nicole KENE</b> As they celebrate their marriage today. 

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Beginning from Saturday 13th May 2023, every 2nd Saturday of the month there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 5.00pm followed by the 6.00pm Mass. Everyone Welcome!


<b>Parish Community</b> Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta, CS (03) 9489 6777 Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	<b>Parish Office</b> Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  Parish Secretaries Giovanna Bellissimo & Rachel Mamone Tel: (03) 9489 6777	<b>Comunidad</b> Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain Fr. Gesner Felix, CS  Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910	<b>Comunidade</b> Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	<b>Filipino</b> Pastoral Community Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis  Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

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Liturgy of the word 1st & 2nd April 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	C. Smith	P. La Marca
II Reading	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	MC Sisters	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	M. Pereira	T. Toscano

**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>



**INTERCULTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ VIA CRUCIS**  
Every Friday night during Lent in various languages 6:30pm - 7:15pm in Church.  
Durante il tempo di Quaresima Via Crucis in varie lingue ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa 6.30 - 7.15pm Tutti benvenuti.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**  
Religious Classes in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th July 2023 will commence Sunday 23rd April after the 9.45am Mass. If you know anyone who is interested in receiving the Sacrament, please speak to Fr. Frank or phone Sister Guadalupe, Missionaries of Charity on 0405785710

**The Parish of St. Brigid's and St. Mark's warmly welcomes Fr. Mario Geremia, CS From the General Administration in Rome Visiting from 1st to 3rd April all Scalabrinian Chaplaincies in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.**  
Fr. Mario is in charge of all Scalabrinian Missions.

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**  
1st Collection \$ 500 - 00  
2nd Collection \$ 360 - 00  
Envelopes \$ 139 - 00  
*Thank You!*

**Canto D'Ingresso:**  
**E' GIUNTA L'ORA**

E' giunta l'ora, Padre, per me. Ai miei amici ho detto che questa è la vita: conoscere Te e il Figlio tuo, Cristo Gesù.

Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me; ed ora sanno che torno a Te. Hanno creduto: conservali Tu nel tuo amore, nell'unità.

Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi, la tua Parola è verità. E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia; la gioia vera viene da Te.

Io sono in loro e Tu in me; che sian perfetti nell'unità. E il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato; li hai amati come ami me.

**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.:**



**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 amor. **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 sudor, 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.

### HOLY WEEK LITURGY

1st - 9th April 2023 ST BRIGID'S & ST MARK'S

**Saturday - 1st April**  
10.00am Mass of the Holy Oils and Chrism at St Patrick's Cathedral

**PALM SUNDAY - 2nd April**  
St Brigid's and St Mark's (Mass Times as usual)  
**Holy Wednesday - 5th April**  
10:00am - 12noon Confessions

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**  
**HOLY THURSDAY - 6th April**

**St Brigid's:**  
7.00pm - Intercultural Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8.30pm - 9.30pm Adoration (English)  
9.30pm - 11.00pm Adoration (Spanish)  
11.00pm - 12.00am Adoration (silence)

**St Mark's:**  
7:00pm - Mass of the Last Supper & Adoration (Port)

**GOOD FRIDAY - 7th April**

**St Brigid's:**  
9.00am Intercultural Via Crucis (in/out Church)  
9.30am Liturgy "The Seven Last Words" (Filip. Chaplaincy)  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**St Mark's:**  
9.00am - 11:00am Confessions  
Portuguese Community 11.00am - Meditation of the Way of the Cross  
1.00pm - Meditation of the Seven Last Words  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**HOLY SATURDAY - 8th April**  
**St Brigid's:**  
11.00am - 12 noon (Confessions)  
7.00pm Intercultural Easter Vigil Mass

**St Mark's:**  
7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass (Portuguese)

**EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April**  
Morning Masses as usual at St. Brigid's & St. Mark's  
4.00pm Mass in Spanish (St. Brigid's)

### PROJECT COMPASSION

**2023** This year's theme is: **"For All Future Generations".**

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world.

This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia - without it, we could not do the vital work we do.

Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

**Project Compassion Boxes or Sets of Envelopes are available for you to take home and return it on Good Friday. Please give generously. Total \$900**

Siamo membro del suo corpo, una nuova umanità; nulla mai può separarci dal suo amor. **Rit.:**

**Fine: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO**

Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te.

**Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.**

Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, otta per la verità. **Rit.**

Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. **Rit.**

