

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14,36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near the restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R./**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R./**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R./**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R./**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Peter 2:20-25** The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon: Then Good shepherd has risen, who Lid down his life for his sheepand willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

**PART OF THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*Vocation: Grace and Mission*

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people! This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements. This year I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". This Day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others. We are called to a faith that bears witness, one that closely connects the life of grace, as experienced in the sacraments and ecclesial communion, to our apostolate in the world. Led by the Spirit, Christians are challenged to respond to existential peripheries and human dramas, ever conscious that the mission is God's work; it is not carried out by us alone, but always in ecclesial communion, together with our brothers and sisters, and under the guidance of the Church's pastors. For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love. Dear brothers and sisters, vocation is a gift and a task, a source of new life and true joy. May the initiatives of prayer and of activity associated with this Day strengthen an awareness of vocation within our families, our parish communities, our communities of consecrated life, and our ecclesial associations and movements. The Spirit of the risen Lord dispels our apathy and grants us the gifts of sympathy and empathy. In this way, he enables us to live each day born anew as children of the God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:16) and in turn to offer that love to others. To bring life everywhere, especially in places of exclusion and exploitation, poverty and death, in order to enlarge the spaces of love, so that God may reign ever more fully in this world.

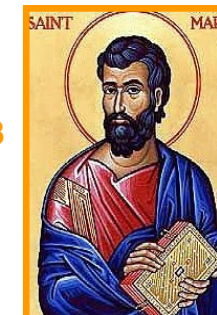


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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**Homily Reflection:**  
**VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD**

Inevitably there would be attempts to steal sheep from the fold during the night. Thieves would succeed only if they get into the fold by some means other than the gate and also only if they could get sheep to follow their call. Sheep attuned to their own shepherd's voice would not follow the call of a stranger and so would not be in danger of being removed from the fold. We can now bring this understanding to the series of images used by Jesus in the Gospel. The central idea is that of the intimate knowledge that should exist between a shepherd and sheep: he knows his sheep they recognise his voice and willingly follow his call. Jesus contrasts a 'good shepherd' like this with others who come only to steal, harass, and ultimately destroy sheep that do not belong to them. The contrast reflects the vicissitudes of the Johannine community as it struggled to free itself from the control of the Jewish synagogue and establish its own identity centred on allegiance to Jesus as its only true Shepherd. Preachers today need not stress the negative but concentrate upon the appealing image of God stemming from the positive aspect of the comparison.



**FRESH DIMENSION**

Within the same basic image, however, Jesus identifies himself not only with the shepherd but also with the Gate of the sheepfold: "I am the Gate of the sheepfold". This adds a fresh dimension. If the sheep are to flourish, they must come and go through the gate of the fold; if they stay within the fold, they will decline for lack of pasture. If they do not return to the fold but stay out in the hillsides all night, they will be at risk. So daily they must come and go through the gate, which then becomes their means of access to both protection and growth. By describing himself as 'the Gate of the sheepfold' Jesus is indicating that only through vital and continual interaction with himself will members of the community find life and growth.

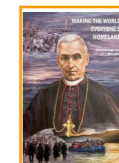
Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 20 April 2023  
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

**Riflessione:**

Gesù si presenta come il Mediatore tra Dio e gli uomini. Egli è "la porta" dell'ovile. Non ci è dato di incontrare Dio in modo immediato. Non possiamo stabilire noi il modo in cui comunicare con lui. Dio si rivela e si dona a noi attraverso il Cristo che vive nella Chiesa. Raggiungiamo la comunione con lui mediante la strumentalità della Chiesa in cui è presente e opera Cristo. Gesù non è soltanto il Mediatore del disvelarsi e dell'offrirsi di Dio a noi. È la realtà stessa del Verbo divino che ci raggiunge, ci illumina con la fede, ci trasforma con la grazia, ci guida con la sua parola, i suoi sacramenti e la sua autorità. Egli è la "porta" e il "Pastore" che "cammina innanzi" alle pecore. Gesù, come Buon Pastore, ci conosce per nome, ci ama e per noi offre la propria vita in una dilezione che si spinge sino alla fine. Noi credenti siamo chiamati ad "ascoltare la sua voce" e a "seguirlo" senza porre condizioni. Egli ci conduce al "pascolo". È la croce, dopo la quale, però, giunge la gioia senza limiti e senza fine: una gioia che ha le sue anticipazioni anche ell'esistenza terrena.

28th April 2023 <http://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!**

**Today Sunday 30th April Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
**Pope Francis in his letter asks us to pray for Vocations.**




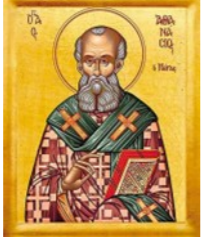



**"May the prayer that Saint Paul VI composed for the first World Day of Vocations, 11 April 1964, accompany us on our journey":**  
**"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)".**

**May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you. With my blessing.**



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**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</b> of the third week of <b>EASTER</b> SABATO della seconda settimana di PASQUA 29th April 2023 Year 'A'	"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord, I know my own and my own know me".		<b>6.00pm</b> Special Intentions for: William Mauricio TORRES MUNAR and Natalia VARGAS MONSALVE  <b>7.00pm</b> Spanish Mass Valentin MORALES BASQUEZ †	<b>Baptism Celebration:</b> <b>Paloma GARTNER</b> <b>HURTADO</b> <b>Congratulations!</b>  
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> QUARTA DOMENICA DI PASQUA 30th April 2023 Year "A"	" Io sono il buon pastore, dice il Signore, conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me".	<b>8.30am</b>  <b>10.00am</b> (Portuguese)	<b>9.45am</b> Special Intentions for: William Mauricio TORRES MUNAR and Natalia VARGAS MONSALVE  <b>11.00am</b> † Domenica BELLISSIMO	<b>5.00pm Church Mass for the Brazilian Community followed by a get together in the Welcome In Room</b>
Monday / Lunedì 4th week of Easter 1st May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18: St. Joseph the Worker	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>My soul is thirsting for the living God.</i>		<b>9.15am</b> Mass <b>St. Joseph the Worker</b>	
Tuesday / Martedì 2nd May 2023 Year "A" Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10:22-30 St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>All you nations, praise the Lord</i>		<b>9.15am St. Athanasius Gaetano e Carmelina CAFARELLA</b> <b>10.30am Viewing</b> <b>11.00am Funeral Mass for Benito ALVAREZ</b>	<b>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Benito ALVAREZ May he rest in peace.</b>  
Wednesday / Mercoledì 3rd May 2023 Year "A" 1 Co 15:1-8: Jn 14:6-14: Sts. Philip and James, apostles	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Their message goes out through all the earth.</i>		<b>9.15am Sts. Philip &amp; James</b> <b>6.00pm Memorial Mass For Ana L. LOPEZ</b> <b>7.30pm Mass &amp; Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday / Giovedì 4th week of Easter 4th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 13:13-25: Jn 13:16-20:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</i>		<b>9.15am</b> Mass	
Friday / Venerdì 4th week of Easter 5th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 13:26-33: Jn 14:1-6:	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>You are my Son, this day I have begotten you.</i>		<b>9.15am</b> Mass	

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Liturgy of the Word 6th/7th May 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	C. Smith	T. Toscano/ P. La Marca
II Reading	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	MC Sisters	N. Oro
Prayers of the Faithful	N. Solomon	G. Piantella	M. Pereira	G. Catena


**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](mailto:music@cam.org.au). Sunday, May 14, 2023 3:00pm - 4:00pm REGISTER NOW VENUE St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**FESTA IN ONORE A SANTA LUCIA**  
Domenica prossima 7 Maggio 2023  
Santa Messa in onore a Santa Lucia alle 2.30pm qui a Santa Brigida. Celebrante: Padre Frank. Tutti benvenuti.

**Ingresso:**  
**AL TUO SANTO ALTAR**  
  
*Al tuo santo altar m'appresso, o Signor, mia gioia e mio amor.*  
O Signore che scruti il mio cuor, dal maligno mi salvi il tuo amor.  
Tu sei forza, sei vita immortale. Perché triste cammino tra il mal?  
Mi risplenda la luce del ver 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 cuor.

**Offertorio:**  
**SEI TU SIGNORE IL PANE**  
  
*Sei tu Signore il pane, tu cibo sei per noi. Risorto a vita nuova, sei vivo in mezzo a noi.*  
**Nell'ultima sua cena, Gesù si dona ai suoi: prendete pane e vino, la vita mia per voi.**  
Mangiate questo pane: chi crede in me vivrà, chi beve, il vino nuovo, con me risorgerà.

**Comunione: SIGNORE, SEI TU IL MIO PASTORE**  
*Signore, sei tu il mio pastore, nulla mi può mancar nei tuoi pascoli.*  
Tra l'erbe verdeggianti mi guidi a riposar; all'acque tue tranquille mi fai tu dissetar. **R.**  
Se in valle tutta oscura io camminar dovrò, vicino a te Signore, più nulla temerò. **R.**  
Per me hai preparato il pane tuo immortale; il calice m'hai colmo di vino celestial. **R.**

**Fine:**  
**DALL'AURORA TU SORGI**  
  
*Dall'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 che la 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.

**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>



**Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Fr. Bob Maguire who passed away on Wednesday 19th April 2023**  
His State Funeral Mass will be on Friday 5th May at 11.00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Everyone welcome but seating is restricted. The funeral will be livestreamed on the archdiocese website. May our loving God grant him a well deserved rest in his heavenly home. RIP

**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.

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2023**  
Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week. **For All Future Generations.**  
**Total to date \$ 5420.00**

**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.**

**SIX30 HOLY HOUR**  
Thursday, May 4th, 2023 and every Thursday 6:30pm - 7:30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession. For any queries, email [udisciple@cam.org.au](mailto:udisciple@cam.org.au) or call 03) 9926 5677.

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