

A reading from the Book of Samuel (16:1,6-7,10-13)

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. **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 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 Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (shorter form) (9:1-41)

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshipped him. Jesus said, "For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God. (Jn 9:11,38)

Communion: FATHER I HAVE SINNED

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Father I have sinned, help me find my way. Help me find my way Remember not my sin Just let me hear you say

Refrain: I forgive you, I love you You are mine, Take my hand Go in peace, Sin no more beloved one

Father I have turned My back and walked away Depended on my strong And lived life my own way **(Ref)**

Father I have closed My heart to those in need Thought only for myself A victim of my greed **(Ref)**

Father I have loved If love's the word to use I've played so many games They left me so confused **(Ref)**

Father I've returned I'm home with you to stay Standing by your door Knowing that you'll say **(Ref)**

Final: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; Lift up your voices the Lord is near.



Weekly Parish Newsletter

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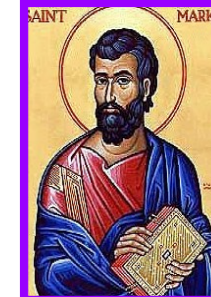
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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Homily Notes

The Gospel reading of Jesus' cure of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41) is, of course, the story of a journey from darkness into light.

DEEPER FAITH

One of the most attractive features of the episode is the way in which the man's character emerges as the story unfolds. Continually questioned about Jesus, he never goes beyond the evidence; he simply sticks to the facts and draws conclusions only as they are forced upon him. His journey into ever deeper faith and understanding of Jesus ('the man called Jesus'; 'a prophet'; 'a man from God'; 'the Son of Man') is a journey into ever deeper perception of reality in every sense of the word.

His adversaries, on the other hand, realising that they are losing their grip on the situation, resort more and more to denial of the obvious facts. Their desperate stratagem of summoning and browbeating the parents of the man backfires badly. In the end, they can only resort to unfounded accusations, personal abuse, and appeal simply to their own authority and status. In all this they, too, are shown to be on a journey, a parallel journey but one in the opposite direction. They refuse to come to the Light lest their deeds be exposed (3:19-20). Jesus' final comment in their regard brings out the irony with which the sequence ends.

At the beginning, the man was physically blind – a condition that led to his being judged a sinner (a judgment Jesus swiftly rejects); they, on the other hand, could see (physically). At the end, the man can 'see' in both senses – physical and spiritual – of the word. They, however, though they claim to be able to see, have been shown to be the ones who are really 'blind' and sinful.

TWO JOURNEYS

So we will not appreciate the full force of this story unless we take note of the two 'journeys', in opposite directions, that it presents. At the same time, as so often in the case of the Fourth Gospel, its dubbing of the adversaries as 'the Jews' and 'the Pharisees' calls for careful handling in preaching. Personally, I would recommend speaking simply of 'the authorities' in both cases. In any case we cannot simply identify with the positive journey of the man and distance ourselves entirely from those who take the opposite direction. Doubtless, both 'journeys' find some resonance in our lives. Lent is the time to renew our baptismal orientation towards the Light

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 9 March 2023,
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



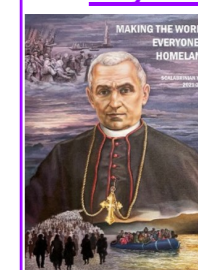
Riflessione:

La "luce" è uno dei simboli originali delle Sacre Scritture. Essa annuncia la salvezza di Dio. Non è senza motivo che la luce è stata la prima ad essere creata per mettere un termine alle tenebre del caos. Ecco la professione di fede dell'autore dei Salmi: "Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza, di chi avrò paura?". E il profeta dice: "Alzati, Gerusalemme, rivestiti di luce, perché viene la tua luce, la gloria del Signore brilla sopra di te". Non bisogna quindi stupirsi se il Vangelo di san

Giovanni riferisce a Gesù il simbolo della luce. Già il suo prologo dice della Parola divina, del Logos: "In lui era la vita, e la vita era la luce degli uomini; la luce splende nelle tenebre, ma le tenebre non l'hanno accolta". La luce è ciò che rischiarava l'oscurità, ciò che libera dalla paura che ispirano le tenebre, ciò che dà un orientamento e permette di riconoscere la meta e la via. Senza luce, non c'è vita. Il racconto della guarigione del cieco è una "storia di segni" caratteristica di san Giovanni. Essa mette in evidenza che Gesù è "la luce del mondo", che egli è la rivelazione in persona e la salvezza di Dio - offerte a tutti.

16 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!

Entrance: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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)**

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, Blessed be God Blessed be God, forever 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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2 Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY SABATO 18th March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent Year "A" VIGIL	<i>"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."</i> 	2.00pm St. Mark's Church <i>Lenten Retreat Portuguese Community</i> 	8.00am Mass with the Cursillo 6.00pm PRO POPULO 7.00pm Spanish Mass	<i>Baptism Celebration for Emilio HUME GARCIA Oriana LANGUILLER GUARIN</i> <i>Wedding Celebration for Stefanny CALLE & James DEN-BAKKER Congratulations!</i>
SUNDAY DOMENICA 19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent Year "A"	<i>"Mi ha posto del fango sopra gli occhi, mi sono lavato e ci vedo".</i>	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am 2nd Scrutiny 11.00am Claudio ORO 	<i>May St. Joseph always guard protect and enlighten families. St Joseph, pray for us!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 20th March 2023 St. JOSEPH 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16: Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22: Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The son of David will live for ever.</i>		9.15am St. JOSEPH	
Tuesday/Martedì of the 4th week of Lent 21st March 2023 Ezek 47:1-9, 12: Jn 5:1-3, 5-16	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The mighty Lord is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.</i>		9.15am	6.00pm <i>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</i> <i>Welcome In room</i>
Wednesday /Mercoledì of the 4th week of Lent 22nd March 2023 Is 49:8-15: Jn 5: 17-30:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>		9.15am 10.30am Funeral Mass for Michele DI PIERRO  7.30pm Novena in Honour to O. L. P. H. including Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Michele DI PIERRO</i> <i>May he rest in peace.</i> 
Thursday Giovedì of the 4th week of Lent 23rd March 2023 Ex 32: 7-14: Jn 5: 31-47:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.</i>		9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 24th March 2023 Wis 2:1, 12-22 Jn 1-2, 10, 25-30:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <i>The Lord is near to broken hearts.</i>	St. Mark's Church 7.00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	9.15am 7.30pm Memorial Mass for Michele BASILE 	6.30 Intercultural Via Crucis Stations of the Cross 

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!


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Liturgy of the word 25th & 26th March 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Responsorial Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	R. Malana	G. Catena
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	T. Toscano
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	A. Villar	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>



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

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Come and experience the embrace of Jesus Christ. **Saturday 25th March 2023** at The Marian Community of Our Lady Ta' Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu, Bacchus Marsh. 1.30pm Holy Mass, Blessing and inauguration of The Monument of Peace.

WALK WITH MARY 2023

Next Sunday 26th March
St. Patrick's Cathedral
2.00pm Prayers, Holy Mass followed by City Street Procession
Main Celebrant: Most Rev, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green.

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"**.
Thu lives in Vietnam. When he was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke. Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD). For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.
Project Compassion Boxes or Sets of Envelopes are available for you to take home and return it on Good Friday.
Please give generously.



St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1st Collection \$ 540 - 00
2nd Collection \$ 380 - 00
Envelopes \$ 107- 00 *Thank You!*

Canto D'Ingresso:
PADRE, PERDONA

*Signore, ascolta:
Padre, perdona!
Fa' che vediamo il tuo amore.*

A te guardiamo, Redentore nostro, da te speriamo gioia di salvezza: Fa' che troviamo grazia di perdono.

Ti confessiamo ogni nostra colpa, Riconosciamo ogni nostro errore E ti preghiamo: dona il tuo perdono

O buon Pastore, tu che dai la vita, Parola certa, Roccia che non muta, Perdona ancora, con pietà infinita.

Offertorio: O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO

O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.

O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vita e dell'uomo che lavora

Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.

Comunione: ECCO L'UOMO

Nella memoria di questa Passione, noi ti chiediamo perdono, Signore, per ogni volta che abbiamo lasciato il tuo fratello morire da solo. **Noi ti preghiamo, Uomo della croce, Figlio e fratello, noi speriamo in te! (X2)**

Nella memoria di questa tua morte, noi ti chiediamo coraggio, Signore, per ogni volta che il dono d'amore ci chiederà di soffrire da soli.

Nella memoria dell'ultima Cena, noi spezzeremo di nuovo il tuo Pane ed ogni volta il tuo Corpo donato sarà la nostra speranza di vita.

Fine: NOME DOLCISSIMO

Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore tu sei rifugio al peccatore.

Frai cori angelici è l'armonia Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)

Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella.

Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia Ave Maria, ave Maria. (X2)

Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero

Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria! (X2)

