

*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.*

**Dear Friends,**  
Happy Feast of St Brigid to you and your families!

St Brigid was well known for her generosity. To her, being generous to others was a way of being a saint. Generosity is an expression of love. It is a way of living out the beatitude, "blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God."

As we celebrate the Feast of St Brigid today, let us learn from her little lesson of generosity. We ask her intercession that we, like her, and like all those who have come before us in this parish, we may cultivate a loving and generous heart to everyone we encounter in our parish community, in our homes and cities, as well as in our workplaces.

We thank all those who have built this Church and all those who have maintained the beauty of this Church with its rich history. We are especially grateful to God for the beautiful stories of encounters of people, faith, and cultures.

We thank all the past Parish Priests, members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Volunteers in many different ministries of this beautiful parish. Let us continue their legacy not only to maintain the beauty of its building structure but also and more importantly, to make this parish community a place of hospitable encounters of people where history is respected, diversity is honoured, generosity is cultivated, and communion is celebrated.

We are sad to know that Fr Savino is leaving us soon. We thank him for his loving and generous service to our parish in the past six years. We wish him all the best in his new mission in Sydney.

Fr Savino, we love you and we will miss you. "You never really leave the place you love. You take part of it with you and leave part of you there." -- Unknown

Happy Feast of St Brigid and Good Luck to Fr Savino!

Fr Frank CS  
Parish Priest of St Brigid's



**St Brigid**  
**Feast Day: February 1**

Historians say we know a lot more about St. Brigid than we have facts, a polite way of saying that legends swirl about Ireland's most celebrated woman. But even legends may have cores of truth. And some miracle stories are not legends at all, but true accounts of God's interventions.

Brigid was the daughter of a slave woman and a chieftain, who liberated her at the urging of his overlord. As a girl she sensed a call to become a nun, and St. Mel, bishop of Armagh, received her vows. Before Brigid, consecrated virgins lived at home with their families. But the saint, imitating Patrick, began to assemble nuns in communities, a historic move which enriched the church in Ireland.

In 471, Brigid founded a monastery for both women and men at Kildare. This was the first convent in Ireland, and Brigid was the abbess. Under her leadership Kildare became a centre of learning and spirituality. Her school

of art fashioned both lovely utensils for worship and beautifully illustrated manuscripts. Again, following Patrick's model, Brigid used Kildare as a base and built convents throughout the island.

Brigid's hallmark was uninhibited, generous giving to anyone in need. Many of the saint's earliest miracles seem to have rescued her from punishment for having given something to the poor that was intended for someone else. For example, once as a child she gave a piece of bacon to a dog and was glad to find it replaced when she was about to be disciplined. Brigid exhibited this unbounded charity all her life, giving away valuables, clothing, food—anything close by—to anyone who asked.

One of the most appealing things told of Brigid is her contemporaries' belief that there was peace in her blessing. Not merely did contentiousness die out in her presence, but just as by the touch of her hand she healed leprosy, so by her very will for peace she healed strife and laid antiseptics on the suppurating bitterness that foments it.

By Bert Ghezzi, *Voices of the Saints*, Loyola Press.

**A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

This is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. **The Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,** As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. **Alleluia**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 6:32-3)**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.' 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.' **The Gospel of Lord.**

**Final:**

**JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE MY LIFE**

**Refrain:**

**Jesus Christ, you are my life, Alleluia, Alleluia Jesus Christ, you are my life, You are my life, Alleluia**

Be our way, our truth, and our life Form us anew in how you died We embrace the cross that you bore, and will arise in glory

Holy fire, come dwell in each heart Grant us the gifts your love imparts Free our tongues to boldly proclaim "Jesus is Lord forever!"

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**A reading from the Book of Job (31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32)**

Have I been insensible to poor men's needs, or let a widow's eyes grow dim? Or taken my share of bread alone, not giving a share to the orphan? I, whom God has fostered father-like, from childhood, and guided since I left my mother's womb. Have I ever seen a wretch in need of clothing, or a beggar going naked, without his having cause to bless me from his heart, as he felt the warmth of the fleece from my lambs? Have I put all my trust in gold, from finest gold sought my security? Have I ever gloated over my great wealth, or the riches that my hands have won? The people of my tent, did they not say "Is there a man he has not filled with meat?" No stranger ever had to sleep outside, my door was always open to the traveller. **The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.**

He changes desert into streams, thirsty ground into springs of water. There he settles the hungry and they build a city to dwell in. **R/.**

They sow fields and plants their vines; these yield crops for the harvest. He blesses them; they grow in numbers. He does not let their herds decrease. **R/.**

He raises the needy from distress; makes families numerous as a flock. The upright see it and rejoice but all who do wrong are silenced. **R/.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord. I was sick and you visited me. In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these, you did it to me.**

**Communion: (1) A NEW COMMANDMENT (Public Domain)**

A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another as I have loved you That you love one another as I have loved you



By this shall all men know that you are My disciples If you have love one for another By this shall all men know that you are My disciples If you have love one for another

**Communion: (2) BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight; Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight; Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower: Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and thou only first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art



**PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID**

**St. Brigid, you were a woman of peace, You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light into the darkness.**

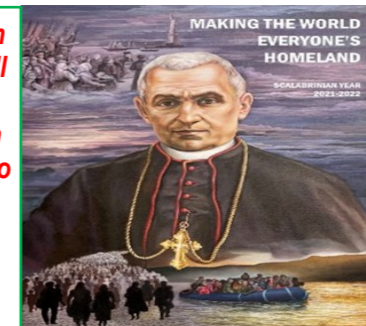
**You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace Cover those who are troubled and anxious.**

**And may peace be firmly rooted In our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and reverence all God has made.**

**St. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listen May we grow each day into greater Wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.**

**Yes, we have everything in Jesus, in him we can do all things. From Jesus we hope all things and obtain all things, since he willed to humble himself and be sacrificed for us and becomes all things for us.**

JB Scalabrini



**Prayer to Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini**  
**O Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, missionary of the Word of God, minister of the Eucharist and 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 ...**  
*(silently mention your petition here)*  
**that we entrust to your fatherly love. Amen.**  
**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**



**The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. 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
<b>SATURDAY / SABATO</b> 19th February 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	<i>"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful".</i>		6.00pm Pro Populo  7.00pm (Spanish Mass)	<b>Baptism Celebration for Maurizio FASONE</b>  <b>Wedding Celebrations for Andres CHICANGANA &amp; Diana TACHICA Congratulations!</b>
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 20th February 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "C"	<i>"Siate misericordiosi, come il Padre vostro é misericordioso".</i>	8.30am  10.00am Portuguese Mass	10.30am <b>St. Brigid Feast Day</b> (For intentions see next page)	<b>Happy St. Brigid's Day!</b> 
Monday/Lunedì 21st February 2022 Year "C" James 3:13-18: Mk 9:14-29:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <b>The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.</b>		9.15am <b>Josh and family</b> (Special Intentions)	
Tuesday/Martedì 22nd February 2022 Year "C" The Chair of St. Peter, apostle 1 Pet 5:1-4: Mt 16:13-19:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <b>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</b>		9.15am <b>Josh &amp; family</b> (Special Intentions)  10.30am <b>Rosary &amp; Funeral Mass for Antonio RIDOLFI</b>	<b>Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Antonio RIDOLFI</b> 
Wednesday /Mercoledì 23rd February 2022 Year "C" St. Polycarp, bishop James 4:13-17: Mk 9:38-40:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <b>Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!</b>		9.15am <b>Josh &amp; Family</b> (Special Intentions)  10.30am <b>Rosary &amp; Funeral Mass for Pasqualina CASUARIA</b>	<b>Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Pasqualina CASUARIA</b> 
Thursday /Giovedì 24th February 2022 Year "C" James 5:1-6: Mk 9:41-50:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <b>Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!</b>		9.15am Josh & Family (Sp.Int.)  11.30am <b>Rosary &amp; Funeral Mass for Raffaella PERUZZI</b>	<b>Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Raffaella PERUZZI</b> 
Friday/Venerdì 25th February 2022 Year "C" James 5:9-12: Mk 10:1-12:	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> <b>The Lord is kind and merciful.</b>		9.15am <b>Josh &amp; family</b> (Special Intentions)	<b>Wedding Celebrations for Joel ASSEY &amp; Jessica CHAN Congratulations!</b> 

<b>Parish Community</b> Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta, CS 0406 086 432  Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Savino Bernardi, CS 0434 089 707  Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890	<b>Parish Office</b> Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo & Rachel Mamone  Tel: (03) 9489 6777	<b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana</b>  Chaplain Duque Supulveda, CS Fr. Gesner Felix, CS  Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910	<b>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa</b>  Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Supulveda, CS  Mob: 0410 001 462	<b>Filipino Pastoral Community</b>  Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis  Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228
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# Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 26th/27th February 2022	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	T. Toscano
Responsorial Psalm	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	P. La Marca
II Reading	M. de Souza	G. Piantella	Choir Member	N. Cavallin

**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>

**INVITATION**

Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY** EVERY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 6:00pm St. Brigid's Church, Fitzroy North.

**10.30am MASS INTENTIONS**

**Antonio & Palmira ANTONICELLI**  
**Tomasina NICOLAZZO**  
**Giovanna NICOLAZZO**  
**Angelo VARVERI - Domenica FAVARO**  
**Salvino DEL COLLE**  
**Raffaella PERUZZI - Antonio RIDOLFI**  
**Pasqualina CASUARIA**

**SUNDAY CATECHISM**

Religious instruction classes for this year, in preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, every Sunday at 10.30am with the Missionaries of Charity in the Media room.

**CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022**

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. Please donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call 92875513.

**High Horses, Scapegoats & Donkeys**

**JAMBEROO ABBEY ONLINE RETREAT** with Sr. Antonia Curtis, OSB  
Retreat begins the 1st Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022. All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access. There are 5 conferences - one for each week of Lent. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete conference within the week. The cost of the retreat is \$250. Pensioners can apply for a reduced price. Register online at: [jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats)

**PILGRIMAGE : MAY 2022 \$6899**

Conducted by P. Savino Bernardi Going to Fatima, Lourdes, Medugorje, S. Giovanni Rotondo, Pompeii, Rome  
**Participation is open!**

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**PELLEGRINAGGIO: MAGGIO 2022**

Costo \$6899. Condotto da P. Savino Bernardi Si visitera' Fatima, Lourdes, Medugorje, Pompeii e Roma Se siete interessati, oppure conoscete qualcuno che potrebbe essere interessato, parlate con Padre Savino, oppure telefonate in ufficio 94896777

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1 Collection	\$550 - 00
2 Collection	\$300 - 00 <i>Thank You!</i>
Envelopes	\$208 - 00

**Entrance:** (Public Domain)

**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.

**Offertory WE COME TO YOUR FEAST**

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We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white  
The weaving of our stories the fabric of our lives  
The dreams of those before us the ancient hopeful cries  
The promise of our future our needing and our nurture Lie here before our eyes

**Chorus:**  
*We come to your feast We come to your feast  
The young and the old The frightened, the bold  
The greatest and the least We come to your feast  
We come to your feast With the fruit of our lands  
And the work of our hands We come to your feast*

We place upon your table A humble loaf of bread  
The gift of field and hillside The grain by which we're fed  
We come to taste the presence Of him on whom we feed  
To strengthen and connect us To challenge and correct us  
To love in word and deed **(chorus)**

We place upon your table A simple cup of wine  
The fruit of human labour The gift of sun and vine  
We come taste the presence Of him we claim as Lord  
His dying and his living His leading and his giving  
His love in cup out poured **(chorus)**  
We gather 'round your table we pause within our quest  
We stand beside our neighbours we name the stranger guest  
The feast is spread before us you bid us come and dine  
In blessing, we'll uncover in sharing,  
we'll discover your substance and your sign **(chorus)**