

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia. (1 Pet 2:2)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(2:42-47) The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." **R./**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he is my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R./**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R./**

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing alleluia. (Jn 20:27)

Entrance: PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

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Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his children in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

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Offertory

OUR SUPPER INVITATION

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Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now;
eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream;
love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,
rink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment
to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now;
eat, take your fill.
Share with your people,
that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,
drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
branch of my vine.



A reading from the First Letter of St Peter (1:3-9) Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. **Alleluia!** (Jn 20:29)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (19:31) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe. "Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion:

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

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**Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.**

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness
of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.
(Ref)

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made. **(Ref)**

To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces
of all the poor and lowly of the world. **(Ref)**

We sing a mystery from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God. **(Ref)**

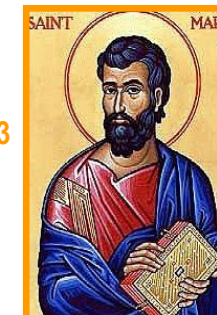


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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

Homily Notes:

POWER OF THE SPIRIT

This is preceded, appropriately enough, by a First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47) describing the life of the disciples in the very early days of the Church. The summary gives a rather idealised view of early Church life, one not destined to continue in all its details. What it chiefly communicates is the sense that the power of the Spirit, so evident in the ministry of Jesus and later at Pentecost, continues in the subsequent life of the church.

One sign of the Spirit's presence is the continuing increase in numbers of converts, drawn by the sheer attractiveness of the communal life of believers and the spirit of joy and thanksgiving palpable among them. At one level they continue to be devout Jews, frequenting the Temple daily. But other practices reflect a new direction: daily instruction from the Apostles and meals shared in common, the climax of each being the eucharistic commemoration of Jesus ('the breaking of the bread').

The sharing of material goods denoted by 'having all things in common' was destined to last in Christianity only in the monastic tradition. But beyond the material sense, we should be aware of an axiom pervasive in Greco-Roman society that 'friends have all things in common'. What is being indicated, then, is that the early disciples were a community of friends. They shared friendship with the Lord Jesus and because of that they were friends with each other. This is the essential meaning of the Greek word *oinonia* — a difficult word to translate, though 'communion' is preferable to 'fellowship'. *Koinônia* denotes the bond created between individuals on the basis of a common participation in some other thing (here the friendship of Jesus). This rich idea remains, of course, central to the Church's sense of its own identity.

JESUS' BLESSING

On them – on us, that is – Jesus pronounces a blessing: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Why 'blessed'? Because from them/from us a faith greater than that of Thomas and the others will be required: the greater the faith the more scope for the power of God.

So the first 'edition' of John's Gospel (chapters 1-20) ends with this solemn assurance that believers of all subsequent generations are in no way at a disadvantage compared to the original disciples who saw and heard and touched the Lord. The written gospel imparts to us all the knowledge necessary for a life-giving encounter with the risen Lord.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 2 April 2023
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>



Riflessione: Il Domenica di Pasqua

I discepoli si rallegrarono al vedere Cristo, furono rassicurati dalle sue parole: "Pace a voi! Ricevete lo Spirito Santo!". Ma essi dovettero attendere la Pentecoste perché lo Spirito Santo venisse a purificare i loro spiriti e i loro cuori, a dare loro il coraggio di proclamare la gloria di Dio, di portare la buona novella agli stranieri e di infondere coraggio ai loro seguaci.

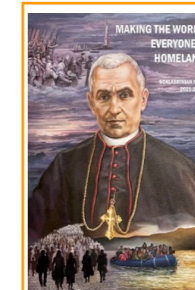
Dio si è riavvicinato agli uomini ed essi si sono rimessi nelle sue mani, per mezzo di Cristo e dello Spirito Santo.

Concedendo agli apostoli il potere di rimettere i peccati, Cristo ha detto loro: "Ricevete lo Spirito Santo; a chi rimetterete i peccati saranno rimessi e a chi non li rimetterete resteranno non rimessi" (Gv 20,22-23). Come Cristo ha fatto con gli apostoli, così il vescovo, imponendo le mani ai sacerdoti che vengono ordinati, trasmette oggi il potere dello Spirito Santo, che permette loro di dispensare i sacramenti e, attraverso di essi, di assolvere i peccati. Ogni sacramento, non solo evoca il ricordo di Cristo, ma è Cristo in persona, che agisce immediatamente per salvare l'uomo. Nel dispensare i sacramenti, la Chiesa si mette in un certo senso ai piedi della croce per portare la salvezza ai credenti. Come potrebbe quindi dimenticare la fonte dalla quale scaturiscono le grazie di salvezza che sgorgano dalle sue mani?

Dio realizzerà il suo più grande desiderio, renderà l'uomo felice se egli lo vorrà, se risponderà "sì" al Padre che gli offre la gioia, a Cristo che gli porta la salvezza, allo Spirito Santo che gli serve da guida.

13/4/23, <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!



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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 |
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| SATURDAY within the Octave of Easter SABATO OTTAVA DI PASQUA 15th April 2023 Year 'A' | "My Lord and my God!"  |  | 6.00pm William Mauricio TORRES MUNAR Natalia VARGAS MUNAR 7.00pm Spanish Mass | Baptism Celebration for Carter TUNNICLIFF Congratulations!  |
| SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ SECONDA DOMENICA DI PASQUA 16th April 2023 Year "A" DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | "Mio Signore e mio Dio!"  | 8.30am PRO POPULO 10.00am (Portuguese) | 9.45am William Mauricio TORRES MUNAR Natalia VARGAS MUNAR 11.00am In Onore della Madonna Del Grumentino 2pm Divine Mercy Sunday (Spanish Speaking Community) | Baptism Celebration for Georgia Caterina LA VERDE Congratulations!  |
| Monday / Lunedì 2nd week of Easter 17th April 2023 Year 'A' Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8: | Responsorial Psalm Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord. | | 9.15am Mass | |
| Tuesday / Martedì 2nd week of Easter 18th April 2023 Year "A" Acts 4:32-37: Jn 3:7-15: | Responsorial Psalm The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty | | 9.15am Mass | |
| Wednesday / Mercoledì 2nd week of Easter 19th April 2023 Year "A" Acts 5:17-26: Jn 3:16-21: | Responsorial Psalm The Lord hears the cry of the poor. | | 9.15am Mass 6.30pm Memorial Mass for Angelo & Ascenzina PETRUCCI 7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy) |  |
| Thursday / Giovedì 2nd week of Easter 20th April 2023 Year 'A' Acts 5:27-33: Jn 3:31-36: | Responsorial Psalm The Lord hears the cry of the poor. | | 9.15am Mass | |
| Friday / Venerdì 2nd week of Easter 21st April 2023 Year 'A' Acts 5:34-42: Jn 6:1-15: | Responsorial Psalm One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord. | | 9.15am Mass 7.30pm Memorial Mass for Antonietta VAVALA (27th anniversary) | Wedding Celebration for Emma CARDUCCI & Adam VIVARINI Congratulations!  |

Prayer of Entrustment to the Divine Mercy Lord, our God. We place our trust in You, Because you are mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy. We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us. We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers. Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy. We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs. With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world. Look upon us, created in your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into the living images of mercy. May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever.

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| Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangmint,cs 0406 086 432 Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890 | Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo & Rachel Mamone Tel: (03) 9489 6777 | Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain Fr. Gesner Felix, CS Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910 | Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462 | Filipino 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 22nd/23rd April 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 | F. Malana | N. Oro / 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 |

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation and church decorations for Easter Celebrations, also for your Easter offerings and best wishes. Fr. Frank and the Fathers.

Grazie di cuore a tutti coloro che hanno aiutato per le preparazioni durante la settimana Santa e per Pasqua. Grazie anche per le vostre offerte, regali e auguri. Pd. Frank e confratelli.

A tutti i devoti della Madonna Del Grumentino la cui festa si celebra oggi nella nostra chiesa diamo loro un caloroso benvenuto.

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY 2023
From this Monday 17th to Friday 21st April, the fathers (except for Fr. Vito) will be away for the Annual Provincial Assembly in Manila. Our prayers go with them.

Bustine per l'offerta pasquale
Si trovano sui banchi e all'entrata della chiesa. Il ricavato andrà a beneficenza dei nostri seminaristi.

Easter offering envelopes are available on the seats and at the entrance to the church. This donation will be sent to help maintain our seminarians.

ASSEMBLEA PROVINCIALE 2023
Da questo Lunedì 17 a Venerdì 21 Aprile. I padri (eccetto Padre Vito) saranno via per l'Annuale Assemblée Generale in Manila. Le nostre preghiere vanno con loro.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023 "FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS"
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 \$ 4400.00

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 begin on Sunday 23rd April, 2023 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.


Moonee Valley Alpha for Young Adults (18-30) is launching at St Monica's Church, Mt. Alexander Rd. Moonee Ponds on Sunday nights from the 23rd of April 2023!
Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

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| 1 Collection | \$1230.00 |
| 2 Collection | \$680.00 |
| Envelopes | \$109.00 |

Thank You!

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://>



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.

Divine Mercy Sunday organized by the Spanish Speaking Catholic Community
All are welcome here St. Brigid's Church TODAY Sunday 16th April, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday 2.00 to 5.00pm pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Blessing. Holy Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Mass. Confessions in different languages. All welcome.

Good Friday Collection
\$600 donated for the Holy Places. There are still envelopes available if you wish to donate. Thank you. **Donazione del Venerdì Santo**
\$600 sono stati raccolti per i luoghi sacri. Ci sono ancora buste per coloro che vogliono donare.

Ingresso:
NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA
Noi canteremo gloria a Te, Padre che dai la vita, Dio d'immensa carità, Trinità infinita.

Tutto il creato vive in Te, segno della tua gloria; tutta la storia ti darà onore e vittoria.

Offertorio:
UNA SPIGA DORATA
Una spiga dorata dal sol Ed un grappol che coglie il vignaiol Si trasforma ora in pane e vino d'amor E nel Corpo e nel Sangue del Signor
Comunione formiamo insiem, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor Dio ci fa eucaristia nell'amor.
Come grano che forma il pan, Come note tessute nel cantar, Come gocce raccolte tra le sponde del mar. I cristiani un solo corpo formeran.
E ci nutriamo del Corpo tuo, Signor, E beviamo il Tuo sangue, Salvator. Tu trasformaci in una cosa sola, Amor In un corpo sol con te che sei Signor.

Comunione:
TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE
Ti ringrazio, o mio Signore, per le cose che sono nel mondo, per la vita che tu mi hai donato, per l'amore che tu nutri per me.

Alleluia, O mio Signore!
Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo!
Alleluia, O mio Signore!
Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!
Come il pane che abbiamo spezzato Era sparso in grano sui colli, così unisci noi, sparsi nel mondo, in un Corpo che sia solo per te. **Rit**

Quell'amore che unisce te al Padre Sia la forza che unisce i fratelli ed il mondo conosca la pace: la tua gioia regni sempre tra noi. **Rit**

Fine:
DELL'AURORA
Dell'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 della 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.

T'incoronano dodici stelle. Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento Della luna s'incurva l'argento Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel.