

A reading from the first book of the Kings 3: 5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’

It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’

They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon :

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*  
*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.*

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| <b>Entrata: LODATE DIO</b><br><br>Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo,<br>lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò, somma sapienza e splendore.<br><br>Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene.<br>lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio.<br><br>Lodate Dio, uno e trino Signore, lodate Dio, mèta e premio dei buoni: cantate a lui, sorgente di ogni bontà, per tutti i secoli. Amen! | <b>Offertorio: MISTERO DELLA CENA</b><br><br>Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù.<br>Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù.<br>È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi.<br>Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.<br><br>Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù .<br>Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù.<br>Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà.<br>Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà . | <b>Comunione: SONO IL PANE DI VITA</b><br><br>Sono il Pane di vita, chi viene a me non ha più fame, chi viene a me non ha più sete.<br>Chi può venire a me se il Padre non lo chiama?<br>E lo risusciterò (3 x) nell'ultimo dì.<br><br>Il pane che io vi do è il mio corpo per la vita del mondo<br>Chi mangia di questo pane, anche se morrà, avrà la vita eterna. Rit.<br><br>Se non mangiate del corpo del Figlio dell'Uomo e bevete del suo sangue, e bevete del suo sangue, non avrete in voi la vita. Rit.<br><br>Sono la risurrezione, lo sono la vita. Colui che crede in me anche se morrà, vivrà in eterno. Rit. | <b>Finale: NOME DOLCISSIMO</b><br><br>Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore.<br>Fra i cori angelici è l'armonia:<br>Ave Maria, ave Maria!<br><br>Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella.<br>Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia:<br>Ave Maria, ave Maria.<br><br>Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero<br>Fra i cori angelici l'armonia:<br>Ave Maria, ave Maria! |
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## Weekly Parish Newsletter

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| <b>Parish Priest</b><br>Fr. Fransiskus Yangmintu, CS | <b>Parish Office</b><br>Monday to Friday<br>9.00am - 3.30pm<br><b>Parish Secretary</b><br>Katarina S Sulianti & Ida Ramli<br>Tel: (03) 9489 6777 | <b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain</b><br><br>Fr. Gesner Felix, CS<br>Tel: (03) 9482 5362<br>Mob: 0432 214 910 | <b>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain</b><br>P. Fabio Esteban<br>Duque Sepulveda, CS<br>Mob: 0410 001 462 | <b>Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain</b><br><br>Mons. Joselito Asis<br>Tel: (03) 9482 5349<br>Mob: 0404 261 228 |
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**St Brigid’s Fitzroy North**

**WEEKDAY MASSES (in Chapel)**

Monday-Friday 9:15am

**WEEKEEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:30pm English  
7:00pm Spanish

**Sunday**  
9:45am English  
11:00am Italian

**Mass in Swahili**  
3rd Sunday 5:00pm

**Mass in Portuguese**  
(Brazilian Comm.)  
Last Sunday 5:00pm

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Baptisms**  
  
Saturday 10:00am –12:30pm  
Sunday 12noon

**Baptism Workshop**  
Last Tuesday of Month 7.30pm

**Weddings by appointment**  
Office 03 9489 6777

**Divine Mercy and Adoration**  
Every Friday at 8.30am in the chapel

**Adoration** 2nd Saturday 4:30pm followed by 5:30pm Mass

**Faith Formation**  
1st Monday 9:45am

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena**  
1st – 2nd – 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

**Sacred Heart Devotion**  
Mass in Spanish: 1st Friday 7:00pm

**CCR (Emmaus & Maranatha Prayer Groups)**  
Monday 7.30pm & Saturday 9.30am in old convent

**St Brigid’s Food Pantry**  
1st Saturday after the 7.00pm Mass

**Parish Hall for Hire**  
Inquiries (03) 9489 6777

**St Mark’s Princess Hill**  
**Sunday** 10:00am Portuguese

**Reflection:**  
**FINDING A TREASURE.**  
*A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend a lot of our lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already posses a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world. Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal.*



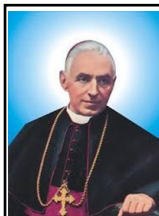
**Riflessione:**  
*San Tommaso d’Aquino, il grande teologo del Medioevo, utilizza un’immagine: noi uomini siamo come una freccia già in piena corsa. Un altro ha preso la mira e ha tirato. Non spetta più a noi cercare un obiettivo: è già stabilito. E dove va questa freccia di cui il Creatore ha stabilito l’obiettivo? Ecco la risposta: la freccia corre verso il bene, e dunque verso la felicità. Dio, e la felicità di essere presso di lui, corrispondono alla più profonda aspirazione dell’uomo. Qui non vi è nulla di imposto, nessun compito da fare come penso, nessun passaggio a gincana, non dobbiamo stringere i denti. Come il ruscello scorre naturalmente verso il mare, così l’uomo è in cammino verso Dio. Questo insegnamento sugli uomini si trova nella parabola di Gesù che ci presenta il Vangelo. È riassunto in sette righe di una semplicità geniale. Il Regno dei cieli è proprio ciò che si cerca nel profondo del cuore. È come un tesoro di cui si scopre l’esistenza. È come una perla, la perla delle perle che il mercante ha cercato per tutta la sua vita. Se il mercante raggiunge il suo obiettivo, non è grazie alla sua tenacia, ma perché ciò gli è concesso in dono. Tuttavia il regno dei cieli non ci è tirato in testa. Bisogna impegnarsi personalmente, essere pronti anche a sacrificare tutto. Ma non per una cosa estranea. È ciò che abbiamo di più personale, e al tempo stesso un dono. E bisogna saper cogliere questo dono; bisogna essere pronti. Quando si raggiunge l’obiettivo, non bisogna crollare come dopo un eccesso di sforzo, ma esultare di indescrivibile gioia. Il segreto del cristianesimo può essere espresso in un’immagine di sette righe. Ce ne vogliono un po’ di più ai predicatori! Quanto a ciascuno di noi, ci vuole tutta una vita per capirlo. Estratti da <https://www.lachiesa.it>*

The Parish Community of St Brigid’s and St Mark’s is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY’s** responsibility. To gain a deeper understanding of defining, responding, and reporting abuse please contact: **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) Professional Standards Units**  
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| 2                                                                                | Liturgical Calendar and Activities                            |                         |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                               |
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| Day of the Week                                                                  | Responsial Psalm                                              | St. Mark                | St. Brigid                                                                                                                                                                 | Parish Activity                                               |
| <b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b><br>25th July 2026<br><b>St James, apostle</b>             | <i>Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.</i> |                         | 11.00pm Funeral Mass<br>† Angela MARINO<br>5.30pm Mass<br>7.00pm Spanish Mass                                                                                              | 9.00am Baptism of Amelia VERA<br><br>Congratulations!         |
| <b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b><br>26th July 2026<br>17th Sunday in the Ordinary Time     | <i>Lord, I love your commands.</i>                            | 10.00am Portuguese Mass | 9.45am English Mass<br>11.00am Italian Mass<br>† Giovannina PETRUCCI DI MORWELL (4th ann)<br><i>More intention, next page..</i><br>5.00pm Portuguese Mass (Brazilian Comm) | 12.00pm Baptism of Aurelia Xijin WONG<br><br>Congratulations! |
| Monday/Lunedì<br>27th July 2026<br>Monday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time      | <i>You have forgotten God who gave you birth.</i>             |                         | 9.15am Mass<br>7.00pm Memorial Mass<br>† Pacifico TETI (1st ann)                                                                                                           |                                                               |
| Tuesday/Martedì<br>28th July 2026<br>Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time   | <i>For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.</i>        |                         | 9.15am Mass<br>7.30pm Baptism Workshop                                                                                                                                     |                                                               |
| Wednesday/Mercoledì<br>29th July 2026<br>Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus            | <i>I will bless the Lord at all times.</i>                    |                         | 9.15am Mass<br>11.00am Youth Mass and Rosary (Spanish Comm)<br>7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass (Filipino Comm)                                           |                                                               |
| Thursday/Giovedì<br>30th July 2026<br>Thursday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time | <i>Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.</i>         |                         | 9.15am Mass<br>7.00pm Memorial Mass<br>† Francesco MERCURI (1st month ann)                                                                                                 |                                                               |
| Friday/Venerdì<br>31st July 2026<br>St Ignatius of Loyola, priest                | <i>Lord, in your great love, answer me.</i>                   |                         | 8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration<br>9.15am Mass                                                                                                                           |                                                               |

| Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - July: For respect for human life.                                       |             |                 |                              |             |
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| Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God. |             |                 |                              |             |
| 1st August 2026 (Vigil)                                                                                        | 5.30pm      | 2nd August 2026 | 9.45am                       | 11.00am     |
| I Reading & Resp. Psalm                                                                                        | M. de Souza |                 | J Boffa                      | T. Toscano  |
| II Reading                                                                                                     | M. de Souza |                 | V Lobo                       | P. La Marca |
| Prayers of the Faithful                                                                                        | M. de Souza |                 | MC Sister                    | G. Catena   |
| Altar Servers                                                                                                  |             |                 | C Smith                      | F Sirianni  |
| EMHC                                                                                                           |             |                 | Fatima Malana / Fawaz Jeneby |             |

| Parish News                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|  <p><b>ONLINE GIVING</b><br/>Please scan this QR Code If anyone wishes to make an online donation .</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  <p><b>St. Brigid's Weekend Collection</b><br/>1st Collection : \$ 217.70<br/>2nd Collection : \$ 169.10<br/>Online Donation : \$ 197.30<br/><br/><i>Your generosity helps us continue to serve our community with faith and compassion.<br/>Thank you for your continued support.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  <p><b>PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI</b><br/><br/><i>O Saint John Baptist Scalabrini, with the heart of bishop and the zeal of an apostle you gave yourself completely to all. You listened to the cries of migrants spoke in their name, defended their rights. You found sustenance in the Eucharist solace in the cross of Jesus, comfort in Mary, Mother of the Church. Through your intercession may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant peace to all humanity, protect those who cross seas and borders sustained by hope, bless us and our loved ones and grant us the grace that we entrust to your fatherly love. <b>Amen.</b></i><br/><br/><i>St John the Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us.</i></p> |
|  <p><b>Scalabrinian Vocational Year 2026-2027</b><br/><br/>Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood within the Scalabrinian Congregation as it celebrates its Vocational Year.<br/><br/><i>May more hearts be inspired to respond generously to God's call and serve migrants and people on the move with compassion and dedication.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  <p><b>11.00am Mass Intention</b><br/>Angelo VARVERI,<br/>Giovanna NICOLAZZO,<br/>Michele TOMMASINA NICOLAZZO,<br/>Bruno &amp; Domenica SAVARO,<br/>Pietro GIGLIOTTI, Maria CARUSO,<br/>Giovanna &amp; Domenico CARUSO,<br/>Maria GALLO, Maria DIPIETRO, Maria GAZZO.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>First Holy Communion</b><br/><br/>First Holy Communion registration and classes will start on <b>Sunday, 23rd August 2026.</b><br/>The classes are open for those who are 8 years old and above.<br/><br/>For further enquiries, please call<br/>Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011 or 0405 785 710<br/>or parish office on 9489 6777 / email to <a href="mailto:fitzroynorth@cam.org.au">fitzroynorth@cam.org.au</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Temporary Closure of Chapel</b><br/><br/>Please note that the chapel is temporarily closed due to roof repair works.<br/><br/><b>Weekday Masses will be held in the church until further notice.</b><br/><br/><i>We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Archbishop Campaign 2026</b><br/><br/>The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign will take place over three weekends in August, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church.<br/><br/>Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.</p> | <p><b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</b><br/><br/>Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholic faith? Registrations for the RCIA program are now open.<br/>Classes will commence in <b>September 2026.</b><br/><br/>For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office on 9489 6777 or email to <a href="mailto:fitzroynorth@cam.org.au">fitzroynorth@cam.org.au</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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