

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God. When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by.

There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze.

And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9: 1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people. What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too.

Entrata: 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. La tua Parola venne a noi, annuncio del tuo dono; la tua Promessa porterà salvezza e perdono Vieni, Signore, in mezzo ai tuoi, vieni nella tua casa: dona la pace e l'unità, raduna la tua Chiesa.	Offertorio: MISTERO DELLA CENA Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi. Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù . Mistero della pace il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà .	Comunione: DOV'É CARITÀ E AMORE Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio Ci ha riuniti tutti insieme, Cristo amore godiamo esultanti nel Signore Temiamo e amiamo il Dio vivente, e amiamoci tra noi con cuore sincero. Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio Noi formiamo, qui riuniti, un solo corpo evitiamo di dividerci tra noi: via le lotte maligne, via le liti, e regni in mezzo a noi Cristo, Dio. Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio Chi non ama resta sempre nella notte e dall'ombra della morte non risorge; ma se noi camminiamo nell'amore, noi saremo veri figli della luce. Dov'è carità e amore, qui c'è Dio	Fine: QUANDO NELL'OMBRA Quando nell'ombra cade la sera, È questa, O Madre, la mia preghiera: Fa pura e santa l'anima mia. Ave Maria, Ave. E quando l'alba annunzia il giorno, All'ara tua faccio ritorno, dicendo sempre con voce pia. Ave Maria, Ave. Nei giorni lieti di gioia pura, e in quelli ancora della sventura: Ti dirò sempre, O Madre mia. Ave Maria, Ave. 
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What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14: 22-33

Command me to come to you over the water. Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon : O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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St Brigid’s Fitzroy North	
WEEKDAY MASSES (in Church) 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 3 rd 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 church
Adoration 2 nd Saturday 4:30pm followed by 5:30pm Mass
Faith Formation 1 st Monday 9:45am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 1 st – 2 nd – 3 rd Wednesday 7:30pm
Sacred Heart Devotion Mass in Spanish: 1 st Friday 7:00pm
CCR (Emmaus & Maranatha Prayer Groups) Monday 7.30pm & Saturday 9.30am in old convent
St Brigid’s Food Pantry 1 st Saturday after the 7.00pm Mass
Parish Hall for Hire Inquiries (03) 9489 6777
St Mark’s Princess Hill Sunday 10:00am Portuguese

	Reflection: JESUS WENT UP INTO THE HILLS TO PRAY. <i>The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the</i>
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ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, ‘Lord, save me,’ we allow God to reach out and hold us.

Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:

La paura e la mancanza di coraggio rappresentano un notevole ostacolo ad una vita di fede e d’amore.

Anche noi, proprio come gli apostoli sulla barca, possiamo lasciarci paralizzare dalla paura, che ci impedisce di vedere quanto Cristo ci sia vicino.

Egli è l’Emmanuele, il Dio-con-noi, ed è anche il Dio della natura, che comanda alle tempeste e a tutte le forze distruttrici: “Egli annunzia la pace... La sua salvezza è vicina a chi lo teme” (Sal 85,9-10); anche quando ci sembra di essere su una barca a “qualche miglio da terra e... agitata dalle onde, a causa del vento contrario”, egli non è mai lontano da ognuno di noi.

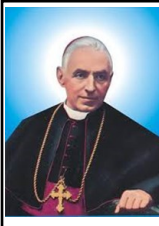
Come san Pietro, dobbiamo essere pronti a rischiare la nostra sicurezza e l’eccessiva preoccupazione per noi stessi, se vogliamo che la nostra fede si rafforzi. Cristo dice ad ognuno di noi: “Vieni”. Per rispondere e per andare a lui, a volte, dobbiamo attraversare le acque della sofferenza.

Che cosa succede, allora, quando, sentendo la forza del vento, cominciamo ad avere paura e ad affondare? Per superare la paura si deve seguire l’esempio di Gesù: “Sali sul monte, solo, a pregare”. La fede si rafforza solo con una pratica regolare della preghiera.

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**
Telephone: 9926 5621 E: psu@cam.org.au W: [melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding)

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Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 8th August 2026 <i>St Mary of The Cross, virgin</i>	<i>My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.</i>		Fiesta del Salvador del Mundo 12.30pm Procession 1.00pm Spanish Mass 4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 9th August 2026 <i>19th Sunday in the Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.</i>	10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass	
Monday/Lunedì 10th August 2026 <i>St Lawrence, deacon, martyr</i>	<i>Happy the merciful who give to those in need.</i>		9.15am Mass <i>For the People of Kramatorsk and Sloviansk Gusty SIGA (30th bday)</i>	
Tuesday/Martedì 11th August 2026 <i>St Clare, virgin</i>	<i>How sweet to my taste is your promise!</i>		9.15am Mass	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 12th August 2026 <i>Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.</i>		9.15am Mass 10.45am Rosary followed by 11.00am Funeral Mass † <i>Giuseppe Domenico SPAGNOLO</i> 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass <i>(Filipino Comm)</i>	
Thursday/Giovedì 13th August 2026 <i>Thursday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Do not forget the works of the Lord!</i>		9.15am Mass	
Friday/Venerdì 14th August 2026 <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr</i>	<i>You have turned from your anger to comfort me.</i>		8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration 9.15am Mass	
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - August : For evangelization in the city. <i>Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.</i>				
15th August 2026 (Vigil)	5.30pm	16th August 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		G Barrett	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		D Dunlevie	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sister	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Roni Malana	
 The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www.scalabrinian.org Ministering to the Parish and Migrants in St. Brigid's Fitzroy North, since 1959.				

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 ONLINE GIVING Please scan this QR Code If anyone wishes to make an online donation .	 St. Brigid's Weekend Collection 1st Collection : \$ 246.95 2nd Collection : \$ 205.60 Online Donation : \$ 1,009.89 <i>Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Your kindness helps us strengthen and serve our community with faith and compassion.</i>	 PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI <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. Amen.</i> <i>St John the Baptist Scalabrini, pray for us.</i>
 Parish Notice The tap (card) machine is located at the back of the church. Thank you	Scalabrinian Vocational Year 2026-2027 Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood within the Scalabrinian Congregation as it celebrates its Vocational Year. <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>	
 Clergy Conference Our priests will be away attending a Clergy Conference from Tuesday, 11 August to Friday, 14 August. Fr Alfred Yap will celebrate the weekday Masses during this time. <i>Please keep our priests in our prayers, that they may have a blessed, enriching and fruitful time at the conference.</i>	First Holy Communion First Holy Communion registration and classes will start on Sunday, 23rd August 2026. The classes are open for those who are 8 years old and above. For further enquiries, please call Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011 or 0405 785 710 or parish office on 9489 6777 / email to fitzroynorth@cam.org.au	
Temporary Closure of Chapel Please note that the chapel is temporarily closed due to roof repair works. Weekday Masses will be held in the church until further notice. <i>We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</i>	 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholic faith? <i>Registrations for the RCIA program are now open.</i> Classes will commence in September 2026. For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office on 9489 6777 or email to fitzroynorth@cam.org.au	
 Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese – bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action. Thank you.  melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign	Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.	
 Light into the City Light into the City is a five to ten-year vision that involves the careful and necessary restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral and heritage buildings, and the renewal of the Cathedral precinct. It will strengthen the Church's mission to serve with mercy, hope and joy, ensuring this sacred site continues to welcome, gather and inspire generations to come. The Archbishop invites Catholics and the wider community to be part of Light into the City, a shared investment in faith, heritage and the future of the city.		