

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12*

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14: 7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation *John 13: 34*

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. ‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 35: 8*
*How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

Entrata: <u>LODATE DIO</u> Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo, lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò, somma sapienza e splendore. Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene, lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio. 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!	Offertorio: <u>UNA SPIGA DORATA</u> <i>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</i> Comunione formiamo insiem, Seminati nel campo come gran, un molino che macina le gioie e i dolor, Dio ci fa eucharistia nell'amor. R. 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. R. 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. R.	Comunione: <u>SEI TU, SIGNORE, IL PANE</u> Sei tu Signore il pane,tu cibo sei per noi. Risorto a vita nuova, sei vivo in mezzo a noi. <i>Nell'ultima sua cena, Gesù si dona ai suoi: prendete pane e vino, la vita mia per voi.</i> Mangiate questo pane: chi crede in me vivrà, chi beve, il vino nuovo, con me risorgerà. È Cristo il pane vero, diviso qui fra noi: formiamo un solo corpo e Dio sarà con noi. Se porti la sua croce, In lui tu regnerai Se muori unito a Cristo, Con lui rinascerai. Verranno i cieli nuovi, La terra fiorirà Vivremo da fratelli: la chiesa é carità.	Fine: <u>DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA</u> 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, bacciate dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior. Rit. 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. Rit.
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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 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:

HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?

There is much truth in the proverb, ‘to err is human, to forgive is divine’. We all make mistakes. We all do or say things later we regret. And yet, when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness.

Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:

Quante volte devo perdonare? Buon senso, opportunità, giustizia umana sono termini insufficienti per comprendere adeguatamente la morale cristiana; e non solo perché Cristo è venuto a perfezionare la legge. “Occhio per occhio e dente per dente”, come fu detto agli antichi è una norma che Cristo, nella sua autorità di egislatore supremo, dichiarò superata. Ma c’è qualche cosa di più. Dopo la morte redentiva di Cristo l’uomo si trova in una situazione nuova: l’uomo è un perdonato. Il debito gli è stato rimesso, la sua condanna cancellata. “Colui che non aveva conosciuto peccato, Dio lo trattò da peccato in nostro favore, perché noi potessimo diventare per mezzo di lui giustizia di Dio” (2Cor 5,21). Il Padre ormai ci vede in Cristo: figli giustificati. Il mio peccato può ancora indebolire il mio rapporto filiale con il Padre, ma non può eliminarlo. Più che dal suo peccato l’uomo è determinato dal perdono infinitamente misericordioso di Dio: “Il peccato dell’uomo è un pugno di sabbia - così san Serafino di Sarov - la misericordia divina un mare sconfinato”. La miseria umana s’immerge nell’accoglienza purificatrice di Dio. Se questa è la novità portata da Cristo, anche il perdono umano deve adeguarsi ai parametri divini: “Siate misericordiosi come misericordioso è il Padre vostro” (Lc 6,36). Se il Padre guarda l’uomo come perdonato in Cristo, io non lo posso guardare come un condannato. Se il Padre ci accoglie in Cristo così come siamo per trasfigurarci in lui, l’accoglienza benevola diventa un bisogno della vita, una beatitudine. La comunità cristiana non pretende di essere una società di perfetti, ma vuole essere un luogo di perdono, una società di perdonati che ogni giorno gusta la gioia della benevolenza paterna e desidera renderla manifesta nel perdono reciproco.

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)

2 Liturgical Calendar and Activities				
Day of the Week	Responsial Psalm	St. Mark	St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 12th September 2026 23rd Saturday in the Ordinary Time	To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.		4.30pm Adoration 5.30pm Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN 7.00pm Spanish Mass † Maria Ligia ALZATE	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 13th September 2026 24th Sunday in the Ordinary Time	The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.	10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am English Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN 11.00am Italian Mass † Felice ALESSI † Maria ALESSI † Damiano Felice ALESSI † Pasquale ALESSI	Un caloroso benvenuto a tutti i devoti della Madonna di Monteberico 
Monday/Lunedì 14th September 2026 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Do not forget the works of the Lord!		9.15am Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN † Lucille PEKIN	
Tuesday/Martedì 15th September 2026 Our Lady of Sorrows	Save me, O Lord, in your steadfast love.		9.15am Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN † Nina, John and Kevin RAULINGS 11.00am Funeral Service Aurora CALLEGARI †	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 16th September 2026 Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr	Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.		9.15am Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN † Anne and Pierre BUTLER 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass (Filipino Comm)	
Thursday/Giovedì 17th September 2026 Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time	Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.		9.15am Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN † Malcolm HOLDING	
Friday/Venerdì 18th September 2026 Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time	Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.		8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration 9.15am Mass † Gabriel DUGGAN † Sister Lawrence 7.00 San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena Mass	

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - September : For the care of water.
*Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource,
so that everyone may have equal access to it.*

19th September 2026 (Vigil)	5.30pm	20th September 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	

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Parish News



ONLINE GIVING
Please scan this QR Code if anyone wishes to make an online donation.

Parish Notice
The tap (card) machine is located at the back of the church.
Thank you



St. Brigid's Weekend Collection

1st Collection : \$ 287.85
2nd Collection : \$ 128.15
Online Donation : \$ 636.40

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Your kindness helps our parish community grow and flourish.





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.
May more hearts be inspired to respond generously to God's call and serve migrants and people on the move with compassion and dedication.

Weekend Masses in September

Fr Frank will be away on holiday in September. During his absence, our weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr Elmer, Fr Michele, Fr Kevin and Fr Yon.
Please keep our priests in our prayers as they travel and minister to our parish community.

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.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

First Holy Communion Class

First Holy Communion classes will have a break during the school holidays.
Classes will resume on **Sunday, 4 October 2026.**

For further enquiries, please call Sr. Maria Ina MC on 03 9415 1011 or 0405 785 710 or parish office on 9489 6777 / email to fitzroynorth@cam.org.au



Parish Office Closure

Please note that parish staff will be attending the Parish Administration Forum on **Thursday, 17 September 2026.**
The parish office will be closed on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

First Holy Communion

This Sunday, we joyfully celebrate the First Holy Communion of:

**Sebastián TOVAR HUGHES
Tomás CASTAÑO MARTÍNEZ
Mariana CARDENAS MORALES
Mason ROY**

*Congratulations to our children on this special and blessed occasion!
May God bless them and their families abundantly.*





Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholic faith?
Registrations for the RCIA program are now open.

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



Melbourne Synod 2026

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has formally convoked a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
A synod is a gathering of God's people – bishops, priests and representatives – who come and discern together about matters regarding faith, governance, and pastoral care.
This process involves prayer, dialogue, and consultation, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of the Church's mission in the contemporary world.
Some parishioners have been nominated to become members of the Melbourne Synod. From the parish nominations, each region will then endorse 15 representatives for membership of the Synod.
The Synod Assembly will take place from 4 – 6 December 2026.



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.