

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom. About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.’ The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith. **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual

sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’

Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me? ‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

‘I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon :

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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. Manda, Signore, in mezzo a noi, manda il Consolatore, lo Spirito si santità,Spirito dell'amore.	Offertory: A TE NOSTRO PADRE <i>A te, nostro Padre e nostro Signor, pane e vino oggi noi t’offriam sull’altar.</i> Grano, diverrai vivo Pane del cielo Cibo per nutrire l’alma fedel. <i>Rit.:</i> Vino, diverrai vivo Sangue di Cristo, fonte che disseta l’arsura del cuor. <i>Rit.:</i> Salga fino a te ed a te sia gradita l’ostia che t’offriam in tutta umiltà. <i>Rit.:</i>	Communion: DOV’É CARITÀ E AMORE, QUI C’É 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. 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. R. 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. R. Nell'amore di colui che ci ha salvati, rinnovati dallo Spirito del Padre, tutti uniti sentiamoci fratelli, e la gioia diffondiamo sulla terra. R.	Final: MADRE DELLA CHIESA <i>Ave Maria, Madre di Dio, Tu sei la Madre della Chiesa Ave Maria (2)</i> A te, Maria, guardiamo con gioia, in te il Signore ha fatto meraviglie. R. Ci sei sorella, conosci la vita, la tua fede dà forza ai nostri passi. R. Tu sei la stella, sei luce di Dio, E nel cammino tu sei davanti a noi. R. Con te Maria vogliamo lottare, per costruire il regno di Dio. R.
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Weekly Parish Newsletter

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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 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 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:
I AM THE WAY.
In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time — and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others. Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

Riflessione:
*Le ultime parole che si pronunciano alla fine della vita hanno un carattere particolare. Riassumono il mistero di un essere. Platone fa parlare il suo maestro Socrate di immortalità prima di morire. Il condannato a morte consola quelli che restano. Le ultime parole possono essere molto pragmatiche. La madre di Goethe diede istruzioni di non mettere troppa uva passa nel dolce preparato per la sua sepoltura. Alcuni esortano i loro figli a sostenersi a vicenda. I patriarchi della Bibbia muoiono benedicendo la loro discendenza. Anche nel nostro Vangelo si tratta di ultime parole. Parla uno che è consapevole di stare per morire. E colui che ne ha preso nota è convinto che quel morto è ancora in vita. Non leggete queste parole come un discorso ben costruito e coerente. Immaginate delle pause. Prendetele piuttosto come parole pronunciate in un profondo silenzio, come parole indirizzate a uomini prigionieri, “tutt’orecchi”, in qualche modo. Noi potremmo ascoltarle anche come si ascolta una goccia d’acqua cadere in una grotta. Bisogna che chi ascolta sia assolutamente silenzioso per lasciar entrare in sé queste parole. Se noi ascoltiamo veramente, sentiamo parole di consolazione: “Non sia turbato il vostro cuore”. Parole di speranza: “Nella casa del Padre mio vi sono molti posti”. Parole di maestà: “Io sono la via, la verità e la vita. Nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me”. Parole di vocazione esigente: “Chi crede in me compirà le opere che io compio”. Non è facile per noi capire immediatamente queste parole. I discepoli che interrompono il Signore fanno delle domande smarrite. Non hanno ancora capito, eppure è già l’ora dell’addio. Sapremo noi capire meglio? 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 2nd May 2026 Saturday of the Fourth week of Easter St Athanasius bishop, doctor	<i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>		5.30pm Mass † Gaetano and Carmelina CAFARELLA 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.</i>	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass † Giuseppe DE LUCA (1st month ann) 2.30pm Santa Lucia Prayer Group Rosary followed by Mass	12.30pm Baptism of Gabriel Paolo COLAUTTI Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 4th May 2026 Monday of the Fifth week of Easter	<i>Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 5th May 2026 Tuesday of the Fifth week of Easter	<i>Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 6th May 2026 Wednesday of the Fifth week of Easter	<i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.00pm Memorial Mass † Liberata SANSONETTI (1st month ann) 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Filipino Chap)	
Thursday/Giovedì 7th May 2026 Thursday of the Fifth week of Easter	<i>Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Friday/Venerdì 8th May 2026 Friday of the Fifth week of Easter	<i>I will praise you among the nations, O Lord.</i>		8.30am Divine Mercy and Adoration (Chapel) 9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - May: That everyone might have food. <i>Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.</i>				
9th May 2026 (Vigil)	5.30pm	10th May 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		J Santos	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		S Atherton	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		MC Sister	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Simret Telia	
 The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians - www. Scalabrini. 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 . THANK YOU for your generosity. 	St. Brigid's Weekend Collection 1st Collection : \$ 312.15 2nd Collection : \$ 234.60 Your generosity helps us continue to serve our community with faith and compassion. Thank you for your continued support. 
 Parish Notice The tap (card) machine is located at the back of the church.	Parish Office Closure Please note that all parish staff will be attending the Parish Administration Forum on Tuesday, 5 May 2026 . The parish office will be closed on this day. Thank you for your understanding.
Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, 12 July 2026, with Bishop Rene Ramirez . Enrolment and Introduction will take place on Sunday, 26 April 2026. Candidates will be invited to make a commitment during the Mass to attend the preparation classes. Classes will run from 3 May to 28 June 2026 (covering Term 2). Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to contact Sr. Tessila MC on 03 9415 1011.	
 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 (2026-2027). May more hearts be inspired to respond generously to God's call and serve migrants and people on the move with compassion and dedication.	CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. <i>"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me."</i> (Matthew 25:35) 
MINISTRY OF THE WORD – TRAINING & FORMATION Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Ministers of the Word Training and Formation program: Mary Immaculate Parish, 2–6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe ▮ Friday 15 May, 6:00pm – 9:00pm ▮ Saturday 16 May, 9:00am – 4:00pm (this is a continuous program across both days, not repeated sessions) This training explores the meaning of liturgical ministry is about, and details the practical and spiritual formation needed for those who proclaim the Word of God in the Church's liturgy. The Mass is explored in some detail, with a special focus on the Liturgy of the Word, and the layout and content of the Lectionary are examined in relation to the Liturgical Year. ✦ This is a free event.	2026 National Count of Attendance The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Other (Sunday) Assemblies will take place in May 2026. This year marks a significant milestone — 25 years of national attendance data, beginning with the first count in 2001. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced attendance patterns in 2021. 
 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.	MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 20 JULY-13 AUGUST 2026 Fatima, Avila, Toledo, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Carcassonne, Avignon, Genova, Cinque Terre, Padova, Plitvice, Medjugorje, Dubrovnik, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Cascia, Asisi & Rome. Accompanied by Mrs Maria Azzolina – Contact: Rebecca: 0411 694 244/Mrs Maria Azzolina: 0408348513/Mary: 0408919073