

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

Entrata: NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE 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 Cristo il Padre rivelò, per noi aprì il suo cielo; egli un giorno tornerà glorioso, nel suo regno.	Offertorio: O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà. O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.
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God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1: 17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28: 16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them.
He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon :

*Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

Comunione: QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà. L'acqua viva che egli dà, sempre fresca sgorgherà Il Signore é la mia vita. il Signore é la mia gioia. Se la strada si fa oscura, spero in lui: mi guiderà. Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui: mi salverà. Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia. Nel mattino io ti invoco: tu, mio Dio, risponderai. Nella sera rendo grazie: tu, mio Dio, ascolterai. Al tuo monte salirò e vicino ti vedrò Il Signore é la mia vita, il Signore é la mia gioia.	Fine: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te. Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà. Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. Rit. Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. Rit.
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Weekly Parish Newsletter

VOLUME XXI - Issue - 20th - The ASCENSION of the LORD “Year A” 17th May 2026				
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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:

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew’s Gospel begins with the angel’s words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus’ promise: ‘Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.’ In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for ‘where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.’

Excerpts from St. Paul’s Sunday Missal.

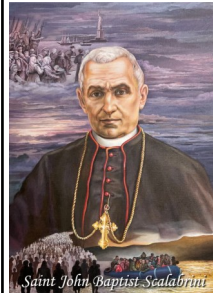
Riflessione:

Il Signore risorto è ritornato nella Galilea pagana. È qui che egli aveva cominciato ad annunciare la conversione e il Vangelo del Regno (cf. Mt 4,15.17.23). È qui, in questo luogo di frontiera, che egli aveva dato appuntamento ai suoi discepoli, che si erano dispersi quando egli, il pastore, era stato ferito (cf. Mt 28,8-10). È ritornato sui luoghi dell’inizio, per dare loro la pienezza: il Risorto è la luce decisiva che rischiarava tutti coloro che camminano nelle tenebre e nell’ombra della morte. Egli ha convocato i discepoli - in numero di undici - su una montagna, come all’inizio li aveva condotti sulla montagna, quando parlò loro per annunciare la via della felicità del regno dei cieli (cf. Mt 5,1). Dio ha anche convocato il popolo ai piedi del Sinai quando ha voluto fare di lui la sua “ekklesia” (cf. Es 19). Il Risorto è su questa montagna in Galilea, che simboleggia l’incontro tra il cielo e la terra, dichiarandosi, solennemente, come colui che ha ricevuto tutta l’autorità nei cieli e sulla terra (cf. Mt 28,18). Da questa montagna egli invia i discepoli - e in loro, e con loro, noi tutti che li seguiamo lungo la storia - a convocare la Chiesa per riunirla dai quattro punti cardinali del mondo nel regno; nessuno è escluso dalla parola e dalla partecipazione alla vita della famiglia divina: la comunione del battesimo con il Padre, il Figlio e lo Spirito Santo (cf. Mt 28,19-20). Oggi noi, come gli undici discepoli sulla montagna, lo adoriamo e riaffermiamo la nostra obbedienza al suo comando missionario. Egli sembra assente ma è in realtà sempre presente tra di noi (cf. Mt 28,20). È per questo che si è fatto uomo nel seno della Vergine Madre: per essere l’Emmanuel, il Dio con noi (cf. Mt 1,23), fino alla fine del mondo.

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 16th May 2026 Saturday of the Sixth week of Easter	<i>God is king of all the earth.</i>		5.30pm Mass † Francesca Di GIANNANTONIO (15th ann) 7.00pm Spanish Mass	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 17th May 2026 The ASCENSION of the LORD	<i>God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.</i>	10.00am Mass (Portuguese Community)	9.45am English Mass 11.00am Italian Mass 5.00pm Swahili Mass	12.00pm Baptism of Idalia Rose LUZI Congratulations!
Monday/Lunedì 18th May 2026 Monday of the Seventh week of Easter	<i>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Tuesday/Martedì 19th May 2026 Tuesday of the Seventh week of Easter	<i>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 20th May 2026 Wednesday of the Seventh week of Easter	<i>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel) 7.30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Filipino Chap)	
Thursday/Giovedì 21st May 2026 Thursday of the Seventh week of Easter	<i>Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.</i>		9.15am Mass (Chapel)	
Friday/Venerdì 22nd May 2026 Friday of the Seventh week of Easter	<i>The Lord has set his throne in heaven.</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>				
23th May 2026 (Vigil)	5.30pm	24th May 2026	9.45am	11.00am
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. de Souza		F Malana	T. Toscano
II Reading	M. de Souza		MC Sisters	P. La Marca
Prayers of the Faithful	M. de Souza		FCCM	G. Catena
Altar Servers			C Smith	F Sirianni
EMHC			Joe Boffa	
 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 . THANK YOU for your generosity. 	St. Brigid's Weekend Collection 1st Collection : \$ 280.45 2nd Collection : \$ 208.85 Your generosity helps us continue to serve our community with faith and compassion. Thank you for your continued support. 	Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession 2026 Together with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist - our light - into the heart of the city of Melbourne. Sunday 7th June 2026 at 2pm Starts at St Patrick's Cathedral Concludes at Fed Square Communities are invited to bring their banners! 
 Parish Notice The tap (card) machine is located at the back of the church.	St Scalabrini Feast Day 2026 Intercultural Mass Sunday, 14 June 2026 at 10.00am Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. Fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. Donations in support of seminarians in Asia are gratefully welcomed. 	Corpus Christi Procession - St Mark (Portuguese speaking Chaplaincy) All parishioners are warmly invited to join the Corpus Christi Procession at St. Mark's, Sunday 7th June 2026 10.00am Mass, followed by the Blessing and Procession of the Holy Sacrament. Donations of flowers for the flower path are warmly welcomed. 
 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.	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. 	SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY – 23 MAY 2026 Archbishop Peter invites young men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood (they must be over 18 years of age) from your parish to the Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday 23 May 2026, at Corpus Christi College from 10.45am — 3.30pm. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 19 May via vocations@cam.org.au.
Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, 12 July 2026, with Fr Fransiskus Yangmintia, CS, delegated by Bishop Rene Ramirez. 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.	Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, 12 July 2026, with Fr Fransiskus Yangmintia, CS, delegated by Bishop Rene Ramirez. 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.	Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, 12 July 2026, with Fr Fransiskus Yangmintia, CS, delegated by Bishop Rene Ramirez. 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.
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Parish Volunteer Notice – Working With Children Check All parish volunteers are kindly reminded to ensure that their <i>Working With Children Check (WWCC)</i> is current and has not expired. If your WWCC is due to expire or has already expired, please arrange for its renewal as soon as possible to continue your valuable service within the parish. If you need any assistance with the renewal process, the parish office staff are more than happy to help during office hours.		
 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.		