



# St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH



*Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B*

*18th August 2024*

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## Parish Calendar — 20th Week of Ordinary Time

### **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

8:00am Mass (St Michael's)

9:30am Mass

6:00pm Mass

Maria Stefanelli RIP 1 month

### **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

8:00am Mass

7:30pm Catechesis for Adults

### **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

8:00am Mass

6:00pm Parent Information Night  
(Sacrament of Confirmation)

### **Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024**

St Pius X, pope

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

(St John of God Hospital)



### **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024**

The Queenship of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

8:00am Mass

9:30 am (Italian Mass)

11:00am Funeral Mass for the late  
Settimo Antonio Cecconi

7:30pm Catechesis for Adults  
at the Parish Hall

### **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024**

9:30am Mass

Thanksgiving 50th Wedding  
Anniversary of Jennifer and  
Horace Godinho

### **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

St Bartholomew, apostle

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

Claudio Preiato RIP 25 yrs

8:00pm Neocatechumenal  
Community Mass  
(Parish Hall)



# My flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink

We have heard that unless we eat the flesh of the Son we shall not have life. We must have unwavering faith, then, when we partake of the sacred mysteries, and not inquire "How?" Unspiritual people, that is, those led by a natural, human way of thinking, are not open to spiritual realities surpassing the natural order, and so lack understanding of the spiritual nourishment the Lord's flesh affords.

Those who do not share in this flesh will not share in eternal life because they reject Jesus, the true life. What is consumed is the flesh not of a mere man but of God, and being one with the Godhead, it has power to deify. This is real nourishment: its sustaining power does not last only for a time; it does not decompose like perishable food, but helps us to attain everlasting life. Likewise the cup of the Lord's blood is real drink, for it does not quench our thirst only for a time,

but keeps those who drink it free from thirst for ever; as the Lord said to the Samaritan woman: *Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst again.* Whoever receives the grace of the Holy Spirit by sharing in the divine mysteries will never suffer from spiritual hunger and thirst the way unbelievers do.

*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. As I draw life from the living Father who sent me, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.* From these words we can begin to understand the mystery of communion. Those who eat and drink the Lord's flesh and blood live in the Lord and the Lord lives in them. A marvelous and inexplicable union occurs by which God is in us, and we are in God. Does this not fill you with awe as you listen?

It is not God alone that we eat, for he is intangible and incorporeal; he

can be apprehended neither by our eyes nor by our teeth; nor, on the other hand, is it simply the flesh of a man, which would avail us nothing. Rather, in a union defying explanation, God has made flesh one with himself, so that the flesh now has life-giving power. This is not because its nature is changed into the nature of God. Of course not! A comparison may be made with iron put into fire. It remains iron but displays the energy of fire. So also the Lord's flesh remains flesh, but it has life-giving power because it is the flesh of the Word of God.

And so Christ says: *As I draw life from the Father, or in other words, As I was born of the Father who is life, so those who eat me will draw life from me, because they will be united to me and as it were transformed into me, who am possessed of life-giving power.*

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Commentary: Theophylact

**The Story of the Queenship of Mary** On August 22, we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

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**First Collection** go towards the priest in the parish and to support priests across the Archdiocese who are retired, sick and for those who are in remote areas. **Second Collection** will go towards for the maintenance, expenses of our church and growth for the parish mission.

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## Parish Communities



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Wednesdays  
7:00 PM



Divine Mercy  
Devotion  
Fridays 6 PM  
Benediction 1st  
Friday  
of the Month



Legion of Mary  
Wednesdays  
10:30 AM



Neocatechumenal Way  
Mass (Everyone is invited)  
Saturdays  
8:00 PM

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**Next Sunday Readings: 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B**

**First Reading** Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:2-3,16-23 R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:21-32 **Gospel Acclamation** John 6:63,68 **Gospel** John 6: 60-69



## PARISH NEWS



We Invite You to  
**COME AND LISTEN!**  
**Catechesis For Adults**

Mondays and Thursdays 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

Starting 19th of August At

**St Brigid's Catholic Church PARISH HALL**

"Come to me all of you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11:28

God knows you and He loves you  
He has a word of love for you today.

### Our Sick

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners in our prayers:

Caty Jones, Phyllis Lee,  
Marion Sands,  
Nancy Andrijich,  
Graham Johnston

### Requiescat in Pace

Settimo "Tony"  
Antonio Cecconi

### St Michael's News

**Father and Son Breakfast** Inviting all Sons, Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Nephews to our Father and Son Breakfast on Saturday August 31st ( the day before Father's Day) at Coffee Hut opposite St. Michael's Church. Herne Hill at 9 a.m. Mass at 8.30 a.m. at St. Michael's prior to breakfast. Come along for a yummy breakfast and lots of fun and prizes. Sign up sheet is the back of the church. Booking is essential and numbers are limited. Queries Di Ritchie 0408599602

### Invitation to St. Michael's Parishioners

Come along on Saturday August 31st at 11.30 a.m. ( after the father and son Breakfast) in St. Michael's Hall to hear, discuss and have your say on what options are open to us for St. Michael's into the future. Cuppa and sandwiches provided. Please register your intention to come on the sheet provided at the back of the church or by contacting Fr Rodrigo, Diane Ritchie (Parish Council Rep) or Drew VanderLaur ( Finance Committee Rep).

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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## THE HOLY ONE OF GOD

**Entrance Antiphon Ps 83:10-11**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**1st Reading Prov 9:1-6**

**A reading from the book of Proverbs**

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**33:2-3,10-15**

**RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R\

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing,

those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. R\

Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? R\

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. R\

**2nd Reading Eph 5:15-20**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56**

**Alléluia, alléluia!** All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alléluia!**

**Gospel 6:51-58**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**