



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B

25th August 2024

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Parish Calendar — 21st Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 25th August, 2024

8:00am Mass (St Michael's)

9:30am Mass

Gregoria Dayrit &

Valente Dayrit

Benedetto Renzullo RIP

—Death Anniversaries of

Jeanette Forsey, Doreen Odgers,

Murray Odgers, Phillip Holt and

Robert Holt

11:00am —Baptism of

Mie Joseph Dundo

and Emilie Helen Dundo

6:00pm Mass

Monday, 26th August, 2024

8:00am Mass

7:30pm Catechesis for Adult



Tuesday, 27th August, 2024

St Monica

8:00am Mass

Wed, 28th August, 2024

St Augustine bishop, doctor

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

(St John of God Hospital)

Thursday, 29th August, 2024

The Passion of St John the Baptist

8:00am Mass

9:30 am (Italian Mass)

7:30pm Catechesis for Adults
at the Parish Hall

Friday, 30th August, 2024

9:30am Mass

Saturday, 31st August, 2024

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

8:00pm Neocatechumenal
Community Mass
(Parish Hall)

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

To whom shall we go? Peter asks. In other words, "Who else will instruct us the way you do?" or, "To whom shall we go to find anything better?" *You have the words of eternal life;* not hard words, as those other disciples say, but words that will bring us to the loftiest goal, unceasing, endless life removed from all corruption. These words surely make quite obvious to us the necessity for sitting at the feet of Christ, taking him as our one and only teacher, and giving him our constant and undivided attention. He must be our guide who knows well how to lead us to everlasting life. Thus, shall we ascend to the divine court of heaven, and entering the church of the first born, delight in blessings passing all human understanding. That the desire to follow Christ alone and to be with him always is a good thing leading to our salvation is entirely self-evident; yet we may learn this from the Old Testament as well. When the Israelites had shaken off

Egyptian tyranny and were hastening toward the promised land, God did not allow them to make disorderly marches; nor did the lawgiver let each one go where he would, for without a guide they should undoubtedly have lost the way completely. They were ordered to follow: to set out with the cloud, to come to a halt again with it, and to rest with it. Keeping with their guide was the Israelites' salvation then, just as not leaving Christ is ours now. For he was with those people of old under the form of the tabernacle, the cloud, and the fire. They were commanded to follow, and not undertake the journey on their own initiative. They were to halt with the cloud and to abide with it, that by this symbol you might understand Christ's words: *Whoever serves me must follow me, so as to be with me wherever I am.* For being always in his company means being steadfast in following him and constant in cleaving to him. But

accompanying the Savior Christ and following him is by no means to be thought of as something done by the body. It is accomplished rather by deeds springing from virtue. Upon such virtue the wisest disciples firmly fixed their minds and refused to depart with the unbelievers, which they saw would be fatal. With good reason they cried out, "Where can we go?" It was as though they said: "We will stay with you always and hold fast to your commandments. We will receive your words without finding fault or thinking your teaching hard as the ignorant do, but thinking rather, *How sweet are your words to my throat! Sweeter to my mouth are they than honey or the honeycomb.*"

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Commentary: Cyril of Alexandria

August 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr c. 1 BC–c. 30 Patron Saint of baptism, bird dealers, converts, monastic life, motorways, printers, tailors, lambs, and prisoners. Invoked against epilepsy, convulsions, hailstorms, and spasms Pre-Congregation canonization Liturgical Color: Red

Prayer: *Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Donations Please note of collections during the mass;

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



Mary
Mother of Perpetual Help
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: 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B

First Reading Deut 4:1-2,6-8: **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 14:2-5:R. The just live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22,27 **Gospel Acclamation** James 1:18 **Gospel** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

PARISH NEWS

Father's Day Celebration & Morning Tea

Everyone is invited to join us for a special morning tea celebration after the 9:30am Mass on Father's day, 1st September at the Parish Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, delicious treat and great company. This is the perfect chance to catch up with friends, make new ones and feel part of our parish family. *Please bring a plate to share.* We look forward to seeing you there!



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).

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

All souls in Purgatory

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.



We Invite You to
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THE HOLY ONE OF GOD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; sav the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

1st READING JOSH 24: 1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3.16-23

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\

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remem-

brance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. R\

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. R\

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. R\

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R\

2nd READING Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his

father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:63.38

Alléluia, alléluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alléluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.