



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



*Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B*

*8th September 2024*

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 Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm  
**Weddings/Baptism:** Only by Appointment

## Parish Calendar — 23rd Week of Ordinary Time

### **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

8:00am Mass (St Michael's)  
 Morning Tea after the mass  
 9:30am Mass  
 11:00am **Confirmation Ceremony**  
 6:00pm Mass



### **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

**St John Chrysostom, doctor**  
 9:30am Mass  
 3:00pm **Wedding of Gian and Nichole**

### **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

8:00am Mass  
 7:30pm *Catechesis for Adult*

### **Wed, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

9:30am Mass  
 11:30am Mass  
 (St John of God Hospital)

### **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 8:00am Mass  
 11:00am Confessions  
 5:00pm Confessions  
 6:30pm Mass  
 8:00pm Neocatechumenal  
 Community Mass  
 (Parish Hall)

### **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

8:00am Mass

### **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024**

8:00am Mass  
 9:30 am (Italian Mass)  
 7:30pm *Catechesis for Adults*  
 at the Parish Hall

# He has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Just as the divine law says that when God created the world *he saw all that he had made and it was very good*, so the gospel, speaking of our redemption and re-creation, affirms: *He has done all things well. A good tree bears good fruit; no good tree can bear bad fruit.* As fire can give out nothing but heat and is incapable of giving out cold; and as the sun gives out nothing but light and is incapable of giving out darkness, so God is incapable of doing anything but good, for he is infinite goodness and light. He is a sun giving out endless light, a fire producing endless warmth. *He has done all things well.* And so today we must wholeheartedly unite with that holy throng in saying: *He has done all things well. He has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.* Like Balaam's ass, this crowd certainly spoke under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Clearly it was the Holy Spirit who said through its mouth: *He has done all things well;* in other words he is truly God, because

making the deaf hear and the dumb speak are things that only God can do. There is a transition here from the particular to the general. This man has worked a miracle that only God could work; therefore he is God, who has done all things well. *He has done all things well.* The law says that all God did was good; the gospel says he has done all things well. Doing a good deed is not quite the same as doing it well. Many do good deeds but fail to do them well. The deeds of hypocrites, for example, are good, but they are done in the wrong spirit, with a perverse and defective intention. Everything God does, however, is not only good but is also done well. *The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his deeds. With wisdom you have done them all:* that is to say, most wisely and well. So *he has done all things well,* they say. Now if God has done all his good works and done them well for our sake, knowing that we take pleasure in goodness, why I ask do we not endeavor to make all our

works good and to do them well, knowing that such works are pleasing to God? If you ask what we should do in order to enjoy the divine blessings for ever, I will tell you in a word. Since the Church is called the bride of Christ and of God, we must do what a good wife does for her husband. Then God will treat us as a good husband treats a dearly loved wife. This is what the Lord says through Hosea: *I will betroth you to myself with justice and integrity, with tenderness and compassion; I will betroth you to myself with faithfulness, and you shall know that I am the Lord.* So even in this present life we shall be happy, this world will be an earthly paradise for us; with the Hebrews we shall feast on heavenly manna in the desert of this life, if only we follow Christ's example by striving to do everything well, so that *he has done all things well* may be said of each one of us.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Commentary: Lawrence of Brindisi

The feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

**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: 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B**

**First Reading** Is 50:5-9 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 114:1-6, 8-9 R. I will walk in presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading** James 2:14-18 **Gospel Acclamation** Gal 6:14 **Gospel** Mark 8:27-35

## PARISH NEWS



**THIS WEEKEND's** Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to assist our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au) to explore the possibilities. Envelopes are available on the church pews.

### St Michael's News

**Coming Events** Rosary Month. October is the month of the Rosary. You are invited to come together to pray the rosary in parishioner's homes on the Fridays in October. Signup sheet to offer your home at the back of the church. Friends of St Michael's. Next Meeting Tuesday October 1st at 7.30pm. Please come along to help plan our Spring in the Valley marketplace and morning tea.

**Call for Volunteers Church Cleaning** Our parish is seeking volunteers to help keep our church clean. We are looking for individuals or families who can commit once a month. If you are available and willing to serve please contact our parish office. We appreciate your time and talent in helping to maintain our church.



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**  
 "God knows you and He loves you, He has a word of love for you today."  
 Babysitting and transport provided on request. Any enquiries please contact  
 Fr. Rodrigo 9274 1495/ Matthew Casley 0413 793 679

### 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,  
 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.



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<p><b>St Brigid's Primary School</b>                  20 Toodyay Road                  Middle Swan W.A. 6056</p>  <p>PO Box 1396 Midland 6936                  Telephone: 62163800                  Email : <a href="mailto:admin@stbrigidms.wa.edu.au">admin@stbrigidms.wa.edu.au</a></p> <p><i>Your Local Catholic Primary School for the past 121 years</i></p>	<p>At La Salle College, every student is given the opportunity to succeed and be the best they can be.</p> <p><b>Enrol now for 2026 and 2027</b></p> <p>Limited places available for 2025</p> <p><a href="http://www.lasalle.wa.edu.au">www.lasalle.wa.edu.au</a></p> 	<p><b>TRINITY ASSOCIATES</b>                  CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS</p> <p>Biju Anthony CA, CTA, LLB  <b>Tel : 0403 454 237</b>  <a href="mailto:trinitycaanz@gmail.com">trinitycaanz@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>TAX RETURNS &amp; ACCOUNTING                  SMSF AND TAX ADVICE</b></p>
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# HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118:137.**  
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You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**1st READING**      **Isa 35:4-7**

**A reading from the prophet  
Isaiah**

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**    **145:7-10**

**RESPONSE: Praise the  
Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.    **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,

the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.    **R/**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.    **R/**

**2nd READING**      **JAM 2:1-5**

**A reading from the letter of  
St James**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    **Mt 4:23**

**Alléluia, alléluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alléluia!**

**GOSPEL**              **Mk 7:31-37**

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

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you,**

**Lord Jesus Christ.**