

GOD’S KINGDOM IS NEAR

Entrance Antiphon cf.Isa 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading Is 11: 1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra’s hole; into the viper’s lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Ps 71:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17

Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,

to a king’s son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. R/

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth’s bounds. R/

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R/

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. R/

2nd Reading Rom 15: 4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God’s glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3: 4, 6

Alléluia, alléluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alléluia!

Gospel Mt 3: 1-2

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, “We have Abraham for our father,” because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid’s & St Michael’s
MIDLAND PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

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Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm

Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, 7th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass –Cancelled

9:30am Mass

Lilia Nool Cokiangco RIP 2018

Remigio Cokiangcko Sr RIP 1978

10:30 am Morning Tea at the Parish
with Archbishop

6:00pm Mass

Monday, 8th Dec 2025

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 9th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Wednesday 10th Dec 2025

9:30am Mass

Celia Nascimento Filipe RIP

11:30am Mass St John of God
Hospital

Mass
Schedule



Thursday, 11th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Friday, 12th Dec 2025

9:30am Mass

6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, 13th Dec 2025

St Lucy, virgin, martyr

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

8:00pm Mass Neocatechumenal Way
(cancelled)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24th December, Wednesday

6:00PM Children's Mass (St Brigid's)

9:45PM Christmas Carols (St Michael's)

10:00PM Christmas Eve Mass (St Brigid's)

11:00PM Christmas Carols (St Brigid's)

11:30PM Midnight Mass (St Brigid's)

25th December, Thursday

Christmas Day

8:00AM (St Michael's)

9:30AM (St Brigid's)

31st December, Wednesday

9:30AM Mass

8:00PM New Year's Eve Mass (St Brigid's)

New Year's Mass, Thursday

1st January 2026 (as usual)

REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND.

The gospel tells us that some people were rebuked by the Lord because, clever as they were at reading the face of the sky, they could not recognize the time for faith when the kingdom of heaven was at hand. It was the Jews who received this reprimand, but it has also come down to us. The Lord Jesus began his preaching of the gospel with the admonition: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. His forerunner, John the Baptist, began his in the same way: Repent, he said, or the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Today, for those who will not repent at the approach of the kingdom of heaven, the reproof of the Lord Jesus is the same. As he points out himself. You cannot expect to see the kingdom of heaven coming. The kingdom of heaven, he says elsewhere, is within you. Each of us would be wise therefore to take to heart the advice of his teacher, and not waste this present time. It is now that our Saviour offers us his mercy; now, while he still spares the human race. Understand that it is in hope of our conversion that he spares us, for he desires no one's damnation. As for when the end of the world will be, that is God's concern. Now is the time for faith. Whether any of us here present will see the end of the world I know not; very likely none of us will. Even so, the time is very near for each of us, for we are mortal. There are hazards all around us. We should be in less danger from them were we made of glass. What is more fragile than a vessel of glass? And yet it can be kept safe and last indefinitely. Of course it is exposed to accidents, but it is not liable to old age and the suffering it brings. We therefore are the more frail and infirm.

In our weakness we are haunted by fears of all the calamities that regularly befall the human race, and if no such calamity overtakes us, still, time marches on. We may evade the blows of fortune, but shall we evade death? We may escape perils from without but shall we escape what comes from within us? Now, suddenly, we may be attacked by any malady. And if we are spared? Even so, old age comes at last, and nothing will delay it.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-2

Commentary: Augustine

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 the maintenance, expenses of our church and growth for the parish mission. If you wish to make a donation, please find our bank details below.

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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

Next Sunday Readings: 14 December 2025 THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

1st Reading Is 35:1-6,10 Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10 2nd Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk4:18) Alléluia, alléluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the the poor. Alléluia! **Gospel Matthew 11:2-11**

PARISH NEWS

Children's Nativity Play

We are in need of readers, and children to act out the nativity play plus a couple of older children to help with the younger ones. Practice will be on Sundays, 14th and 21st December 10:30 am, after the 9:30am Mass.

Please contact Vanessa 0404419185 or Gail at 0411 599 577 for more information.

Raffle Tickets

Don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes while supporting our parish! Raffle tickets are available for purchase after all weekend Masses and at the Parish Office during weekdays for \$1.00 each or \$5.00 per booklet.

Christmas Raffle Donations

A huge thanks to everyone who generously donated awesome prizes for our raffle. We are still accepting donations until next week. You may drop them at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday 9am to 1pm.



The Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 December, Monday

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:

John Hardy, Caty Jones, Phyllis Lee, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson, Sharon McFarlane, Robin Nola Rae, Michael Caputo, Frank Crotty, Gail Ruyter & Tony Donovan

Requiescat in Pace

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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