

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Isa 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

1st Reading Jos 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL Ps 33:2-7

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/**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name, I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R/**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R/**

2nd Reading 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled

us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.'" So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.'" And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent / Year C

30th March 2025

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Sacramental Program: Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm
 Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Reconciliations: Only by Appointment
Weddings/Baptism:

Parish Calendar

Sunday, 30th MARCH 2025

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Mass
 Caterina Callo RIP 1 yr
 Flaminio Callo RIP 8 yrs
 Del Victus RIP 3 months
 Mary Augustine RIP 4 yrs
 11:00am
 Baptism of
 Matilda Anna Wilma Gevaux
 6:00pm Mass

Monday, 31st MARCH 2025

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 1st APRIL 2025

8:00am Mass

Wednesday 2nd APRIL 2025

9:30am Mass
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross -St Michael's



Thursday, 3rd APRIL 2025

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Italian Mass

Friday, 4th APRIL 2025

9:30am Mass
 6:00pm Divine Mercy Benediction
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross -St Brigid's
 Right after Divine Mercy Benediction

Saturday, 5th APRIL 2025

8:00am Mass
 11:00am Confessions
 12:00pm Baptism of Elliott Smith
 5:00pm Confessions
 6:30pm Mass

8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall
 Neocatechumenal Way

Enrolments for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are ongoing. Please visit our parish website <https://stbrigidsmidland.com.au> for registration.

Parent/Child Sacramental Workshops
 at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall
 Reconciliation 6th May, Tues 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Holy Communion 5th June, Thur at 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Confirmation 2nd Sept, Tues at 3:30pm-4:30pm

Sacramental Retreats
 at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall
 Reconciliation 6th May, Tuesday
 Holy Communion 9th June, Monday
 Confirmation 3rd September, Wednesday

Sacramental Ceremonies
 at St Brigid's Church
 Reconciliation 13th May, Tues at 5:00pm
 Holy Communion 15th June, Sunday at 11:00am
 Confirmation 21st September, Sunday at 11:00am

YOUR BROTHER HERE WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE

All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and he forgives a multitude of sins. Let me tell you a parable that will confirm this. There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. Now the reason I have told you this parable is so that you will understand that even sins committed after baptism can be forgiven if we face up to them. I do not say this to encourage indolence but to save you from despair, which harms us worse than indolence. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before

baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers. Furthermore, the wastrel was the brother of the good man, and no one is a brother unless he has been born again through the Spirit. What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the profligate returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Be-

cause he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness. Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he as dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Commentary: John Chrysostom

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. 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
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Next Sunday Readings: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading Joshua 43:16-21 **Responsorial Psalm** 125: R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading Phil 3:8-14 **Gospel Acclamation** Joel 2:12-13 **Gospel** Jn 8:1-11

Community News

Invitation from the The Legion Of Mary for Annual meeting , everyone is invited. Easter District Curia Acies 30 March, Sunday 2pm @Maidal Vale St Francis of Assisi 6 Liliad Rd Maida Vale. Also, if you are interested to be a member you may contact Henri 0400 380 061 or email: ruyterhg@gmail.com. The Legion of Mary is a Lay Apostolate that meets weekly in prayer. In our parish every Wednesdays 10:30 am at the parish meeting room.

Reader's Roster

This week
Saturday 6:30 PM **Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)** **Sunday 9:30 AM** **Sunday 6:00 PM**

Valita	S Yagmich	Farida	Charlotte
Vince		Bjel	Maria
		Fe Mari	Christina

Next Weekend

Saturday 6:30 PM **Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)** **Sunday 9:30 AM** **Sunday 6:00 PM**

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Valita		Alina	Liz
Emmanuel		Nora	Christina

PARISH NEWS

Morning Tea Join our morning tea, refreshments and fellowship on 6th April after the 9:30 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Children's Liturgy We are excited to announce that Children's liturgy will start next week Sunday 9:30 mass. *Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special time when kids leave the main service to learn about the Sunday Gospel in a way that makes sense to them. During this time, they participate in prayers, songs, and readings that are designed for their age group.*

Business and Trade Directory
Support local, support our parish!
 We encourage parishioners who run businesses or are involved in trades to be part of our directory. All entries will be showcased on our Parish Notice Board. Please send us your details, including your name, contact number, company name, and a brief description of your business to our parish email.

St Michael's News Finding Treasure in the Swan Valley

Next Saturday on April 5th from 9 a.m. in St. Michael's Church Grounds. Your chance to find a bargain at our Trash and Treasure Market...books toys, household goods, clothes, garden items, tools, good quality electrical items accepted as we have a test and tag person available. And enjoy a sausage and a devonshire tea. Goods for donation can be dropped off at the Hall April 2nd-4th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or early Saturday morning. We are also seeking donations of freshly baked scones, clothes hangers for clothes display and cartons of soft drink. Enquiries Di Ritchie 0408599602. Flyers available at the back of the church.

Lent Activities Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6 PM, started last 12th March & concludes on 9th April 2025, at St. Michael's Hall and Lenten Discussion Group 10:00am Fridays.

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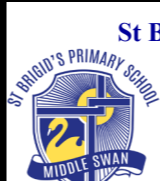


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