

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1st Reading Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 1:1-4

RESPONSE: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the

law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R/**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R/**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R/**

2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 6:23

Alléluia, alléluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alléluia!

GOSPEL Lk 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

7th Sunday Ordinary Time / Year C

23rd February 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

<p>Sunday, 23rd Feb 2025 8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass Cosimo Monterosso RIP 18 yrs 10:30am Baptism for Atticus Boylen 6:00pm Mass Nieves Corpuz RIP 3 yrs</p>	<p>Mass Schedule</p>	<p>Saturday, 1st March 2025 8:00am Mass 11:00am Confessions 3:00pm Baptism Xander Kaitochukwu Anyanwu 5:00pm Confessions 6:30pm Mass 8:00pm Neocatechumenal Eucharist</p>
<p>Monday, 24th Feb 2025 8:00am Mass</p>	<p>Wednesday 26th Feb 2025 9:30am Mass 11:30am Mass (St John of God Hospital)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, 25th Feb 2025 8:00am Mass</p>	<p>Thursday, 27th Feb 2025 8:00am Mass 9:30am Italian Mass</p>	
	<p>Friday, 28th Feb 2025 9:30am Mass 6:00am Divine Mercy Devotion</p>	

BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and will. We have here a tremendous statement on the subject of faithfulness and mercy. Mercy is mentioned because it is not our deserts but his own goodness that God regards. He forgives us all our sins and promises us eternal life. But it also speaks of faithfulness because God never fails to honor his promises. Acknowledging this to be so, let us practice these virtues ourselves in our present circumstances. Just as God has shown us his mercy and faithfulness-his mercy by forgiving our sins and his faithfulness by keeping his promises-so we too should practice mercy and faithfulness in our own lives. Let us show mercy to the sick and needy, even our enemies and practice faithfulness by refraining from sin. Never let us add sin to sin, because whoever presumes too much on God's mercy has secretly consented to the suggestion that he can cause God to

be unjust. Such a person imagines that even if he persists in sin and refuses to give up his wrongdoing, God will still come and give him a place among his obedient servants. Would this be justice, for God to assign an obstinate sinner like you the same place as those who have turned their backs on sin? Would you be so unjust as to expect God to be unjust too? Why then are you trying to bend God to your will? Bend yourself, rather, to his. Yet how many people do, in fact, bend their wills to God's? Only those few of whom it is said: *The one who perseveres to the end will be saved.* It is with good reason that scripture asks: *Who will seek God's mercy and faithfulness for his own sake?* What precisely does *for his own sake* mean? Surely it would have been enough to say *Who will seek* without adding *for his own sake.* The answer is that many people seek to discover God's mercy and faithfulness from the sacred books, and yet, when their

learning is done, they live for their own sakes and not for God's. They are intent on their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. They preach mercy and faithfulness without practicing them. Their preaching proves that they know their subject, for they would not preach without knowledge. But it is a different matter in the case of someone who loves God and Christ. When such a person preaches God's mercy and faithfulness, he seeks to make them known for God's sake, not his own. This means that he is not out to gain temporal benefits from his preaching; his desire is to help Christ's members, that is, those who believe in him, by faithfully sharing with them the knowledge he himself possesses, so that *the living may no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for all.*
 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38
 Commentary: Augustine of Hippo

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: 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
1st Reading Sirach 27:4-7 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 91:2-3,13-16 R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58 **Gospel Acclamation** Phil 2:15-16 **Gospel** Luke 6:39-45

St Michael's News

Finding Treasure in the Swan Valley
 Enjoy a morning in the lovely Swan Valley on Saturday 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 etc. And enjoy a sausage and a devonshire tea. Goods for donation can be dropped off Wednesday, Thursday or Friday April 2nd, 3rd, 4th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or early Saturday morning to the Hall. Enquiries Di Ritchie 0408599502

Lenten Program
 Lenten Refection Books available at St. Michael's \$7. Lenten Discussion Fridays in Lent 10 a.m. at St. Michael's.

Reader's Roster

This week			
Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
*Vince	*Di Ritchie	*Fe Mari	*Maria
*Justin		*Vanessa	*Liz
*Natalie		*Farida	*Sandro
Next Weekend			
Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
*Fely	*E Benfield	*Declan	*Maria
*Valita		*Alina	*Liz
*Emmanuel		*Nora	*Christina

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2025 INFORMATION

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

Parent Information Night (All Sacraments)
 6th March at 5:00pm, Thursday, St Brigid's Church

Commitment Masses
 (Please select ONE to attend)
 15th March, Saturday at 6:30pm
 16th March, Sunday at 9:30am or 6:00pm

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

Morning Tea Since we just celebrated the wonderful feast of St. Brigid this month, there will be no morning tea on March 2. We will resume our gatherings on the first Sunday of April.



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 7:00-9:00PM
 FOR EVERYONE IN GRADES 6-12

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 MACKILLOP HALL
 20 TOODYAY ROAD
 MIDDLE SWAN WA 6056

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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:
 Katy Jones, Phyllis Lee, Marion Sands, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Tasha Scala, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson & Pat Ryan

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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