

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



### Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B

3rd November 2024

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#### Parish Calendar — 31st Week of Ordinary Time

#### Sunday, 3rd November 2024

8:00am Mass (St Michael's)

9:30am Mass

Ivan Glavota RIP 9 yrs

Cecilia Coniglio RIP 14 yrs

Valente & Gregoria Dayrit RIP

Laura Daniels RIP

Amy Abastillas for healing

Irene Bunao RIP I yr

10:30 FOOD BAZAAR

(after the Mass)

6:00pm Mass

Ryan Hanopol, thanksgiving

Monday, 4th November 2024

St Charles Borromeo, bishop

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 5th November 2024

8:00am Mass



#### Wed, 6th November 2024

9:30am Mass

I I:30am Mass (St John of God Hospital)

Thursday, 7th November 2024

8:00am Mass

9:30 am (Italian Mass)

11:00 am Funeral Mass -

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### Friday, 8th November 2024

9:30am Mass

7:00pm All Saint's Day Mass

#### Saturday, 9th November, 2024

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

8:00pm Neocatechumenal

Community Mass

(Parish Hall) everyone is invited

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### This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it

Because God created us in his own image and likeness, he ordained that our love for one another should be in the image and likeness of the love we owe him, our God. He said: You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart. This is the first and greatest com-mandment. The second is like it: You must love your neighbor as yourself. What is our reason for loving God? God himself is the reason we love him; we love him because he is the supreme and infinite goodness. What is our reason for loving ourselves? Surely because we are the image and likeness of God. And since all men and women possess this same dignity we love them as ourselves, that is, as holy and living images of the Godhead. It is as such that we belong to God through a kinship so close and a dependence so lovable that he does not hesitate to call himself our Father, and to name us his children. It is as such that we are capable of being united to him in the fruition of his sovereign goodness and joy. It is as such that we receive his grace and that our spirits are

associated with his most Holy Spirit and rendered, in a sense, sharers in the divine nature. So it is then that the same charity produces together acts of the love of God and of our neighbor. As Jacob saw that the same ladder touching heaven and earth was used by the angels both for ascending and descending, so we can be sure that the same charity cherishes both God and our neighbor, raising us even to spiritual union with God and bringing us back to loving companionship with our neighbors. It must always be understood, however, that we love our neighbors for this reason, that they are made in the image and likeness of God, created to communicate in his goodness, share in his grace, and rejoice in his glory. To have a Christian love for our neighbors is to love God in them, or them in God; it is to cherish God alone for his own sake, and his creatures for love of him. When we look upon our neighbors, created in the image and likeness of God, should we not say to each other: "Look at these people he has made-are they not like

their maker?" Should we not be drawn irresistibly toward them, embrace them, and be moved to tears for love of them? Should we not call down upon them a hundred blessings? And why? · For love of them? No indeed, since we cannot be sure whether, of themselves, they are worthy of love or hate. Then why? For love of God, who created them in his own image and likeness, and so capable of sharing in his goodness, grace, and glory; for love of God, I say, unto whom they exist, from whom they exist, through whom they exist, in whom they exist, for whom they exist, and whom they resemble in a very special manner. This is why divine Love not only repeatedly commands us to love our neighbors, but also itself produces this love and pours it out into our hearts, since they bear its own image and likeness; for just as we are the image of God, so our holy love for one another is the true image of our heavenly love of God.

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



#### **Tapping Machine Now Available**

We're thrilled to announce that our church now has a tapping machine available for your convenience. This machine allows you to make donations using your credit/debit or mobile payments.

**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 Social Media Exciting news! Our church is now online.



Mary Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays



Divine Mercy Devotion Fridays 6 PM Benediction 1st Friday



Legion of Mary Wednesdays 10:30 AM



Neocatechumenal Way Mass (Everyone is invited) Saturdays 8:00 PM

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Next Sunday Readings: 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time / Year B

First Reading 1 Kg 17:10-16 Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10 R. Praise the Lord, my soul! Second Reading Heb 9:24-28 Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3 Gospel Mark 12:38-44

#### **PARISH NEWS**

**Month of Remembrance** November is a special time to pray for the dead and to commemorate all the faithful departed. If you would like your deceased loved ones to be remembered in all masses of November, please write their names in the **November Masses Envelopes** available in the church pews, and you may drop them into the collection baskets at any weekend Mass, or drop them in the marked box located at the altar. All envelopes will be placed in the Book of Remembrance at the altar and will remain there for the entire month of November.

Columban Art Calendar are now available at the parish office for \$10 each.

Distribution of Archbishop's Appeal Letter (LIFELINK) this weekend. Next week is the launching of the Appeal, special giving envelopes will be available on the pews. Through your support of Lifelink you are reaching out with love & compassion to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Www.LifeLink.com.au

#### ST Michael's News

Spring in the Valley Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our outdoor Mass, morning tea and market stall. The day was a wonderful success with a large crowd of present and past parishioners attending.

Coming Events Sunday November 10th Morning Tea, Friday Novembe29th Christmas BBQ Fridays in Advent : Advent Discussion Group



#### St Vincent de Paul

3rd Nov to 20th Dec 2024

Christmas bags for toys donations will be available at the back of the church, please be reminded of envelopes for the Christmas appeal for 2024 will be available at all masses over Christmas.

#### 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, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Tasha Scala

#### Requiescat in Pace

Kathleen Farrell & Vinko Mladineo All souls in Purgator

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



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### ' YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD '

# Entrance Antiphon Psalm 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

#### 1st Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

# A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 17:2–4, 47, 51

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help,

my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. R/

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. R/

#### 2nd ReadinG Hebrews 7:23-28

## A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens: one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people. because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23
Alléluia, alléluia! All who love me
will keep my words, and my Father

will love them, and we will come

to them. Alléluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.