



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent / Year C

09th March 2025

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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, 9th March 2025

8:00am Mass
 St Michael's Morning Tea after mass
 9:30am Mass
 Simon Petit RIP
 Sacrament of Initiation Daniel John
 Carroll & Joel David Ridler
 11:30am
 Baptism of Mikyla Attanayake
 6:00pm Mass
 Ellen Felix RIP & for all Felix Family
 Pascual Dumanjug RIP
 Colin Dumanjug RIP

Monday, 10th March 2025

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 11th March 2025

8:00am Mass
 7:00pm Rosary for the late
 Carmela Alvaro

Wednesday 12th March 2025

9:30am Mass
 Henry Wypych RIP

1:00pm Funeral Mass for the late
 Carmela Alvaro
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross @ St Michael's

Thursday, 13th March 2025

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Italian Mass-Cancelled
 10:00am Rosary for the late
 Patrick "Pat" Ryan
 10:30am Funeral Mass for the late
 Patrick "Pat" Ryan

Friday, 14th March 2025

9:30am Mass
 6:00am Divine Mercy Devotion
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross St Brigid's

Saturday, 15th March 2025

8:00am Mass
 11:00am Confessions
 5:00pm Confessions
 6:30pm Commitment Mass (Sacrament)
 8:00pm Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist

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>.

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

JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE WILDERNESS WHERE HE WAS TEMPTED

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. What does "then" mean? After the Spirit descended, after the voice from heaven said: *This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.* The amazing thing is that scripture says it was the Holy Spirit who led him there! All that Jesus did and suffered was for our instruction. He consented to be led into the desert and to do battle with the devil so that when the baptized were assailed by greater temptations after baptism than before they would not be troubled as though this were something unexpected, but would remain steadfast, bearing them all nobly. You did not receive weapons so that you might sit at ease, but so that you might fight! The reasons God does not prevent the onslaught of temptations are these. First, so that you may learn that you have now become much stronger; then, so

that you may remain modest, for you will not be puffed up by the greatness of your gifts if temptations can humble you; next, because the wicked demon may doubt at first whether you have really renounced him and the test of temptation will convince him of your total desertion; fourth, to confirm you, who are now stronger and steadier than iron; fifth, to give you clear evidence of the treasures committed to you. The devil would not have attacked you if he had not seen that you have been raised to a position of great honor. Notice where it was that the Spirit led Jesus - not into the city or the marketplace, but into the desert. Since Jesus wished to entice the devil he gave him his opportunity not only by his own hunger, but also by his choice of place. The devil usually attacks people when he sees them alone by themselves. He does not dare to do so when he sees them togeth-

er with others. It is for this reason especially that we should frequently meet with one another. If we do not, we may become an easy prey for the devil. And so, the devil finds Jesus in the desert, in, trackless wilderness. Consider how vile and wicked the devil's approach is, and what sort of opportunity he watches for. He does not come near when Jesus is fasting, but only when he is hungry. You should learn from this the great value of fasting and that no weapon is more powerful against the devil. After baptism you should not be filled with food and drink from well-laden table, but should rather devote yourself to fasting. Jesus fasted not because he himself had any need to do so, but to give us an example.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Commentary: John Chrysostom

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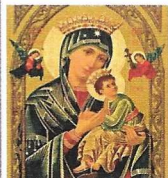
go towards the priest in the parish and to support priests across the Archdiocese who are retired, sick and for those who are in remote areas.

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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

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday at 6 PM, starting on March 12th and concluding on April 9th, 2025, at St. Michael's Hall.

Reader's Roster

This week

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
*Fely	*J Gunstone	*Lily Xavier	*Maria
*Valita		*Alina	Melissa
*Justin		*Nora	

Next Weekend

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
*Valita	*L Siciliano	*Declan	*Charlotte
*Vince		*Vanessa	*Melissa
*Natalie		*Bjel	*Christina

Next Sunday Readings: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading Gen 15:5-12,17-18 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14 **R:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading Phil 3:17-4:1 **Gospel Acclamation** (Mt 17:5) **Gospel** Lk 9:28-36

PARISH NEWS

Passion Play Volunteers

Volunteers wanted for Passion play. Share your talents and time with our community as we present the story of Christ Passion. We are looking for people to help us in acting, stage set-up, readers and more. Be part of something special, please contact the parish office or email us at midland@perthcatholic.org.au

Sacramental Commitment Mass

A significant step in your child's faith journey. All families enrolled in the sacramental program are required to attend one of the following masses.


15th March, Saturday at 6:30pm

16th March, Sunday at 9:30am or 6:00pm

Please bring your child's Mass Attendance Passbook for the sacramental pledge ceremony and have it signed by the priest after the mass. If you don't have one, you may grab it at the back of the church.

Parish Website



Have you visited our parish website lately? Check out our parish website. Stay up-to-date on parish news, events and all sacramental information.



PROJECT COMPASSION
First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata Ioa** - (Toy-foe-ah-tah-ig-ah) from Samoa, Lam from Vietnam and Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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Or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion
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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:

- Caty Jones, Phyllis Lee, Marion Sands, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Tasha Scala, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson

Requiescat in Pace

Pat Ryan, Carmela Alvaro & 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.



2ND | 4TH | 5TH FRIDAY NIGHTS
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TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 90:15-16*

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading *Deut 26:4-10*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15

RESPONSE: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Al-

mighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R/**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R/**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R/**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R/**

2nd Reading *Rom 10:8-13*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Lk 4:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.