

A MAN OF HONOUR

Entrance Antiphon cf.Isa 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading Isa 7: 10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’ Then Isaiah said: ‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Ps 23: 1-6

Response: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. R/

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean

hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R/

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R/

2nd Reading Rom 1: 1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1: 23

Alléluia, alléluia! The Virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.. Alléluia!

Gospel Mt 1: 18-24

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid’s & St Michael’s
MIDLAND PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025

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Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm

Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Parish Calendar

Sunday, 21st Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

Patrick Ryan RIP

Maria Clemeno RIP

Concetta Stefanelli RIP

Catherine Jones RIP

Donato Perrella RIP

11:00 am Baptism Hugo Gillinder

6:00pm Mass

Monday, 22nd Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 23rd Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Del Victus 1 years RIP

Wednesday 24th Dec 2025

9:30am Mass

Mass
Schedule



Thursday, 25th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Friday, 26th Dec 2025

9:30am Mass

6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, 27th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

8:00pm Mass Neocatechumenal Way

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 Michael'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

8:00 am 1st January 2026

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Matthew the evangelist gives us an account of the way in which the eternal Son of God, begotten before the world began, appeared in time as the Son of Man. His description is brief but absolutely true. By tracing the ancestry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the male line he brings it down from Abraham to Joseph, the husband of Mary. It is indeed fitting in every respect that when God decided to become incarnate for the sake of the whole human race none but a virgin should be his mother, and that, since a virgin was privileged to bring him into the world, she should bear no other son but the son who is God. Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called Emmanuel, a name which means God-with-us. The name God-with-us, given to our Saviour by the prophet, signifies that two natures are united in his one person. Before time began he was God, born of the Father, but in the fullness of time he became Emmanuel, God-

with-us in the womb of his mother, because when the Word was made flesh and lived among us he deigned to unite our frail human nature to his own person. Without ceasing to be what he had always been, he began in a wonderful fashion to be what we are, assuming our nature in such a way that he did not lose his own.

And so Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, the child of her own flesh and blood. She brought forth the God who had been born of God before creation began, and who, in his created humanity, rightful' surpassed the whole of creation. And Scripture says she named him Jesus, Jesus, then, is the name of the Virgin's son. According to the angel's explanation, it means one who is to save his people from their sins. In doing so he will also deliver them from any defilement of mind and body they have incurred on account of their sins. But the title "Christ" implies a

priestly or royal dignity. In the Old Testament it was given to both priests and kings on account of the anointing with chrism or holy oil which they received. They prefigured the true king and high priest who, on coming into this world, was anointed with the oil of gladness above all his peers. From this anointing or chrismation he received the name of Christ, and those who share in the anointing which he himself bestows, that is the grace of the Spirit, are called Christians. May Jesus Christ fulfill his saving task by saving us from our sins; may he discharge his priestly office by reconciling us to God the Father, and may he exercise his royal power by admitting us to his Father's kingdom, for he is our Lord and God, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Commentary: Bede

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.

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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: 28 December 2025 THE HOLY FAMILY

1st Reading Eccles 3:2-6, 12-14 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 127 **2nd Reading** Col 3:12-21

Gospel Acclamation Alléluia, alléluia! May the peace rule in our hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alléluia! **Gospel** Matthew 2:-13-15, 19-23

PARISH NEWS

Raffle Tickets

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

St Michael's News

Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass at St. Michael's Carols at 9.45 p.m. Mass at 10 p.m. Help needed for set up on Christmas Eve from 4 p.m. Please contact Di Ritchie 0408599602
Mass on Christmas day 8 a.m.
Thank you to everyone for donations of items for our Hamper .



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

Requiescat in Pace

Concetta Stefanelli
Catherine Jones
Donato Perrella

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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