

## STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

#### CF. PSALM 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### 1st Reading GEN 15:5-12,17-18

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PS 26:1,7-9,13-14

**RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the

stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R/

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' R/

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R/

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R/

### 2nd Reading PHIL 3:17-4:1

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL LK 9:28-36

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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

2nd Sunday of Lent / Year C



16th March 2025

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**Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm**

**Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Only by Appointment**

### Parish Calendar

#### Sunday, 16th March 2025

8:00am Mass

9:30am *Sacramental Commitment Mass*

Sandra Johnson RIP 16 yrs

6:00pm *Sacramental Commitment Mass*

#### Monday, 17th March 2025

**ST PATRICK, bishop**

8:00am Mass

Thanksgiving Bday- Mary Ann Abastillas

#### Tuesday, 18th March 2025

8:00am Mass

#### Wednesday 19th March 2025

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:30am Mass

6:00pm *Stations of the Cross -St Michael's*

#### Thursday, 20th March 2025

8:00am Mass

9:30am Italian Mass

### Mass Schedule



11:30am *Rosary for the late*

*Concetta Stante*

12:00pm *Funeral Mass for the late*

*Concetta Stante*

#### Friday, 21st March 2025

9:30am Mass

6:00am *Divine Mercy Devotion*

7:00pm *Stations of the Cross -St Brigid's*

*Right after Divine Mercy Devotion*

#### Saturday, 22nd March 2025

8:00am Mass

11:00am *Confessions*

5:00pm *Confessions*

6:30pm Mass

8:00pm *Neocatechumenal Way Mass*

*Everyone is invited to come @Parish Hall*

### 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

**As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning**

With three chosen disciples Jesus went up the mountain. Then he was transfigured by a wonderful light that made even his clothes seem to shine. Moses and Elijah stood by him and spoke with him of how he was going to complete his task on earth by dying in Jerusalem. In other words, they spoke of the mystery of his incarnation, and of his saving passion upon the cross. For the law of Moses and the teaching of the holy prophets clearly foreshadowed the mystery of Christ. The law portrayed it by types and symbols inscribed on tablets. The prophets in many ways foretold that in his own time he would appear, clothed in human nature, and that for the salvation of all our race he would not refuse to suffer death upon the cross. The presence of Moses and Elijah, and their speaking together, was meant to show unmistakably that the law and the prophets were the attendants of our Lord Jesus

Christ. He was their master, whom they had themselves pointed out in advance in prophetic words that proved their perfect harmony with one another. The message of the prophets was in no way at variance with the precepts of the law. Moses and Elijah did not simply appear in silence; they spoke of how Jesus was to complete his task by dying in Jerusalem, they spoke of his passion and cross, and of the resurrection that would follow. Thinking no doubt that the time for the kingdom of God had already come, Peter would gladly have remained on the mountain. He suggested putting up three tents, hardly knowing what he was saying. But it was not yet time for the end of the world; nor was it in this present time that the hopes of the saints would be fulfilled—those hopes founded on Paul's promise that Christ "would transform our lowly bodies into the likeness of his glorious body." (Second

Reading) Only the initial stage of the divine plan had as yet been accomplished. Until its completion was it likely that Christ, who came on earth for love of the world, would give up his wish to die for it? For his submitting to death was the world's salvation, and his resurrection was death's destruction. As well as the vision of Christ's glory, wonderful beyond all description, something else occurred which was to serve as a vital confirmation, not only of the disciples' faith, but of ours as well. From a cloud on high came the voice of God the Father saying:

*"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."*

*Gospel:* Luke 9:28-36

*Commentary:*  
Cyril of Alexandria

**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**

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| <br>Mary Mother of Perpetual Help<br>Wednesdays 7:00 PM | <br>Divine Mercy Devotion<br>Fridays 6 PM<br>Benediction 1st Friday of the Month | <br>Legion of Mary<br>Wednesdays 10:30 AM | <br>Neocatechumenal Way Mass (Everyone is invited)<br>Saturdays 8:00 PM |
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**Next Sunday Readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**1st Reading** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11 R: The Lord is kind and merciful.  
**2nd Reading** 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 **Gospel Acclamation** (Mt 4:17) **Gospel** Lk 13:1-9

**Prayer for this Lent**

*Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.*



**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          | *L Siciliano                  | *Declan        | *Charlotte     |
| *Vince           |                               | *Vanessa       | *Melissa       |
| *Natalie         |                               | *Bjel          | *Christina     |
| Next Weekend     |                               |                |                |
| Saturday 6:30 PM | Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's) | Sunday 9:30 AM | Sunday 6:00 PM |
| *Vince           | *C White                      | *Fe Mari       | *Maria         |
| *Justin          |                               | *Vanessa       | *Liz           |
| *Natalie         |                               | *Farida        | *Sandro        |

**PARISH NEWS**

**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.

**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 setup, readers and more. Be part of something special, please contact the parish office or email us at [midland@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:midland@perthcatholic.org.au)

**Sacramental Class Program** is on going every Tuesday afterschool 3:30-4:30pm. Enrolment is still open.

**St Michael's News**  
**Finding Treasure in the 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 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 0408599502 [Trash and Treasure meeting Monday March 24th at 7.30 p.m. at St Michael's hall.](#)

**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.

**Clothing Alterations** Rose from St. Michael's has kindly offered a clothing alteration service for parishioners with all proceeds going to St. Michael's Church. Her phone number is 041 1523557.

**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**  
Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Carmela Alvaro, Concetta Stante & 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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