

YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading JER 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

RESPONSE: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour.
R/

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R/**

2nd Reading THESS 3:12-4:2

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

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

Alléluia, alléluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alléluia!**

GOSPEL LUKE 21:25-28,34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’ ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

01st December 2024

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

Parish Calendar — FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, 01st Dec 2024
 8:00am Mass (St Michael's)
 9:30am Mass
 Catherine Donovan RIP 4/12/1993
 10:45am Baptism of
 Kobi Mark McKay
 6:00pm Mass

Monday, 2nd Dec 2024
 8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 3rd Dec 2024
 St Francis Xavier, priest
 8:00am Mass

Wed, 4th Dec 2024
 9:30am Mass
 11:30am Mass (St John of God Hospital)



Thursday, 5th Dec 2024

8:00am Mass
 9:30 am Italian Mass

Friday, 6th Dec 2024

9:30am Mass
 10:30am Funeral Mass for the late
 Mario Murace

Saturday, 7th Dec 2024

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
 8:00am Mass
 11:00am Confessions
 5:00pm Confessions
 6:30pm Mass
 8:00pm Neocatechumenal
 Community Mass
 (Parish Hall) everyone is invited

THE GIFT OF ADVENT

Brothers, celebrate as you should, with great fervour of spirit, the Advent of the Lord, with living joy for the gift that is made to you and with profound gratitude for the love that is being shown to you. Do not however meditate only on the first coming of the Lord, when he entered into the world to search and to save that which was lost, but also on the second, when he will return to unite us to himself for ever. Make the double visit of the Christ an object of contemplation, reflecting on how much he has given us in the first and on how much he has promised us for the second. "The moment has arrived in fact", brothers, "in which the judgement starting from the house of God begins" (1 Pt. 4: 17). But what will be the fate of those who now refuse this judgement? He in fact who draws himself away from

the present judgement in which the prince of this world is thrown out, expects, or above all, fears the future Judge by whom he will be thrown out together with his prince. If instead we submit already now to a just judgement, we are safe, and "await the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour, who will transfigure our miserable bodies in order to conform it to his glorious body" (Phil. 3: 20 - 21). "Then the just will shine out like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Mt. 13: 43). "The Saviour will transfigure" with his coming "our miserable body in order to conform it to his glorious body" only if we have already renewed and conformed our hearts in humility to his. For this he says: "Learn from me who am meek and humble of heart" (Mt. 11: 29). Consider in these words the double species of

humility, that of the conscience and that of the will. This last one here is called humility of the heart. With the first we come to know our nothingness, as we deduce from the experience of ourselves and from our weaknesses. With the second we refuse the vain glory of the world. We learn the humility of the heart from him who "undressed himself, assuming the condition of a servant" (Phil. 2: 7), from him who was searched for in order to be made king, fled; instead when he was searched for in order to be covered with insults and condemned to disgrace and to the torture of the cross, offered himself of his own spontaneous will.

from the "Discourses" of St. Bernard, abbot.

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: SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125 R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Second Reading Phil 1:4-6,8-11 **Gospel Acclamation** Lk 3:4,6 **Gospel** Luke 3:1-6

Other News

St Vincent de Paul
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.
Customise Your Chocolates this Season of Giving-
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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 *Vince	*C White	*Declan *Alina *Nora	*Maria *Liz *Christina
Next Weekend			
Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
*Fely *Valita *Emmanuel	*Boylen Family	*Lily *Nora *Alina	*Maria *Melissa *Nora

PARISH NEWS

Children's Nativity Mass practice will be on Sundays, 8th, 15th and 22nd December 10:30 am, after the 9:30am Mass. We are also in need of readers, and children to act out the nativity play plus a couple of older children to help with the younger ones.

Christmas Raffle Donations we humbly ask for your generosity for donations of items. We are grateful for any contribution big or small. Please bring them to the parish office. **Raffle Tickets** are now available for \$1.00 each, or \$5.00/ booklet.

Family Prayer for Advent

Candles and prayer cards are available at the back of the church, please get one per family. Use them and arranged in a wreath or a holder at home with one candle lit each Sunday. We offer our prayers and prepare our hearts in the coming of our Lord Jesus.



ST Michael's News

Christmas Breakfast and Christmas Market Sunday December 8th After the 8 a.m. Mass. Visit our wonderful Christmas Market to purchase all the homemade Christmas delights especially our hampers full of homemade cakes, shortbreads, biscuits, jams and preserves. Great for Christmas presents.

Busy Bee to prepare the grounds on Saturday December 7th at 8a.m. and we would welcome help on the **Sunday at 7 a.m.** to set up outside for the breakfast and market.

Advent Discussion group commences Friday December 6th at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's hall. A moment to stop in our busy Christmas schedules to contemplate the coming celebration of Jesus's Incarnation at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday, 24th December
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 Carols (St Brigid's)
11:30PM Midnight Mass (St Brigid's)

Wednesday, 25th December

8:00AM (St Michael's)
9:30AM (St Brigid's)

Tuesday, 31st December

8:00PM New Year's Eve Mass (St Brigid's)

Wednesday, New Year's Mass

1st January 2025 (as usual)



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

Mario Murace,
Jure Kovacevich &
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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