

# REJOICE IN THE LORD!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON PHIL 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**1st Reading ZEPH 3:14-18**

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM IS 12:2-6**

**RESPONSE:**

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**R/**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R/**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R/**

**2nd Reading PHIL 4:4-7**

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alléluia, alléluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alléluia, alléluia!

**GOSPEL Lk 3:10-18**

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

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord

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



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

*Third Sunday of Advent / Year C*



15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

**Parish Calendar — 3rd Week of Advent**

<p><b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  8:00am Mass (St Michael's)                  9:30am Mass                  11:00am <i>Baptism of</i>                  Tobias Dorotheo Munasque                  6:00pm Mass</p>	<p><b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  8:00am Mass</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</b>  <b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <i>(St Brigid's)</i>                  6:00PM Children's Mass  <i>(St Michael's)</i>                  9:45PM Christmas Carols                  10:00PM Christmas Eve Mass  <i>(St Brigid's)</i>                  11:00PM Christmas Carols                  11:30PM Midnight Mass  <b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>Christmas Day</b>                  8:00AM <i>(St Michael's)</i>                  9:30AM <i>(St Brigid's)</i>  <b>Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>  <i>(St Brigid's)</i>                  8:00PM New Year's Eve Mass  <b>Wednesday, New Year's Mass</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (as usual)</p>
<p><b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  8:00am Mass                  Djunandi Widjaja RIP 1 yr</p>	<p><b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  9:30am Mass</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  8:00am Mass                  Julie Melani -RIP 7 yrs</p>	<p><b>Saturday, 21<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  8:00am Mass                  11:00am Confessions                  5:00pm Confessions                  6:30pm Mass                  8:00pm Neocatechumenal                  Community Mass                  (Parish Hall) everyone is invited</p>	
<p><b>Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024</b>                  9:30am Mass                  11:30am Mass (St John of God Hospital)</p>		

### What must we do?

The baptism that Jesus gives is a baptism in the Holy Spirit and in fire. Baptism to one and the same no matter who receives it but its effect depends on the recipient's disposition. He who is portrayed as baptizing in the Holy Spirit and in fire holds a winnowing fan in his hand, which he will use to clear his threshing floor. The wheat he will gather into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with fire that can never be quenched. I should like to discover our Lord's reason for holding a winnowing fan and to inquire into the nature of the wind that scatters the light chaff here and there, leaving the heavier grain lying in a heap-for you must have a wind if you want to separate wheat and chaff. I suggest that the faithful are like a heap of unsifted grain, and that the wind represents the temptations which assail them and show up the wheat and the chaff among them. When your soul is overcome by some temptation, it is not the temptation that turns you into chaff. No, you were chaff already, that is to

say fickle and faithless; the temptation simply discloses the stuff you are made of. On the other hand, when you endure temptations bravely it is not the temptation that makes you faithful and patient; temptation merely brings to light the hidden virtues of patience and fortitude that have been present in you all along. Do you think I had any other purpose in speaking to you, said the Lord to Job, than to reveal your virtue? In another text he declares: I humbled you and made you feel the pangs of hunger in order to find out what was in your heart. In the same way, a storm will not allow a house to stand firm if it is built upon sand. If you wish to build a house, you must build it upon rock. Then any storms that arise will not demolish your handiwork, whereas the house built upon sand will totter, proving thereby that it is not well founded. So while all is yet quiet, before the storm gathers, before the squalls begin to bluster or the waves to swell, let us concentrate all our efforts on the founda-

tions of our building and construct our house with the many strong, interlocking bricks of God's commandments. Then when cruel persecution is unleashed like some fearful tornado against Christians, we shall be able to show that our house is built upon Christ Jesus our rock. Far be it from us to deny Christ when that time comes. But if anyone should do so, let that person realize that it was not at the moment of his public denial that his apostasy took place. Its seeds and roots had been hidden within him for a long time; persecution only brought into the open and made public what was already there. Let us pray to the Lord then that we may be firm and solid buildings that no storm can overthrow, founded on the rock of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Commentary: Origen 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**

 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: FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT**  
**First Reading** Micah 5:1-4 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
**Second Reading** Heb 10:5-10 **Gospel Acclamation** Lk 1:38 **Gospel** Luke 1:39-44

**Other News**

**THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION**

The amount donated by the **Midland** parish for the 2024 Catholic Mission appeal was **\$255**. Thank you for your generous response. The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Mongolia to provide safe haven and support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness.



*Reach out. Give life.*

**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 *Valita *Justin	*E Benfield	*Declan *Vanessa *Bjel	*Charlotte *Melissa *Christina
Next Weekend			
Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
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### PARISH NEWS

**Children's Nativity Mass**  
 practice will be on Sundays, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
 Thank you for our amazing donors. Your generosity is making our Christmas raffle possible.

Tickets are still available for purchase before and after the weekend masses.

### St. Michael's News

**Thank you** Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Breakfast, Marketplace and Christmas Raffle last weekend. An enjoyable and highly successful morning for all. Raffle winners have been notified.

**St. Michael's Christmas Eve Mass at 10p.m.** will be an outdoor Mass this year. Carols first at 9.45 p.m. you are warmly invited to join us for a wonderful celebration of Jesus's Birth. If you would like to help with the organizing and setup please see Fr. Rodrigo or Fr. Felipe or Kerry Katich or Diane Ritchie. A rehearsal/ setup will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December on the site at 7 p.m.

The Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica being opened on 24 December 2024 by the Pope to constitute the official beginning of the Holy Year. On Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops will celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. Let us all enter the Year of Jubilee with a spirit of hope and a renewed that understanding that "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into the hearts through the Holy Spirit." (Romans 5:5)



Pilgrimage churches and shrines in the Archdiocese of Perth:

**St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**  
**The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle**  
**St John Paul II, Banksia Grove**  
**Schoenstatt Shrine, Mount Richon**  
**Carmelite Monastery, Nedlands**

### 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

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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