

UNLESS YOU REPENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading Ex 3:1-8,13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slavedrivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by

this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11

RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R/**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R/**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R/**

2nd Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warn-

ing, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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3rd Sunday of Lent / Year C

23rd 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, 23rd MARCH 2025

8:00am **Mass**

Rajesh Narula

(praying for his health)

9:30am **Mass**

Josip Erceg & Anka Erceg RIP

Leslie Padmanabhan RIP

Patrick Ryan RIP

Colin Rodrigo RIP

10:30 am **Baptism of**

Hunter Damian Mitchell

6:00pm **Mass**

Leslie Padmanabhan RIP

Monday, 24th MARCH 2025

8:00am **Mass**

Tuesday, 25th MARCH 2025

8:00am **Mass**

Wednesday 26th MARCH 2025

9:30am **Mass**

Alykutty Joseph RIP 3 yrs



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

Thursday, 27th MARCH 2025

8:00am **Mass**

9:30am **Italian Mass**

Friday, 28th MARCH 2025

9:30am **Mass**

11:00 am **Funeral Mass for the late**

Vanessa Caporn

6:00pm **Divine Mercy Devotion**

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

Right after Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, 29th MARCH 2025

8:00am **Mass**

11:00am **Confessions**

5:00pm **Confessions**

6:30pm **Mass**

8:00pm **Mass -Parish Hall**

Neocatechumenal Way

Enrolments for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are ongoing. Please visit our parish website <https://stbrigidsmidland.com.au> for registration.

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

UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH AS THEY DID.

It is my Father's glory, Christ said, that you should bear abundant fruit and become my disciples. But even when we have glorified the Father by bearing much fruit and becoming Christ's disciples, we still have no right to claim the credit for it as though the work were ours alone. The grace to carry out the work had first to come to us from God, and so the glory is his, not ours. That is why Christ is recorded in another place as saying: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works-and here, lest they be tempted to attribute those good works to themselves, he immediately added: and may give the glory for them to your heavenly Father. This, then, is the Father's glory, that we should bear abundant fruit and become Christ's disciples, since it is only through God's mercy in the first place that we can become the disciples of Christ. We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the performance of good works. As the Father has loved me, Jesus says, so I have loved you. Abide in my love. There we have the

source of every good work of ours. How do they come to be ours? Only because faith is active in love. And how could we ever love, unless we ourselves were loved first? In his first letter John the evangelist made this quite clear. *Let us love God, he wrote, because he first loved us.* The Father does indeed love us, but he does so in his Son; we glorify the Father by bearing fruit as branches of the vine which is his son and becoming his disciples. *Abide in my love, he says to us. How may we do that? In the words that follow you have your answer. If you observe what I command you, then you will truly abide in my love.* But is it love that makes us keep the Lord's commandments, or is it the keeping of them that makes us love him? There can be no doubt that love comes first. Anyone devoid of love will lack all incentive to keep the commandments. When, therefore, Christ says to us: *If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,* he is telling us that the observance of the commandments is not the cause but rather the gauge and touchstone of

our love. It is as though he said to us: Do not suppose you are abiding in my love if you are not keeping my commandments, for it is by observing them that you will abide in my love. That is to say, your observance of my commandments is the proof, the outward manifestation, of the fact that you abide in my love. Let no one, then, who neglects to keep the divine commandments deceive himself by protesting his love for God. It is only to the extent with which we keep the Lord's commandments that we abide in his love; in so far as we fail to keep them, we fail to love. Yet even when we do keep God's commandments, it is not something we do in order to make God love us, for unless he loved us first, we should not be able to keep them. It is the gift of his grace, a grace which is accessible to the humble of heart, but beyond the reach of the proud.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Commentary: Augustine of Hippo

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 LENT

1st Reading Joshua 5:9-12 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:2-7 **R:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21 **Gospel Acclamation** (Lk 15:18) **Gospel** Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Wanted New Members

The Legion Of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on 7th September 1921. It is a lay Catholic organisation whose members are giving service to the church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Churches work. The Legion of Mary is a Lay Apostolate that meets weekly in prayer. In our parish every Wednesdays 10:30 am at the parish meeting room. Join us today! Contact Henri 0400 380 061 or email: ruyterhg@gmail.com.

Reader's Roster

This week		Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
Saturday 6:30 PM				
Vince	*C White	*Fe Mari	*Maria	
*Justin		*Vanessa	*Liz	
*Natalie		*Farida	*Sandro	
Next Weekend		Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
Saturday 6:30 PM				
Valita	S Yagmich	Farida	Charlotte	
Vince		Bjel	Maria	
		Fe Mari	Christina	

PARISH NEWS

Volunteers Needed Join our Passion Play!

Volunteers wanted for Passion play. Share your talents and time with our community as we present the story of Christ Passion. Meeting will be on 25 March, Tuesday, 5pm or contact Meagan 0418 429 433.

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.

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



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

Flyers available at the back of the church. **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 0411523557.

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, Robin Nola Rae

Requiescat in Pace

- Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Leslie Padmanabhan & Vanessa Caporn & 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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