

THE BLIND SEE AGAIN

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

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

1st Reading Is 135: 1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Ps 145:6-10

Response: Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread

to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R/

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R/

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. R/

2nd Reading James 5: 7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

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

Gospel Mt 11: 2-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’ As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's
MIDLAND PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



14th December 2025

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Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm

Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, 14th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Morning Tea after the Mass

9:30am Mass

Giuseppe Mercuri RIP

Julie Melani RIP 8 years

Djunandi Widjaja RIP 2 years

10:30 am Baptism Samuel Jose Rodelas

6:00pm Mass

Monday, 15th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 16th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Djunandi Widjaja 2 years RIP

Wednesday 17th Dec 2025

9:30am Mass

Speranza Taverniti RIP 1 yr

Mass
Schedule



Julie Melani RIP 8 years

Bill, Lyn, Scott & Srobhom prayer for good health, peace and happiness

11:30am Mass St John of God Hospital

Thursday, 18th Dec 2025

8:00am Mass

Friday, 19th Dec 2025

9:30am Mass

6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, 20th 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

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME, OR ARE WE TO LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

The gospel tells us that some people were rebuked by the Lord because, clever as they were at reading the face of the sky, they could not recognize the time for faith when the kingdom of heaven was at hand. It was the Jews who received this reprimand, but it has also come down to us. The Lord Jesus began his preaching of the gospel with the admonition: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. His forerunner, John the Baptist, began his in the same way: Repent, he said, or the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Today, for those who will not repent at the approach of the kingdom of heaven, the reproof of the Lord Jesus is the same. As he points out himself. You cannot expect to see the kingdom of heaven coming. The kingdom of heaven, he says elsewhere, is within you. Each of us would be wise therefore to take to heart the advice of his teacher, and not waste this present time. It is now that our Saviour offers us his mercy; now, while he still spares the human race. Understand that it is in hope of our conversion that he spares us, for he desires no one's damnation. As for when the end of the world will be, that is God's concern. Now is the time for faith. Whether any of us here present will see the end of the world I know not; very likely none of us will. Even so, the time is very near for each of us, for we are mortal. There are hazards all around us. We should be in less danger from them were we made of glass. What is more fragile than a vessel of glass? And yet it can be kept safe and last indefinitely. Of course it is exposed to accidents, but it is not liable to old age and the suffering it brings. We therefore are the more frail and infirm.

In our weakness we are haunted by fears of all the calamities that regularly befall the human race, and if no such calamity overtakes us, still, time marches on. We may evade the blows of fortune, but shall we evade death? We may escape perils from without but shall we escape what comes from within us? Now, suddenly, we may be attacked by any malady. And if we are spared? Even so, old age comes at last, and nothing will delay it.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-2

Commentary: Augustine

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: 21 December 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

1st Reading Is 7:10-14 Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6 2nd Reading Rom 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation Alléluia, alléluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alléluia! **Gospel Matthew 1:-18-24**

Third Sunday of Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. 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
Fely Lo Justin	S Yagmich	Lily Xavier Nora Alina	Jeany/Maria Liz Melissa

Next Weekend

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
Vince Natalie	A Woodland	Declan Vanessa Bjel	Charlotte Melissa Liz

PARISH NEWS

Children's Nativity Play

We are in need of readers, and children to act out the nativity play plus a couple of older children to help with the younger ones. Practice will be on Sundays, 14th and 21st December 10:30 am, after the 9:30am Mass. Please contact Vanessa 0404419185 or Gail at 0411 599 577 for more information.

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.



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