

TAKING THE LOWER PLACE

Entrance Antiphon
cf. Ps 85: 3,5
Have mercy on me. O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

1st Reading **Eccl 3:17–20, 28–29**
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Ps 67:4–7, 10–11
RESPONSE:
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R/**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R/**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R/**

2nd Reading
Heb 12: 18–19, 22–24
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant .

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11: 29
Alléluia, alléluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alléluia!**

Gospel Lk 14: 1, 7–14
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told

the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's
MIDLAND PARISH

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary time / Year C

31st August 2025

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Reconciliations:	Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Weddings/Baptism:	Only by Appointment

Parish Calendar		
Sunday, 31st August 2025 8:00am <i>Mass</i> 9:30am <i>Mass</i> *All Holy Souls in Purgatory *Arlene Cokiangco Dagman for healing and fast recovery *Doreen Odgers RIP 8/8/2003, *Murray Odgers RIP 8/8/2023 *Philip Holt RIP 20/8/1993 *Robert B. Holt RIP 26/8/2009 *Ilonka Sarich RIP 40 days on 7th Sept *Jordan (recently died) 11:00 am Baptism of Elodie Thomas 6:00pm <i>Mass</i> *Ottavio Lamberto RIP 20 years	Mass Schedule  Wednesday 3rd Sept 2025 St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor 9:30am <i>Mass</i> 11:30am St John of God Hospital Mass Thursday, 4th Sept 2025 8:00am <i>Mass</i> Friday, 5th Sept 2025 9:30am <i>Mass</i> 6:00pm Divine Mercy Benediction Saturday, 6th Sept 2025 8:00am <i>Mass</i> 10:00 am Baptism of Valerie Juliana 11:00am <i>Confessions –cancelled</i>	11:00am Mass Immaculate Heart of Mary and celebration after at the Parish Hall 5:00pm <i>Confessions</i> 6:30pm <i>Mass</i> 8:00pm <i>Mass –Parish Hall Neocatechumenal Way</i> Sacramental Dates 2025 Parent & Child Sacramental Workshop at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall Confirmation 2 nd Sept, Tues at 3:30pm-4:30pm Sacramental Retreat at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall Confirmation 3 rd September, Wednesday Sacramental Ceremony at St Brigid's Church Confirmation 21 st September, Sunday at 11:00am

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Invited to a wedding feast, the Lord looked round and noticed how all were choosing the first and most honorable places, each person wanting to take precedence over the others and to be raised above them. He then told them this parable, which even taken literally is most useful and appropriate for all who like to be honored, and fear being put to shame. To those of lower station it accords courtesy, and to those of higher condition respect. However, since it is called a parable, it must have some other interpretation besides the literal one. Let us see then what this wedding feast is, and who are the people invited to it. This wedding feast takes place in the Church every day. Every day the Lord makes a wedding feast, for every day he unites faithful souls to himself, some coming to be baptized, others leaving this world for the kingdom of heaven. We are all invited to this wedding feast-all of us who have received faith in Christ and the seal

of baptism. This table set before us is that of which it is said: *You have prepared a table before me in the sight of those who trouble me.* Here is the show bread, here the fatted calf, here the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Here is the living bread come down from heaven, here placed before us is the chalice of the New Covenant, here are the gospels and the letters of the apostles, here the books of Moses and the prophets. It is as though a dish containing every delight was brought and set before us. What more then can we desire? What reason is there for choosing the first seats? There is plenty for all no matter where we sit. There is nothing we shall lack. But whoever you may be who still desire the first place here-go and sit in the last place. Do not be lifted up by pride, inflated by knowledge, elated by nobility, but the greater you are the more you must humble yourself in every way, and you will find grace with God. In his

own time he will say to you: *Friend, go up higher, and then you will be honored by all who sit at table with you.* Moses sat in the last place whenever he had the choice. When the Lord wishing to send him to the Israelites, invited him to take a higher place, his answer was: *I beg you, Lord, send someone else. I am not a good speaker.* It was the same as saying: "I am not worthy of so great an office." Saul, too, was of small account in his own eyes when the Lord made him king. And Jeremiah, similarly, was afraid of rising to the first place: *Ah, Lord God, he said, look, I cannot speak-I am only a child.* In the church, then, the first seat, or the highest place, is to be sought not by ambition but by humility; not by money but by holiness.

Gospel: Luke 14: 1.7-14

Commentary: Bruno of Segni

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: 07 September 2025 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Father's Day)

1st Reading Wis 9:13-18 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17 **2nd Reading** Philemon 9-10,12-17 **Gospel Acclamation** Ps 118:135 **Alleluia!** Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. **Alleluia!** **Gospel** Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Surrounding News

*ANNUAL ST JOSEPH'S CAMINO SALVADO PILGRIMAGE 2025

The beautiful historic annual St Joseph's Camino Salvado Pilgrimage walks from Subiaco ending in New Norcia. **Sunday 7 September to Sunday 15 September Further info and registration** please visit www.caminosalvado.com.

*VINCENTIAN FATHERS - INNER HEALING RETREAT

Friday 12 September 9am to Sunday 14 September 5pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Road, Karrakup For registration via email vrcperth@gmail.com or 08 9525 6539

Reader's Roster

This week

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
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Valita Vince	A Woodland	Farida Bjel Fe Mari	Charlotte Maria Christina
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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

Attention Confirmation Candidates:

Submit Your Attendance Passbook Please remember to submit your completed attendance passbook to the parish office or directly to Father Rodrigo after mass, at your earliest convenience. This is an important step in preparing for the sacrament.

No Morning Tea Next Sunday – Father's Day Celebration

Next Sunday, we will not have our usual morning tea, as many families will be celebrating Father's Day with their loved ones. We encourage you to spend this special day with your family and cherish the time together. We look forward to seeing you all at Mass and celebrating Father's Day in spirit.

Relive the Journey: See the Pilgrimage Photos Visit our parish website to view the unforgettable memories from this year's pilgrimage in Schoenstatt Shrine.

St Michael's News

Calling all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, sons, grandsons uncles and nephews. Join us at the Coffee Hut Herne Hill(opposite the Church) on Saturday September 6th at 9 a.m. for a celebration of fathers!!! Order from the menu and join in the competitions. Bookings essential so please put your name on the list at church or msg Di Ritchie 0408599602.

Tuesday 9th September 7:30p.m.

Meeting of Friends of St. Michael's

Saturday 13th September Busy bee 8 a.m.

Sunday 14th September Breakfast celebrating Feast of St. Michael

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24:7 MIDLAND YOUTH GROUP REPORT

TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST

Last week we welcomed **23 youth** to another fantastic night together! After some free time to connect, we jumped straight into high-energy games of **Continuous Dodgeball** and **Categories**, which had everyone fully engaged and filled with laughter.

Our talk for the night was delivered by the amazing **Jordyn**, who spoke on the theme of **Hope**.

NEXT YOUTH GROUP

At our next gathering on the 12th of September we will focus on the theme of **Charity (Love)**, with an inspiring talk from **Derek and Karen Boylen**. It promises to be a powerful evening!

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:

John Hardy, Caty Jones, Phyllis Lee, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson, Robin Nola Rae and Michael Caputo

Requiescat in Pace

Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Tasha Scala, Marion Sands, Desmond Farrell & 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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