

PUT JESUS FIRST

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just ,O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1st Reading Wis 9: 13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

RESPONSE: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R/

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R/

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R/

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R/

2nd Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17 A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118: 135

Alléluia, alléluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alléluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary time /Year C

07 September 2025

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PARISH CALENDAR

<p><b>Sunday, 07<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> <b>Father's day</b> 8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass *Nora Foster- Thanksgiving (birthday) *Arlene Cokiangco Dagman (Healing and Recovery) *Cosimo Monterosso Father's Day Remembrance *Ralph Perrella RIP 4 yrs 6:00pm Mass</p> <p><b>Monday, 08<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b> <b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8:00am Mass</p> <p><b>Tuesday, 09<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b> <b>St Peter Claver (1581-1654) , priest &amp; missionary</b> 8:00am Mass</p>	<p><b>Mass Schedule</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b> <b>St Thomas of Villanova (1488-1555), bishop</b> 9:30am Mass *John Panackal RIP 11:30am St John of God Hospital Mass</p> <p><b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b> <b>St Cyprian</b> 8:00am Mass</p> <p><b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b> 9:30am Mass 6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion</p>	<p><b>Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b> <b>St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor</b> 8:00am Mass 11:00am Confessions 5:00pm Confessions 6:30pm Mass 8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall Neocatechumenal Way</p> <p><b>Sacramental Date 2025</b> <b>Sacramental Ceremony</b> at St Brigid's Church <b>Confirmation</b> 21<sup>st</sup> September, Sunday at 11:00am</p>
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## THE PERSON WHO DOES NOT RENOUNCE HIS POSSESSIONS CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE

The tradition of the Fathers and the authority of Holy Scripture both affirm that there are three renunciations which every one of us must strive to practice. To these let us turn our attention. First, on the material level, we have to despise all worldly wealth and possessions; secondly, we must reject our former way of life with its vices and attachments, both physical and spiritual; and thirdly, we should withdraw our mind from all that is transitory and visible to contemplate solely what lies in the future and to desire what is unseen. We read that the Lord commanded Abraham to make all three renunciations at once when he said to him: *Leave your country and your kindred and your father's house*. First he said *your country*, meaning worldly wealth and possessions; secondly *your kindred*, that is our former way of living, with its habits and vices which have grown up with us and are as familiar to

us as kith and kin; thirdly *your father's house*, in other words every secular memory aroused by what we see. This forgetfulness will be achieved when, dead with Christ to the elemental spirits of this world, we contemplate as the apostle says, *not the things that are seen but those that are unseen, for what is seen is temporal but what is unseen is eternal*. It will be achieved when in our hearts we leave this temporal and visible house and turn the eyes of our mind toward that in which we shall live for ever; when, though living in the world, we cease to follow the spirit of the world in order to fight for the Lord, proclaiming by our holy way of life that, as the apostle says, *our homeland is in heaven*. It avails little to undertake the first of these renunciations, even with wholehearted devotion inspired by faith, unless we carry out the second with the same zeal and fervor. Then having accomplished

this as well we shall be able to go on to the third, whereby we leave the house of our former father, of him who fathered us as members of a fallen race, *children of wrath like everyone else*, and turn our inward gaze solely toward heavenly things. We shall attain to the perfection of this third renunciation when our mind, no longer dulled by contact with a pampered body, has been cleansed by the most searching refinement from every worldly sentiment and attitude, and raised by constant meditation on divine things and spiritual contemplation to the realm of the invisible. It will then lose all awareness of the frail body enclosing it or of the place it occupies, so absorbed will it be by things divine and spiritual.

*Gospel:* Luke 14:25-33

*Commentary:* John Cassian

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**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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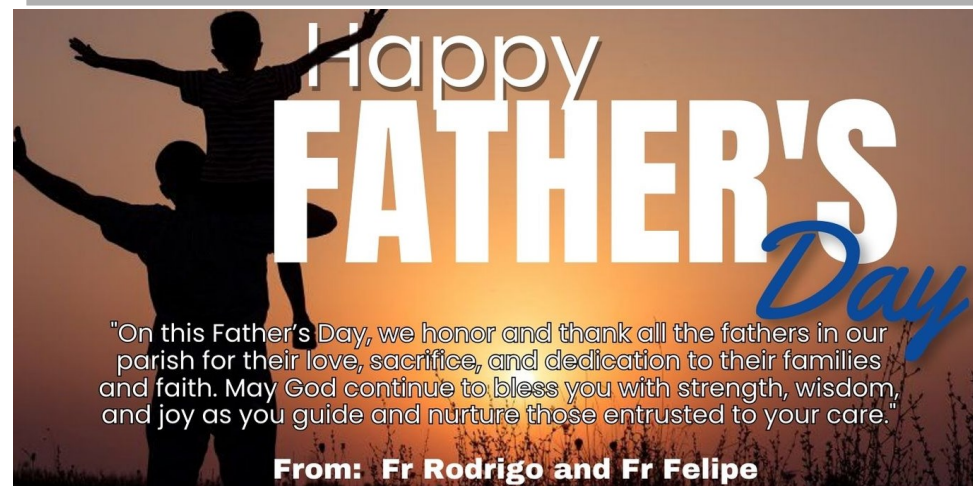
### Parish Communities

			
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: 14 September 2025 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)**

**1st Reading** Num 21:4-9 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 77:1-2,34-38 **2nd Reading** Phil 2:6-11 **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia! **Gospel** John 3:13-17

## PARISH NEWS



### 24:7 MIDLAND YOUTH GROUP RE-PORT

**TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**

On Friday night, we were blessed to welcome around 32 young people to youth group! We kicked off the evening with fun games and fellowship before

moving into the main content for the night — a talk on *Charity* presented by **Derek and Karen Boylen**.

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP** Our next youth group will be on **Friday the 12th September** feature a talk on *Faith* by **Mrs. Gethin**, alongside plenty of fun games and time to connect with one with one another.

You are warmly invited to celebrate the feast of St. Michael after Mass by coming to breakfast at the Coffee Hut. Toasted egg and bacon sandwich and tea/ coffee provided by the Friends of St. Michael's Social Club.



### ST MICHAEL'S OTHER NEWS

*Saturday 13th September* Busy bee 8 a.m.

#### October is Rosary Month

You are warmly invited to join other parishioners and friends to pray the Rosary in homes on Fridays in October. Our month of rosaries will commence on Friday October 3rd at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's with Rosary first then Mass. If you would like to offer your home for us to pray the rosary together please write your name on the list at the back of church. Dates are Friday 10th/17th/24th/31st. October.

### 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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Fely Lo Valita Emmanuel	Di Ritchie	Declan Alina Nora	Maria Liz 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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