

THE LORD WILL RETURN

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is’ he had said ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps46:2–3,6–9

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. R.\

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.\

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. R.\

2nd Reading Heb 9:24–28;10:19–23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high

priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19,20 Alléluia, alléluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alléluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46–53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. ‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands be blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's  
MIDLAND PARISH

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1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

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Only by Appointment

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, 01<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2025

8:00am Mass (Marriage Blessing)

9:30am Mass (Marriage Blessing)

Parish Morning Tea after the mass

Vince Tropiano RIP 12 months

Erlinda Aquino RIP

Antonio Aquino RIP

Alison Turchin RIP

1:00 pm HOLD CLP

6:00pm Mass

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2025

8:00am Mass

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2025

Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

8:00am Mass

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

9:30am Mass

11:30am St John of God Hospital Mass



Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

St Boniface, bishop, martyr

8:00am Mass

9:30am Italian Mass

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

9:30am Mass

6:00pm Divine Mercy Benediction

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

12:30pm Couples for Christ

Christ Life Program—Parish Hall

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

Giuseppe Papiccio RIP 1 yr

8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall  
Neocatechumenal Way

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2025

Parent/Child Sacramental Workshops

at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall

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

Holy Communion 9th June, Monday

Confirmation 3rd September, Wednesday

Sacramental Ceremonies

at St Brigid's Church

Holy Communion

15th June, Sunday at 11:00am

Confirmation

21st September,

Sunday at 11:00am



## As Jesus blessed them he was carried up to heaven.

If there had not been many dwelling places in the house of God the Father, our Lord would have told us that he was going on ahead to prepare the dwelling places of the saints. He knew, however, that many such dwelling places already prepared were awaiting the arrival of those who love God. Therefore he did not give this as the reason for his departure, but rather his desire to open the way for our ascent to those heavenly places and to prepare a safe passage for us by making smooth the road that had previously been impassable. For heaven was then completely inaccessible to us—human foot had never trodden that pure and holy country of the angels. It was Christ who first prepared the way for our ascent there. By offering himself to God the Father as the firstfruits of all who are dead and buried, he gave us a way of entry into heaven and was himself the first human being the inhabitants of heaven ever saw. The angels in heaven, knowing nothing of the sacred and profound mystery of the incarnation, were astonished at his coming and almost thrown into confusion by an event so strange and unheard of. “Who is this coming from Edom?” they asked; that is, from the earth. But the Spirit did not leave the heavenly throng

ignorant of the wonderful wisdom of God the Father. Commanding them to open the gates of heaven in honour of the King and Master of the universe, he cried out: “Lift up your gates, you princes, and be lifted up you everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in.” And so our Lord Jesus Christ has opened up for us a new and living way, as Paul says, “not by entering a sanctuary made with hands, but by entering heaven itself to appear before God on our behalf.” For Christ has not ascended in order to make his own appearance before God the Father. He was, is, and ever will be in the Father and in the sight of him from whom he receives his being, for he is his Father’s unfailing joy. But now the Word, who had never before been clothed in human nature, has ascended as a man to show himself in a strange and unfamiliar fashion. And he has done this on our account and in our name, so that being like us, though with his power as the Son, and hearing the command, “Sit at my right hand,” as a member of our race, he might transmit to all of us the glory of being children of God. For since he became man it is as one of us that he sits at the right hand of God the Father, even though he is above all creation and one in

substance with his Father, having truly come forth from him as God from God and Light from Light. As man then he appeared before the Father on our behalf, to enable us whom original sin had excluded from his presence once more to see the Father’s face. As the Son he took his seat to enable us as sons and daughters through him to be called children of God. So Paul, who claims to speak for Christ, teaching that the whole human race has a share in the events of Christ’s life, says that “God has raised us up with him and enthroned us with him in heaven.” To Christ as the Son by nature belongs the prerogative of sitting at the Father’s side; this honour can rightly and truly be ascribed to him alone. Yet because his having become man means that he sits there as one who is in all respects like ourselves, as well as being as we believe God from God, in some mysterious way he passes this honour on to us.

*Gospel:* Luke 24:46-53

*Commentary:* Cyril 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 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

**Next Sunday Readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**1st Reading** Acts 2:1-11 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 R: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**2nd Reading** Rom 8:8-17 **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:15-16, 23-26 (Yr C) **Gospel** Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

### Community News



Are you seeking a community that can support your growth in faith and your relationship with your partner? Join the Couple's for Christ Christian Life Program and start a journey of faith, love, and development with your partner and community, every Saturday at the Parish Hall from 12:30 pm onwards, child minding is provided. *For more information please contact.* BRO ROD 0422 535 811 /SIS GHERLIE 0410 282 214.



**St Vincent de Paul** Winter Appeal this week, envelopes are available at the back of the church.

### 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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### Next Weekend

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### PARISH NEWS

**The King of Kings** Don't forget the special screening of the movie The King of Kings happening on June 6, Friday at St Brigid's Primary School Hall. Tickets will be available at the door, and you can pay with cash or EFTPOS. Hope to see you there! You may also bring a plate to share.

**Children Liturgy** We're looking for enthusiastic and compassionate volunteers to help with our Children's Liturgy program, providing a safe and engaging environment for kids. For more information kindly contact the parish office.

**Planned Giving** Consider including the parish in your long-term financial plans through our planned giving envelopes program. Your regular contributions will support our parish and the ministries of our church. Envelopes will be available on the second week of June.

### St Michael's News

**St. Michael's Got Talent** Yes it's on again this year after all the fun we had last year. Friday June 20th at 6.p.m. at Swan District Sports Club on Great Northern Highway behind Joey's and right next door to our church and hall. Enter your act now on the list at the back of St. Michael's. Come along, make up a table and join in the fun. Pizzas supplied, please bring a cake or slice for supper. Drinks at bar prices. St. Brigid's parishioners warmly invited to enter an act or just come along.

**Morning Tea** Join our morning tea on 8th June after the mass.



### 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, John Hardy, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson, Robin Nola Rae and Michael Caputo

### Requiescat in Pace

Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Tasha Scala & 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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