

TO WHOM CAN I BE A NEIGHBOUR?

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. ‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11

RESPONSE: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R/

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R/

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R/

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R/

2nd Reading Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63, 68

Alléluia, alléluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alléluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him,

‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus. ‘Do this and life is yours.’ But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go, and do the same yourself.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Brigid's & St Michael's MIDLAND PARISH

Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

**Weddings/Baptism:** Only by Appointment

Parish Calendar

<p><b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p>8:00am Mass</p> <p>Morning Tea after the mass</p> <p>9:30am Mass</p> <p>*Arlene Cokiangko Dagman For healing and fast recovery</p> <p>*Len Cepo RIP 4 yrs &amp; Birthday Remembrance</p> <p>6:00pm Mass</p> <p>Salvatore Vinciullo RIP 7 yrs</p> <p><b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p>8:00am Mass</p> <p><b>Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p>St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor</p> <p>8:00am Mass</p> <p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p><b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel:</b> This feast commemorates the day Mary gave the brown scapular to St. Simon Stock.</p>	<p><b>Mass Schedule</b></p> <p>9:30am Mass</p> <p>11:30am St John of God Hospital Mass</p> <p><b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p>8:00am Mass</p> <p><b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p>9:30am Mass</p> <p>6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion</p> <p><b>Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b></p> <p>8:00am Mass</p>	<p>11:00am Confessions</p> <p>5:00pm Confessions</p> <p>6:30pm Mass</p> <p>8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall Neocatechumenal Way</p> <p><b>Sacramental Dates 2025</b></p> <p>Parent &amp; Child Sacramental Workshop at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall</p> <p><b>Confirmation</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, Tues at 3:30pm-4:30pm</p> <p>Sacramental Retreat at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall</p> <p><b>Confirmation</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> September, Wednesday</p> <p>Sacramental Ceremony at St Brigid's Church</p> <p><b>Confirmation</b></p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> September, Sunday at 11:00am</p>
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## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

To interpret the parable of the Good Samaritan, one of the elders used to say that the man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho was Adam. He said Jerusalem was paradise, Jericho was the world, and the brigands were enemy powers. The priest was the law, the Levite the prophets, and the Samaritan Christ. Adam's wounds were his disobedience, the animal that carried him was the body of the Lord, and the "pandochium" or inn, open to all who wished to enter, was the Church. The two denarii represented the Father and the Son, and the innkeeper was the head of the Church, who was entrusted with its administration. The promised return of the Samaritan was a figure of the second coming of the Savior. The Samaritan was carrying oil-oil to make his face shine as scripture says, referring surely to the face of the man he cared for. He cleansed the man's wounds with oil to soothe the inflammation and with wine that made them smart, and then placed him on his own mount, that is, on his own body, since he had condescend-

ed to assume our humanity. This Samaritan bore our sins and suffered on our behalf; he carried the half dead man to the inn which takes in everyone, denying no one its help; in other words, to the Church. To this inn Jesus invites all when he says: *Come to me, ail who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you new strength.* After bringing in the man half dead the Samaritan did not immediately depart, but remained and dressed his wounds by night as well as by day, showing his concern and doing everything he could for him. In the morning when he wished to set out again he took from his own pure silver coins, from his own sterling money, two denarii to pay the innkeeper-clearly the angel of the Church-and ordered him to nurse with all diligence and restore to health the man whom for a short time he himself had personally tended. I think the two denarii stand for knowledge of the Father and the Son in the Father. This was given to the angel as a recompense, so that he would care more diligently for the man entrusted to him. He

was also promised that whatever he spent of his own in healing him would be repaid. This guardian of souls *who showed mercy to the man who fell into the hands of brigands* was a better neighbor to him than were either the law or the prophets, and he proved this more by deeds than by words. Now the saying: *Be imitators of me as I am of Christ* makes it clear that we can imitate Christ by showing mercy to those who have fallen into the hands of brigands. We can go to them, bandage their wounds after pouring in oil and wine, place them on our own mount, and bear their burdens. And so the Son of God exhorts us to do these things, in words addressed not only to the teacher of the law but to all of us: *Go and do likewise.* If we do, we shall gain eternal life in Christ Jesus, *to whom belongs glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Commentary: Origen of Alexandria

### Community News

**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: 20 July 2025 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading** Gen 18:1-10 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 14:2-5 *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**2nd Reading** Col 1:24-28 **Gospel Acclamation** Luke 8:15 **Gospel** Luke 10: 38-42



**Vulnerable people in Western Australia** who have nowhere to turn need your help to overcome the impacts of homelessness and the cost of living crisis. Please support people in WA through the Vinnies Winter Appeal. To all who have already made their donations, we extend our sincerest gratitude.

Envelopes are still available at the back of the church for the entire winter season.

### 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 Valita Justin	S Yagmich	Lily Xavier Nora Alina	Maria Melissa

#### Next Weekend

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Pilgrimage Invitation

We warmly invite you to accompany us on a pilgrimage to Schoenstatt Shrine as part of our Jubilee Year celebration. This journey will offer a wonderful opportunity for spiritual reflection, prayer, and deepening your faith.

#### Details

**Where:** Schoenstatt Shrine 9 Talus Dr, Mount Richon WA 6112

**Date:** 23rd August, Saturday

**Time:** 9:00 am—leaves in parish

10:00 am—arrival in the shrine

3:00pm—arrive back at the parish

**Activities:** Morning tea, reflection, mass, lunch and more  
Please bring a plate to share.

**Registration:** Registration is open from this weekend and will continue until the end of July only. Please take a moment to fill out the form located at the back of the church.

For individuals who have chosen not to bring their own transportation, the parish is organizing a bus. However, it is essential for us to ascertain the number of passengers who will utilize the bus service. Please let us know the number of individuals by completing the form provided.



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### Requiescat in Pace

Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Tasha Scala, Marion Sands, William "D'Arcy" Slater & All souls in purgatory

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