

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

**BURLEIGH WATERS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY** -3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

**BURLEIGH HEADS - INFANT SAVIOUR** - 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads

**PALM BEACH - OUR LADY OF THE WAY** - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

**MIAMI - CALVARY** - Redondo Av, Miami

**MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S** - Wallaby Dr,

**SPRINGBROOK - ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
13th February 2022

This weeks readings :Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15-12, 16-20  
Lk 6:17, 20-26



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## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Saturday 12th February

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Sunday 13th February

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

8.30am **Mass** - Miami

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters (live-streamed)

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters (live-streamed)

Monday 14th February - St Methodius & Cecil

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday 15th February - St Claude La Colombiere

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday 16th February

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday 17th February - 7 Holy Founders

5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday 18th February

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Saturday 19th February - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Sunday 20th February

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

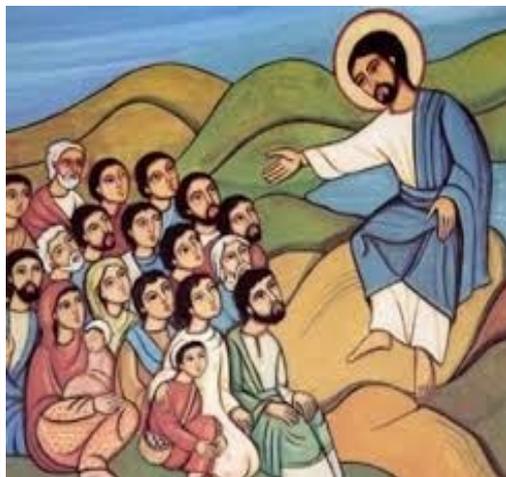
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Next weeks readings : 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-23: 1 Cor 15:45-49



The gospel today is called Luke's "Sermon on the Plain." While it is similar to Matthew's more often quoted "Sermon on the Mount," there are obvious differences. Jesus has gone to a mountain to pray, which Luke tells us he does before important moments in his life. After he prays He chooses the 12 apostles. Then he comes down from the mountain with the 12 to level ground, where there is a large crowd of his disciples, as well as a large number of people waiting for them. They are from "all Judea, and

Jerusalem and the coastal waters of Tyre and Sidon." In other words, all of Israel is represented there, waiting for Jesus to teach and heal. He and his disciples are there with them - on "level ground."

He has just chosen his disciples and he is already teaching them what it means to be a disciple and where one should find a follower of Jesus - not in a place above people, but in their midst; where disciples can see and hear who the people are and what they need.

Only a few are called to the monastic life, to live apart from the world. But even monks and nuns are to be connected to the world outside. Their prayer is not to be an obsessive concern with self, but they are to be aware of the hungers and pains of the world beyond their monastic enclosure. Timothy Ratcliff, OP in talks he gave to the Dominican Order, told us that spirituality does not mean segregation from the world, but to live with a passion for the good, bound up in the lives of others and what happens to them.

Or, as Luke has it today, "Jesus came down with the Twelve on a stretch of level ground, with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people..." Spirituality is not an other-worldly pursuit. The Bible presents the God of salvation already present in our world. Some describe this as God's "involved presence," very much in solidarity with us. Saint Luke sums up the Christian's call to service in his simple description of Jesus and his disciples on "level ground" with the world.

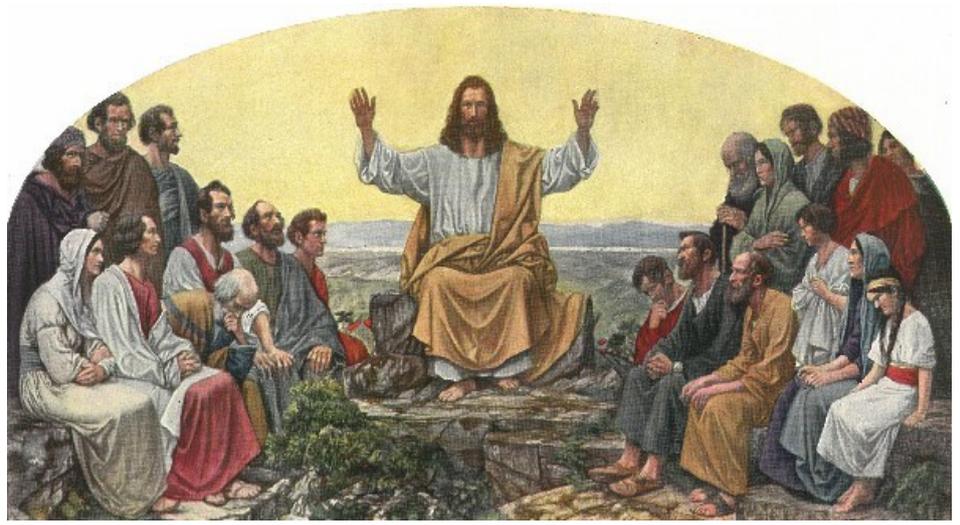
Luke's sermon is much like Matthew's as it begins with Beatitudes. But it is shorter, containing only four, while Matthew's Beatitudes number eight. However, Luke adds four "woes" that stand in contrast to his Beatitudes. He is suggesting that there is going to be a great reversal when God comes to set things right. On the Third Sunday (January 23, Lk 4: 14-21), when he preached in the synagogue. Jesus announced what God was beginning. He quoted the prophet Isaiah. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring glad tidings to the poor... proclaim liberty to captives...." Jesus was initiating and proclaiming a great reversal, something the prophets promised God would do when the Messiah came.

And so after praying on the mountain Jesus comes down to begin God's work of reversal, and introduce the kingdom of God. Who are the poor in our world, the hungry, those who weep, are insulted and locked out? while the rich seem to have everything. The "poor" is a biblical term that has extensive reach, but among the preoccupied and comfortable the "poor" are easily overlooked

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. Baptism has given us the gift of sight: look around, what do we see? And, what are we going to do about helping those Jesus has "Blessed?"

Luke and Matthew's versions of the Sermon differ, but not just because Luke has four Beatitudes and Matthew has eight. Luke's language is much more blunt and uncompromising. Luke's Jesus is very straightforward and focused upon what is important and what is not. He shows, in light of God's coming reign, what society values – to be worthless. The gospel challenges us to honestly examine what are our priorities. What we treasure says much about who we are.



The "woes" point to our excesses, materialism and pleasure seeking. Do they speak more about us than the blessings? If so, we have changes to make, which at first may require sacrifice and pain, but will yield the "blessedness" of gospel people whose lives Jesus describes are turned to others. Such lives require: the poverty of sharing; the hunger for justice; the weeping with the downcast and a willingness to suffer for our kinship with the Son of Man.

The blessings and the woes voiced by Jesus, underline whether a person is disposed to God, or not. The passage calls for primary commitment to God; not a loyalty that compromises by keeping an eye out for enjoying all that the world has to offer.

Luke's Gospel is a gospel of paradox. Of the four Gospels, his is strongest about how the New Testament life is paradoxical. In Luke we find an upside down world. In the light of this Gospel, everything has to be looked at from a different perspective. This Gospel, and particularly this passage, confronts us with challenge; how do we view ourselves and others? What is the standard by which we measure who and what truly count? What seems like "common sense" and "practical" to us, is seen as disastrous logic when viewed through the eyes of the Gospel. What we consider objects of the good life to be striven for, are challenged in a Gospel that calls those who are poor, hungry and weeping – blessed. While telling the rich, the full and those laughing that they are cursed. What a paradox! Yet at a deep level, we know the paradox makes sense. To put our trust in anyone or anything other than God and the hope held out for us in Jesus, is to court disaster.

At our worship today we have come to Jesus at the foot of the mountain. We come looking for him because we see ourselves as poor, hungry, in need, searching, weary, or confused. We hope to hear from him about an alternative way of seeing and living our lives. We want more integrity, to live in ways that promote the dignity of all people and that will bring justice and happiness into our lives. Just as Jesus saw the disciples and blessed them, so he blesses us who have come to him searching for the happiness of those who accept the Kingdom of God.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022**

Thank you to families who have registered to attend Parent Information and Enrolment Sessions on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at 3.30pm or 5.30pm.

If you have yet to register, and have child/ren who are baptised Catholic and in the Year 4 age group and older, please go along to the following link to register your attendance. Registrations are requested by *no later than Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February*. Enrolment forms will be available on the day.

*Parent Information and Enrolment Session Link:*

<https://signup.com/go/feNptDR>

Enrolled families will prepare online for the Sacrament of Penance – First Rite of Reconciliation, throughout the season of Lent, and we will celebrate the Sacrament before Easter.

The Rite of Enrolment and presentation of Sacramental sashes will occur during Mass in all Churches throughout the Parish on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Our Parish Community looks forward to welcoming our Sacramental families.

**Can you assist?** Would you have some time to help with administration on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February?

**Enquiries – Angela Williams, Sacramental Coordinator**

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## SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Brent Bennett, Leigh Boulcher, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Maurice Carrig, Bernard Clark, Jacqui & Emile Cloete & family, Ben Cuevas, Peter Freeman, Irene Garland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Jean Hokin, Anne Lord, Denis McEnery, Carmel Meldon, Terezia Meleg, Pat Moy, Sue Mulholland, Stephen Murray, Josie Nicolas, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Sean Roche, Anne Owens, Phyllis Pola, Maureen Reti, Peter Smith, Andrew Supple, Olivia Tonner, Edward Tudor, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, Kathleen Schwager, Hannes Rieck, Lyn Hundt, Fely Roberts, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

## AGED CARE PARISH COURSE

Popular last year was our parish certificate course on understanding Aged Care Ministry. The parish is offering the course again for those engaged in aged care ministry or hoping to move into this field of mission.

**The Certificate Course will begin Fridays 10:30-12noon 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and run for 6 weeks till 8<sup>th</sup> April. We have room for 10 applicants only.** Please contact the parish office to register.

### Date Claimer: Lenten Quiet Day

A day of quietude, an opportunity to ponder our Lenten Journey, to ask the questions: "What is it that God invites us to let go of?" "What is it that God invites us to embrace?"

We will spend most of our time together in reflective silence, listening with the ear of the heart for God's invitation.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 9am for 9.30am start. Finish by 3pm.

Mary Mother of Mercy Church and Community Centre, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.

Please BYO Morning Tea and Lunch. Tea/Coffee makings supplied. A donation of \$25 is invited to cover the cost of re-

## DECEASED

**Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Dawn Bennett, Anthony Bugeja, Glynn Dougherty, John Costigan, Bruce Galea, Vincent Bugeja, Shirley & Russ Craig, Salvatore De Celis, Lance Humphreys, Petar Banko, Diego Randazzo, Nevis & Salome Abarquez, Romeo & Shery Ann Abarquez, Ignacio & Natalia Abarquez.

*May the chairs of angels come to greet you ...*

## FUNERALS LAST WEEK

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Salvatore De Celis, Eileen Bourke, Kathleen Porcheron and Martin Cowan who have died in Christ. Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

*God will raise you up on eagle's wings*

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## BURLEIGH PARISH MARRIAGE WEEK 7-14 February

Burleigh Parish has a long standing tradition of celebrating marriage vocation every year around Valentines Day. Thanks to Teams Oceania for their continuing support. This year due to Covid life we will have a quieter celebration – but still we acknowledge those married



especially 50 years. Padre has applied for a number of couples to be granted a papal blessing for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. If you are 50 years plus married and would like a papal blessing please contact the parish so we can apply to the Holy Father for you too.



♦ **PLANNED GIVING** - Thank you for the generosity and support of all who contribute to the Parish Planned Giving. Details for electronic banking are as follows: **BSB: 064 786; A/c No: 100010144.** Reference: Planned Giving/Surname.

♦ **CHILDREN'S FAMILY MASS** - Fourth Sunday of each **Month**, 10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters the Mass will be specifically dedicated to a Children's Mass and Liturgy. The Readings and Homily will be for the children.

♦ **THE NEOCATECHUMENAL COMMUNITY** - St Benedict's Church Mudgeeraba, Thursday 7.30 - 8.30pm. Contact Dean Sargent 0401 942241.

## Congratulations

The Burleigh Conference of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to congratulate the Migrant Advice Service on being awarded the SVdP "Excellence in Customer Service 2021". This award is to honour the service, contribution and commitment that each of its members has given to Vinnies and the community it serves. Over the years this service has grown from just the Burleigh Clinic to clinics in Southport, Logan and Brisbane. In 2021, 131 vulnerable people were assisted over these 4 locations, including phone interviews to people in Far North Queensland.

## Music for this Sunday

### Gathering:

#### Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
nought be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish Melody 18th C

### Psalm Response:

**Happy the one who has placed their trust in the Lord**

*(PS:1)*

### Communion

#### Bread Of Life

*Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise to return again.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:  
just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup;  
sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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**TO HELP PROTECT YOU  
AND OUR PARISH FAMILY  
PLEASE WEAR A MASK  
WHEN YOU ATTEND MASS  
AND OTHER PARISH FUNCTIONS**

**IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL  
OR HAVE COLD AND FLU SYMPTOMS  
PLEASE STAY HOME**

### Thanksgiving:

#### The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice, Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted, blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you, and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they shall find, Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called God's children.

Text & music by Peter Kearney; C J Albert & sons P/L

### Recessional

#### A New Heart For A New World

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
- we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor,  
calls us on.

Lord, it is you  
promising hope, promising truth.

Restless, the hearts who yearn for your peace  
in this land.

Deepen the dream  
justice brings life, justice redeems.

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