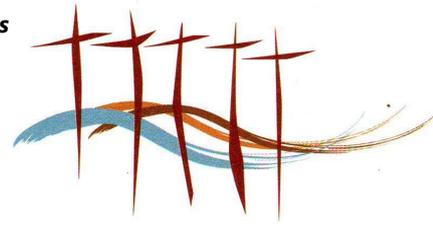


BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **BURLEIGH WATERS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters**
- **BURLEIGH HEADS - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads**
- **PALM BEACH - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach**
- **MIAMI - CALVARY CHURCH - Redondo Av, Miami**
- **MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**
- **SPRINGBROOK - ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**



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Fourth Sunday of Lent 22 March, 2020

Year A: 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

next week's Readings: Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP – COVID19

- The celebration of Mass on Sundays (including the Saturday vigil) is suspended with immediate effect and until further notice, and all the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation.
- Priests will continue to celebrate Mass (the *Mass for the people*) on Sundays without a congregation, with people able to follow Masses live-streamed from the Cathedral at archbne.org/ bzw on Sundays and weekdays.
- For the time being, weekday Masses may be celebrated as scheduled, with the current restrictions and precautions to be observed.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation should in general be celebrated only by appointment with the priest, with the current precautions to be observed.
- Any Church celebration or event where more than 100 people are expected should be cancelled or postponed.
- All attending any Church celebration or event should respect the requirements of physical distancing.
- All ministers of Holy Communion, including the priest, should disinfect their hands before and after distributing.
- In the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone.
- The Sign of Peace should be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- Hymn books should not be used.
- As far as possible, churches should remain open to allow private prayer; the Blessed Sacrament might be exposed in the monstrance for this purpose (as long as fewer than 100 are attending and with the usual provisions for reverence and security of the Sacrament).
- Communion to the sick should be taken by priests alone and in general be restricted to Viaticum to the dying, with the current restrictions and precautions to be observed.
- Prayers of intercession for an end to the pandemic and for the safety of all should be included in Masses, in the Liturgy of the Hours and in private prayer; houses of consecrated religious are asked to intensify their intercessory prayer also.
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals may be celebrated, but restricted if necessary to immediate family; baptisms and weddings can always be postponed.
- Preparation for and celebration of First Penance, Confirmation and First Communion should be postponed until the pandemic is over.



Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 23 March

8.30am Stations of the Cross - Miami
9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday, 24 March

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
6.30pm Brazilian Catholic Community - Miami

Wednesday, 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Palm Beach
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 26 March

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 27 March

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 28 March

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 28 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass for the People

- celebrated by the Priest and live-streamed

SUNDAY, 29 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass for the People

- celebrated by the Priest and live-streamed

Sacrament of Penance by appointment

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PARISH OPERATIONS

1. The Parish office will remain open during normal business hours Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
2. **Please join our parish FACEBOOK – BurleighCatholicParish or check our webpage burleighheadscatholic.com.au where the parish newsletter/bulletin will be posted under NEWS every Friday. We will stream Mass without a Congregation every Sunday at 10am.**
3. The newsletter will be available each Sunday outside the church – please come around read notice boards and collect news letter at front door. Palm Beach newsletter slot is just inside front gate. We will consider the other churches in getting slots.
4. **May I encourage you to meet Sunday in small neighbourhood groups (less than 50) to watch Mass and practise spiritual communion. If you are going to do this please elect a Contact Person that can contact the parish before each Sunday or so the Parish can contact the group – an email to the parish would be great. Maybe one of the priests could also meet with the group when possible. This will be up to you to organise but try not to be alone unless you need to.**
5. Please ring for any appointments to see the priests – if going into hospital and you want to be anointed, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Baptism, other issues. We will operate the parish as close to normal as possible.
6. Weekday Masses will be as per our normal roster - however - no Mass at Ozanam Villa which will be a communion service, and no Mass at Robina Hospital - both suspended until further notice.
7. Weekday Mass will strictly be ONLY 100 people inside, practising physical distancing. If you find you come and there are already 100 people please wait outside and communion will be brought to you if you have watched the Mass from outside.
8. Please keep going as normal as possible – every Parish group that meets please meet on your regular basis aware of physical distancing, no more than 100 people, and not to attend if sick.
9. Sung Evening prayer at Infant Saviour will be every Friday for Lent. This will probably extend into Easter Season.
10. Mary Mother of Mercy Church will be open M - F 9am-5pm for personal prayer, adoration and rosary. May I encourage the 100 to pray the rosary every day.
11. The Blessed Sacrament will be continuously Exposed at Infant Saviour. Although the little front chapel will be locked there is a seat and clear ability to sit and pray before our Lord's Presence. May I encourage you to do this often.
12. Not sure about how to or whether to celebrate publically Holy Week and Easter but keep notified. But at present this is our program which may change at the last moment:
 - a. Palm Sunday – blessed palms will be available during Holy Week at all weekday Masses and outside the churches for your collection
 - b. Holy Thursday – the Masses at Mudgeeraba (6pm), Burleigh Waters (7pm), and Palm Beach (6pm) will go ahead but only 100 people – the rest to remain outside.
 - c. Good Friday Stations of the Cross – The Infant Saviour Church Stations at 10am as a walk around Burleigh Centre will go ahead as long as 500 or less are present.

- d. Good Friday Commemoration 3pm – are planned at each church but this will be a modified outdoor Service with no Holy Communion. BYO chair or ground rug if you need it.
 - e. No Second Rites of Reconciliation will be offered. The Priests will be available after each Weekday Mass during Holy Week for individual Confession. May I encourage everyone to make use of this.
 - f. Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday ?? will let you know later but we plan to live stream both
13. PARISH EASTER SEMINARS – every Tuesday night April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26 where we will explore dimensions of the faith and Church's life – MMM Community Centre 6-8pm all welcome to 100 people.
 14. Care for one another
 15. Let's see if we can find new pastoral alternatives and find new ground to operate in.
 16. Pray

PLANNED GIVING: I understand that hardships may come to many people and some will be offended by me talking about money at this time but if you can drop off weekly planned giving during a weekday Mass collection that would be great. Or better can everyone switch to direct debit/credit by ringing the Parish Office which will set that up for you. Use the paywave also. Maybe we shouldn't talk about money now but the Parish still needs to operate so your generosity is very welcomed.

NB Calvary Church Miami Project Works – we have been pledged as a gift \$25k worth of concreting works which we will go ahead and undertake – this is no cost to the parish and we believe we should take advantage of this which may not be available to us in the future.

NB Palm Beach Project Works – this project will be suspended at this stage.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

What is Spiritual Communion and How to do this? Some may find this interesting that many of our faithful elderly have been practising Spiritual Communion for years.

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) defined Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

St John Vianney compared spiritual communion to blowing on fire and embers that are starting to go out in order to make them burn again: "There are some who make a spiritual communion every day with blessed bread. If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again. After the reception of the Sacraments, when we feel ourselves slacken in the love of God, let us have recourse at once to spiritual communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God."

The basis of this practice was explained by Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*:

In the Eucharist, "unlike any other sacrament, the mystery [of communion] is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: Here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins himself to us in the most perfect union." Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant

desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of "spiritual communion," which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. St Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you" [The Way of Perfection, Ch. 35].

In 1983, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that all the effects of Holy Communion can be received through spiritual communion for persons in the following situations: Those at priestless parishes; Those who are prevented from attending Eucharistic celebrations; The divorced and remarried; Those at the Protestant Lord's Supper.

One Form of the Prayer for receiving Communion Spiritually:

1. Pray together Archdiocese Prayer
2. Read aloud and Meditate as a family, friends, or individually on the Sunday Scriptures
3. A time of private prayer and intercessions – for an end to the virus, for the nation, for the church, personal intentions, for the sick and deceased.
4. Pray the OUR FATHER
5. Prayer for Reception: My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
6. Sing together and join in some form of fellowship after if in small group gatherings.

ARCHDIOCESE PRAYER FOR END OF THE PANDEMIC

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Infant Saviour Pray with us

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

St Stephen and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, pray for us.

THANKYOU EVERYONE.

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY OUTSIDE THE CHURCHES AND ON THE PARISH WEB SITE.

PLEASE REMAIN IN CONTACT.

YOU ARE ALL IN OUR PRAYERS AND HEARTS.

Parish News and Happenings

- **The FUTURES-END OF LIFE SEMINAR** which was to be held on 3 April has been cancelled.
- **ANointing MASS - Friday 3 April** - there will be an Anointing Blessing without oils (no touching).
- **LENT 2020 PARISH RETREAT** is cancelled due to virus issues and travel restrictions.
- **ROBINA HOSPITAL MASS** has been cancelled until further notice.
- **BIBLE STUDY** with Fr Jacob, Infant Saviour meeting room, Saturday, 8.30am.
- **BRAZILIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** meets each Tuesday in Calvary Church, Miami, from 6.30 - 8.30pm. 1st Tuesday of each month - English; other Tuesdays - Portuguese. **Next Portuguese speaking Mass** - 17 May, 11am.
- The **Festival Mass** to celebrate **60 YEARS OF THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** operating in Burleigh Parish has been cancelled.

- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020** - On Wednesday last week, our young people - who have been participating in Sacramental preparation over the past few weeks - celebrated the Sacrament of Penance - First Rite of Reconciliation. We congratulate the children and continue to hold them in our prayers. We thank everyone involved in assisting with the practice, Labyrinth walk and celebration of the Sacrament.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Leo Grioli, Rita Galea, Mary Caruana, Patrick McDonald, Anne-Marie McDonald.

May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...

May you find eternal life.

Family Groups

ALL FAMILY GROUP GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Xavier and Alani who were baptised last week.

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Peter Bennett, Ida Elda Bonke, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, William Buckley, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Jan Carmont, Stephen Cochrane, Maria Fiore, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Angelita Freda, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Kath Hare, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Denis McEnery, Barry McKnoulty, Fay & John Mooney, Pat Moy, Stephen Murray, Josie Nocolas, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.



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We enter into this fourth Sunday of Lent with the words of Samuel I telling us that, “not as man sees does God see.” At Mass, we then hear the story of Christ healing the blind man at the pool of Siloam. El Greco painted two versions of this story; here we explore his first rendition. *Christ Healing the Blind* tells the story but also reveals El Greco’s blossoming artistic vision. In this early painting, we observe El Greco learning to see with the eyes of an artist as he depicts perspective and the movement of bodies from all angles. Just as the blind man learns to see, El Greco is gaining his unique vision here.

Christ Healing the Blind presents two main groups of people: Christ healing the blind man on the left, and the Pharisees clustered on the right, suspicious and protesting. Front and centre are the blind beggar’s meagre possessions and a sniffing dog - perhaps his only loyal companion. Further back, two figures complete the circle, engaged in a pose of compassion and healing - God’s

mercy juxtaposed with the confrontation below. Placing Christ and the Pharisees on the left and right is a point of irony: the Pharisees, who are assured of their right vision, are in fact blind to the truth unfolding before them, while Christ reveals the truth on the left. Behind the Pharisees a sky of swirling clouds reinforces their disarray, but Christ’s healing act takes place in front of a firm visual backdrop of stable architectural elements. Behind Christ, El Greco leads our eye to a vanishing point with a long row of arches, hinting that the sight Christ grants to the blind beggar is long-ranging and far. In contrast, the cluster of Pharisees obscures their own horizon, as their near-sighted vision lands on one another.

Finally, the four men gathered on the left seem unaware of what is going on. Here, El Greco inserts another kind of blindness: oblivion to grace unfolding before their very eyes. Their mild presence is perhaps more challenging than that of the Pharisees, who are lacking vision but not awareness.

This story invites us to open wider our eyes of faith and become aware of the merciful, healing grace all around us.

Commentary is by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, assistant professor of liturgy, catechesis and evangelization at Loyola University New Orleans.

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

- Monday:*** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
- Tuesday:*** The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- Wednesday:*** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
- Thursday:*** Lord, remember us for the love of your people.
- Friday:*** The Lord is near to broken hearts.
- Saturday:*** Lord, my God, I take shelter in you.



PROJECT COMPASSION:

Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. Until now Sakun, an indigenous Gond woman, has been isolated in her community, unable to earn a livelihood and without knowledge of government schemes that could help her. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. Through their strategic guidance and support, Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family’s basic needs. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.