

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, Mudgeeraba

SPRINGBROOK - ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th February 2022

This weeks readings Is 6:1-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11: LK 5:1-11

Next weeks readings : Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15-12

Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Saturday 5th 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 6th 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 7th February - St Mel

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday 8th February - St Josephine

Bakhita

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday 9th February

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday 10th February - St Scholastica

5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday 11th February - Our Lady of

Lourdes (World Day of Sick)

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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)

Peter is not the only worker who has "worked hard all night." Many of us can identify with an "all-night-labour"; something we have worked hard at all day and that still keeps us up at night. With the Covid limitations many are doing "all-night-labours" from their own homes. We can hear in Peter's our own voice of fatigue, frustration and failure. There are times in our lives when we can say what Peter expresses in today's gospel, "we have caught nothing...."

We have: struggled to keep a relationship together, only to have it crumble; tried to support our families during these times of firings; taught our children the faith, only to have them give it up when they left the house; come towards the end of our hard-working lives to find ourselves limited by physical or financial constraints, etc. With Peter and his partners, we have a lot on our minds and have much to preoccupy us.

Peter hasn't had the time or leisure to listen to Jesus preach on some hillside or local synagogue. He has important things to tend to on this day; he's got a family to feed and a business to maintain. So, since Peter couldn't go to Jesus, Jesus goes to him. He chooses Peter's boat as his "pulpit." From there Jesus preaches to the crowds, whom Luke describes as, "pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God...." Don't we preachers envy that: people pressing in to hear our preaching! Jesus must have been saying something they found important and applicable to their lives. Peter couldn't help hearing what Jesus was saying, after all, they were in the same boat. Jesus' words were so moving that Peter was willing to act against his experience, honed by years of fishing, and to trust Jesus' word. When he tells Peter, "Put out into the deep and lower your nets for a catch....," Peter does it.



Here is where we are at this point of the story: we have a working person whose life is frustrating and failing. Into that life and world Jesus enters with a word that draws people to himself. Peter hears that word and responds to it and discovers that his life bears fruit – the kind a fisherman would recognize, a huge catch. This story is not ethereal, or other-worldly. It's about Jesus addressing a person in the midst of a busy day and that person responding to him. Peter goes from indirection and failure to purpose and bounty. He realizes what has happened and decides to follow the one who can catch fish for him and more – whose word bears life.

But Peter has initial hesitation. He feels unworthy in the presence of the one he has just heard speak and taught him, the experienced fishermen, how to catch fish. Jesus now has other fish to capture; beginning with Peter and his companions. He uses the same net to catch these men he used to catch the fish – his word. They may be unworthy, but if they trust, not in themselves but Jesus' word, they will be "catching people." So, relying not on themselves but upon the Word, they put their hesitations aside and follow Jesus.

Our lives are busy. The things that concern us and keep our minds preoccupied during the night, are not superficial matters, they are an integral part of our lives and we need to tend to them. But we can use some help to keep us focused and guide our decisions. While we know there are no easy and quick solutions to the important issues we face, still we do want to keep our heads about us; we want a sense of priorities and direction. In other words, we want to continue hearing Jesus' invitation to follow him and we want to do that as we toil through the sometimes, very dark periods of our lives.

Peter's busy life turned out to be a "listening place" for him. It was while he was cleaning up after his laborious and unrewarding night's work that he heard Jesus speak. First, he listens to Jesus as one among the many who were there that day. It's the way we hear the Word of God in this community, at our liturgical celebration. I think that communal hearing set the stage for what Peter heard next – his personal call. These weekly celebrations we share with others is an important listening place for us as a church community. Together we hear Christ address us and, through his fruitful word, enable us to be his "fishing church," reaching out, as he did, to the lost and confused, to offer them direction and a place of acceptance. Our ministry now is to respond to those who say what Peter first said to Jesus, "We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing."

But besides hearing Jesus in a communal setting, Peter also heard Jesus speak directly to him in the midst of his busy life with an invitation to follow him. So, daily life can be our personal listening place to the Word. As the saying has it, "Listen up!" Practice attentiveness to what we experience and hear each day. For example, do we have a wise friend who speaks the truth we need to hear? Do we take the Scriptures we hear each Sunday and try to apply them to our lives? When we complete a task or chore can we pause, take a breath and ask, "What next Lord?" And listen for a response? Can we begin each day with a resolution to try to find Christ and listen to him while we work?

There is a sequence in today's gospel. It starts with trouble and need; then words are spoken and people respond to what they hear; their response bears fruit; then another word is spoken and a new response is made – a life-time journey begins. There is no guarantee of success for those who accepted Jesus' invitation, at least not in the usual ways we measure it. We may not come up with a boat load of fish. Jesus doesn't spell out exactly what the lives of the new disciples will be like. "Catching people" – How will they do it? How many "catches" will make a success? Where will this journey they are beginning take them? How will it end up? Lots of questions I would like answered before I would sign a lifetime contract. Instead, Jesus offers Peter and us his presence on the journey. We will not be on our own, we will have one another and he will be in our midst. We have confidence that along the way he will continue to speak a word, especially at the moments when we lose confidence after another all-night of fruitless labour.

Peter sees the fish, but he sees more. Here is someone who can enter into his life and direct him to bounty, meaning, vision and hope. Here is someone who makes him aware how far he is from God and how unfulfilling life on his own can be. So, he speaks his feelings of unworthiness, not out of an exaggerated or neurotic sense of guilt, but from the experience we too would have in the presence of the Holy One.

Isaiah had an experience of the holy God that frightened him and also filled him with awe. Isaiah, like Peter kneeling before Jesus, experiences his own unworthiness and God's compassion. Yes, he is "a man of unclean lips." But for God that's not an obstacle. Isaiah's mission won't depend on his own worthiness, but on the word of the One who is calling and sending. "Here I am," he responds to the voice of the Lord, "Send me." That might be our prayer throughout this week. Whether we feel worthy or not, from the midst of our daily lives we pray and trust our call and say, "Here I am, send me."

The Africans have a proverb; "It's not too good to be near a chief." Simon Peter may have had feelings like that; so might we. What will God ask of us once we accept the invitation to draw close? How much does God want? Still better, how much does God want to give? The answer isn't provided yet, to Simon or us. All we have now is an encouraging word, "Don't be afraid" and an invitation to follow and trust.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Families with children, who are baptised Catholic and in the Year 4 age group and older, are invited to attend a Parent Information and Enrolment Session to register for the three Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please attend one Parent Information and Enrolment Session on Wednesday 16th February, 2022 at either 3.30pm or 5.30pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. Enrolment forms will be available on this day.

Please register your attendance by **Wednesday 9th February** at Parent Information and Enrolment Session Link:

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

Enrolled families will commence preparation for Penance during Mass on the weekend of 26th and 27th February with presentation of Sacramental sashes, and preparation will commence online in the week following. **Can you assist?** We are looking for anyone who would like to help with administration on the Enrolment Day.



Enquiries – Angela Williams, Sacramental Coordinator

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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.

There will be opportunities to pray, to walk the labyrinth, to journal, to create, to be still, to depth the journey, and to ground our being in God's presence.

Saturday 12th 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 resources and materials.

Facilitated by Sue Thomas. Please email

FUNERALS LAST WEEK

Last week we will celebrated the Funeral of Shirley Craig .

Let us remember their families & friends in our prayers this week .
God will raise you up on eagles's wings

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

This week we celebrate the funeral of Salvatore De Celis, Eileen Bourke, Kathleen Porcheron, who has died in Christ, Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

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Care and Concern Burleigh has resumed services after a COVID forced hiatus of 2 years and is in dire need of volunteers. We drive our elderly citizens to medical appointments who wouldn't normally be able to make their own way there. This service has proven to be invaluable to our aged care residents and independent living citizens, as proven by the popularity of the service. Consequently, if you are interested in giving a few hours of your time each week as a driver, or half a day each month as an organizer, or both, we would be very grateful. Please contact Di Taylor on 0438 877 059. Alternatively, you are welcome to call the office at 5578 6318 during our office hours, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:30 am and 11:30 am or email us at care.concern.burleigh@gmail.com. We will be happy to discuss the details with you.-

- ♦ **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 WCCM MEDITATION GROUP** will recommence on Monday 7 February. For further information contact Paul 0499 487270.

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 Zandler, Norah Zipf, Ignacio & Natalia Abarquez, Romeno & Sherry Ann Abarquez, Nieves & Salome Abarquez, Kathleen Schwager, Hannes Rieck, Lyn Hundt, Fely Roberts, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

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, Bruce Galea, Vincent Bugeja, Shirley Craig, Salvatore De Celis, Lance Humphreys.

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

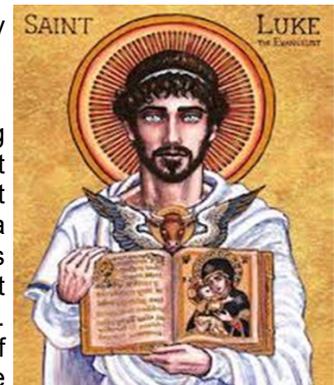
May you find eternal life.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

An evening exploring the Luke the man, his community, his gospel verses, meaning, history, literary challenges and Luke's presentation of Jesus and his message. Tuesday 8th February 7pm MMM Community Centre – presented by Padre.

To start the discussion - Did St Luke personally know Jesus?

Luke is an interesting writer because he did not know Jesus Christ personally. He became a follower after the Lord's death, when Paul taught him the gospel. ... McConkie (1915–85) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles says that Luke probably got his information about Jesus's birth from Mary herself.



How did St Luke describe Jesus? Luke depicts Jesus in his short-lived ministry as deeply compassionate — caring for the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized of that culture, such as Samaritans, Gentiles, and women. Whereas Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy to Abraham, father of the Jewish people, Luke goes back to Adam, parent of us all.

All welcome – COVID norms apply. Wine and cheese available. No cost. Teachers may apply for PD credit.

Music for this Sunday

Gathering:

Gather Us In

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Psalm Response:

**Before the Angels I will bless you O Lord. Before the
Angels I will bless you.**

(PS: 137)

Take And Eat

*Take and eat, take and eat:
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood given up for you.*

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

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Thanksgiving:

You Walk along our Shoreline

You walk along our shoreline where Land
meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and
follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and
wave and shoal.
Then I will make you fishers, but of the human
soul.

You call us, Christ to gather the people of the
earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we
think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the wa-
ters face:
Our boat a common shelter for all found by
your grace.

We cast our net O Jesus, we cry the king-
dom's name
We work for love and justice, we learn to hope
through pain
You call us, Lord to gather God's daughters
and God's sons,
To let your judgement heal us so that all may
be one.

Recessional

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God we praise thy name; Lord of all we
bow before thee ;All on earth thy scepter
claim, all in heav'n above adore thee, infinite
thy vast domain, ever lasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn angel choirs
above are raising; Cheruhim and Seraphim in
unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens
with sweet accord; Holy holy holy Lord !

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we
name thee; While in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee ;And adoring ,
bend the knee, while we own the mystery.