

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH

Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

CALVARY CHURCH

Redondo Ave, Miami

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 10 August – St Lawrence

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 11 August – Ordinary Time 19

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Holy Mass of Syro-Malabar Catholic Church - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 12 August – St Jane Frances de Chantal

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 13 August – Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 14 August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest

5.30pm Vigil Mass (Assumption of Mary) - Palm Beach

Thursday 15 August – The Assumption of the BVM

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 16 August – St Stephen of Hungary

9.00am Adoration & Morning Prayer - Burleigh Waters
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 17 August

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 18 August – Ordinary Time 20

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
11.00am Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NATIONAL VOCATION SUNDAY

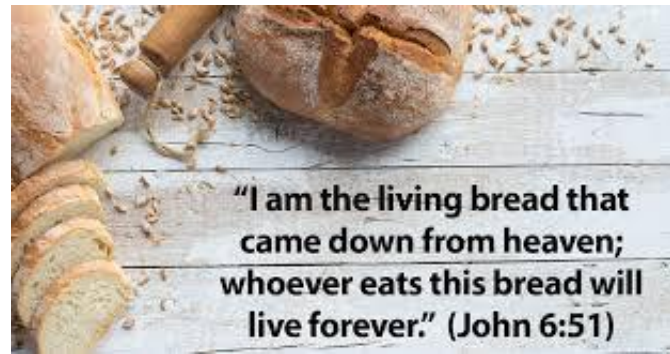
11 AUGUST 2024

Year B/2

This Week's Readings: 1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51

Next Week's Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

We catch Elijah in the middle of a hard journey; not only a physical journey, but a spiritual one as well. He is in the desert, but what got him there? Why is he praying for death? Who prays for death, except the most desperate, when life has



no more attraction, no future to hope in? As far as poor, frightened Elijah can tell, things are helpless. He cries out, "Take my life for I am no better than my fathers."

Elijah has fled to the dessert because he is running for his life. Previously he triumphed over the prophets of the god Baal on Mount Caramel. (The story of "the dueling prophets" is a great read, I Kings 18: 20ff.). But the prophets of Baal were brought to Israel by Queen Jezebel who has sworn that she will have Elijah killed. So, Elijah is in the desert because he is running for his life, and he is worn out and discouraged. He sees little hope for himself or his prophetic mission. He has had enough of this prophesying business and wants to die!

The story of Elijah is reminiscent of the Israelites in Egyptian slavery, who also had no hope, until God stepped in to save them. God took the Israelites into the desert where, through their hardships, they learned more about their God – which is what is about to happen to Elijah. The author of I Kings links the story of Elijah with that of the Israelites in the desert in several ways: he complains to God; is fed bread in the desert and needs to continue the arduous journey. Notice too that Elijah walks 40 days and 40 nights to God's mountain, which ties the story to the 40 years the Israelites spent in the desert.

Can you hear the underlying call in the Elijah story to trust in our gracious God? Elijah's problems didn't evaporate, he still had a long way to go on his journey and, while there would be more trials up ahead, God would be with him, and strength would be given him for his task – beginning with the bread and water right before his eyes.

Even today people can identify with the Israelites and Elijah in the desert. In every generation peoples' lives are difficult and they find it hard to survive. Perhaps a financial crisis has spread out that feeling of desperation, even to those who previously felt secure. Like Elijah, in one way or another, many are in the midst of fear, isolation and discouragement.

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The angel has had to direct Elijah to the food that was right there in front of him. I wonder what food God is giving us at this stage of our journey? What gift of strength and nourishment is right in front of us that we fail to recognize? Is it the loving and patient spouse; a faithful friend; the helpful colleague or a mentor at work; the teacher who spends extra time with us; the compassionate doctor or nurse; the relative who lends us money to see us through hard times, etc.? God feeds us in the desert in such ordinary ways; the way Elijah was fed with a “hearth cake and a jug of water.” We pray at this Eucharist to have our eyes opened so that we can see God’s nourishment right before our eyes. When our eyes are opened to that food we will come to know again “the bread of life” of our all-nourishing God.

These past three weeks we have been hearing from John 6 the “Bread of Life Discourse.” So far, the subject of the discourse has been faith in Jesus. The gospel does not yet speak of the Eucharistic bread – the last verse in today’s gospel will make the transition to the Eucharist and the next section of the discourse. At this point though the question is: do we have faith in Jesus? If our answer is “yes,” the subsequent question is: how does our faith affect our daily lives? Are we different people because we believe in Jesus?

Jesus calls himself the “bread of life.” Is he talking about “life” in general – eating, sleeping, breathing – daily existence? I don’t think so. I think he is the bread that nourishes us to live a very particular kind of “life” – his life. And we can’t live that life on our own, because he asks us to die to our way of living and take up his life: the life of forgiveness, goodness, trust and service. But Jesus reminds us that God has “drawn” us to him in faith and so faith in Jesus and his words will sustain us.

He is the “bread” of a new kind of life, a life we cannot earn on our own, but is given us by the one he calls “the Father,” the parent who always feeds hungry children. God loves all people; all are God’s children. Yet, we have been gifted with faith in Jesus, called to live his life in the world. How will we live that life? The readings assure us today that we have not been left on our own in the desert; but our companion is the One who nourishes and sustains us each step of the way.

The faith we have been given is not meant just for ourselves. We have the responsibility to live and share that faith in words and concrete actions. God feeds the Israelites and Elijah in desert places. Jesus does the same for the crowds. That’s good, because that’s where we need food, at the times and in the places, we can’t provide it on our own. How does Jesus nourish us? ...by his teachings and by his life, which he freely gives to us.

We often think of the Christian life as requiring a lot from us – and it does. It asks our very life. But before we can do anything, we are reminded today that God has the key role in today’s readings. God has sent the Word made flesh, Jesus, to us and God draws us to him and through him to God’s very self. For those who respond to that invitation to faith in Jesus, God gives us the food we desert travellers need, “the Bread of life.”

Faith in Jesus does not begin by assenting to dogma or doctrines. It is not primarily an intellectual exercise. Rather, judging from today’s gospel reading, Jesus invites us, first of all, into a personal relationship with him. “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.” Our faith in Jesus is a personal conviction, that in him, our loving God has shared our life; revealed an immense love for us; will not let go of us; or let us down when we hunger and wander in the desert. Faith in Jesus, “the bread of life” does not guarantee an easy road for us, but it does assure us of God’s life within us and gives us the strength and courage to do what we must do as Christians in the world.

At this Eucharist we celebrate the care and love God has given us in Jesus. We are thankful for the faith that enables us to know Jesus Christ and through him, to come to know the Father. The faith we share at this Eucharist does not make us better than anyone else, but it is a responsibility, calling us to be instruments of God’s gracious presence in the world, signs of a God who has made a covenant of love with us that will never end.

Bread is meant to be broken. “Companion” is derived from the Latin, which suggests “the one with whom we share bread.” Look around, whom do we know who is traveling through an arduous desert these days? How can we “companion,” i.e. how can we break and share our bread with them? What specific “bread” do they need? The bread of compassion, understanding, encouragement, etc. Or do they need the physical bread of food, housing, job, protection, etc. How can we provide that “bread of life” for them?



2024 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Next weekend, our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection.

DON'T FORGET!



ANOINTING MASS – First Friday of each month, 10 am Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. All Welcome. Care and Concern will be providing morning tea in the Community Centre.

YOUTH MASS – 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30pm, Mary Mother of Mercy Church. We invite you to be involved with reading or altar serving, please contact the Parish Office or see the priest before Mass.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – 3rd Friday of each month from 9:00am till 9:50am in Mary Mother of Mercy Church. Please join us in spending some time with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

PARISH LUNCHEON – First Thursday of each month at 11.30am, Burleigh Heads Sports Club. Please bring a friend and join us for fellowship, cake and celebrating birthdays.

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: PG/Surname

2024 RECONCILIATION DINNER

You are warmly invited to a remarkable and inspiring evening as we come together for the 2024 Archdiocese of Brisbane Reconciliation Dinner. As we move forward on the shared journey of reconciliation and unity, this will be an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations and to listen and learn from a powerful social justice advocate who has dedicated her life to nurturing understanding and compassion between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Non-Indigenous Australians.

When: Friday 6 September 2024 at 6pm
Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Brisbane

To find out more and register your attendance, visit tinyurl.com/RecDin2024.

Please note, seating for this event is limited.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

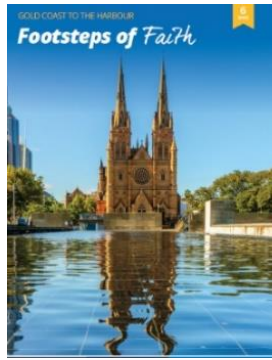
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION EVENING



Families in our Sacramental Programme are reminded that the Parent Information Evening for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be held on **Tuesday 20th August 2024** at the

Mary Mother of Mercy Church. You are required to attend one of the following sessions **3.30pm** or **5.00pm**. It is important to note that unless the First Reconciliation has been received, the child will not be able to proceed with Holy Communion.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



BURLEIGH PARISH
ALL SAINTS PILGRIMAGE
Gold Coast to the Harbour
27th October – 1st November 2024

DAY 1: Sunday 27 October
Fly Gold Coast to Sydney

DAY 2: Monday 28 October
Sydney Exploration

DAY 3: Tuesday 29 October
Sydney Shrines of the Saints

DAY 4: Wednesday 30 October
Sydney Cathedral and Aboriginal Heritage

DAY 5: Thursday 31 October - Broken Bay

DAY 6: Friday 1 November - Fly Sydney To Gold Coast (B)

INDICATIVE COSTS

TOUR CODE	PV2459
STARTS	Sunday, 27 October 2024
FINISHES	Friday, 01 November 2024
AIR & LAND	AUD \$2490 PP Twin Share *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1480 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$90 Per person

** Costs have been based on prices as at May 2024 and must remain subject to possible change in the unlikely event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare & fuel increases and minimum group size (25) contingencies.*

INCLUSIONS

*Economy class flight Gold Coast to Sydney return. 5 nights accommodation at Mary Mackillop Place. Breakfast and dinner daily. 2 lunches. Deluxe airconditioned coach. Site visits and entrance fees as per the itinerary.
Not Included: Any beverages with meals. Personal expenses. Travel insurance.*

For further information, please ring the Parish Office ph: 55766466 For Bookings: bookings.harvestjourneys.com/pv2459

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT

DATE: Wednesday 21 August 2024
TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm
VENUE: Parish Office Boardroom
3 Sunlight Drive Burleigh Waters



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

An invitation for anyone to attend who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, for people who have not been baptised and for those baptised in other Faith Traditions and for Baptised Catholics who have been taken time out and wish to reconnect.

When people decide they would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, we invite them to COME AND SEE by joining the RCIA Group.

The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*), also called the Catechumenate, is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church.



GOANNA'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON –
Date: Sunday 18th August
Time: 11.30am for a 12.00pm start
Venue: Palm Beach Soccer Club,
81 Nineteenth Ave, Palm Beach.

ALL WELCOME come along, enjoy the Sunday Roast, reasonable prices. Enquiries, please contact Margaret 0402 834 362.

GATHERING

We come from ancient Dreamtime,
from the bush, or by the sea.
We come from a thousand city streets.
We are the rich and lowly,
we are the poor and strong.
We come to share this moment,
gathering here, singing one song.

*With our hearts on fire with the love of Jesus.
Hearts on fire, let's spread the Word.
Hearts on fire, feel the Spirit blazing.
Hearts on fire,
called to live the Good News in this land.
Setting hearts on fire, with our hearts on fire,
setting hearts on fire.*

We long to live in freedom, we yearn for unity.
We dream of justice, joy and peace.
Spirit fill us with your power.
Jesus help us live your call.
O Creator give us wisdom,
so we will be Good News for all. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

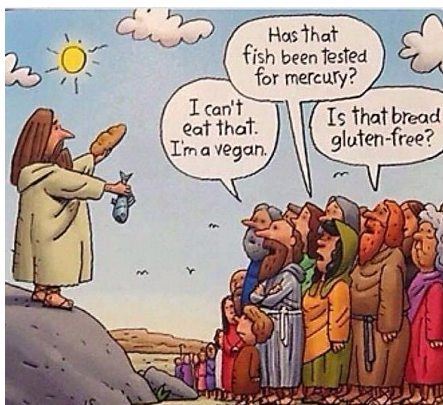
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN

I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**



Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

***Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.***

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails
our God is there to save. **(Refrain)**

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Peter Flynn, Anthony Metzen, Hannes Rieck, Quetta Mace, Doreen Kennedy, Bernard Clark, Irene Garland, Caitlin Ibbotson, Edward Tudor, Dick O'Halloran, Lynne Nunan, Petrina Stewart, John Christopher, Deirdre Irwin, Linda Ledbrook, Paul Holford, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Des Stuckey, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Tom Pritchard, Lee Capri, John Love, Brenda Carr, Noah Page, Graeme Delaney, Suzanne Fullarton, Neville Fullarton, Nola Bellis, Lyn Hundt, Joseph Penny, Therese Baggaley, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

*Please ensure you receive permission before placing a name in the prayers list.
Contact the Parish Office if the name is no longer required to remain on the list.*

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Angela Gatt, Emil Markusic, Margaret Kennedy, Alice & Patrick Shannon, Miranda Grgich, Kevin McCarthy. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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