

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH
Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 24 August – St Bartholomew, apostle

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 25 August – Ordinary Time 21

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

7.00am Mass - Palm Beach

8.30am Mass - Miami

8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba

10.00am Children's Family Mass - Burleigh Waters
(Livestreamed)

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 26 August

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 27 August – St Monica

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 28 August – St Augustine, bishop

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 30 August – Bld Ghebre Michael

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

** NB Anointing Mass 6 September will be at 11.00am **

Saturday 31 August – St Aidan

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 1 September – Ordinary Time 21

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

7.00am Mass - Palm Beach

8.30am Mass - Miami

8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

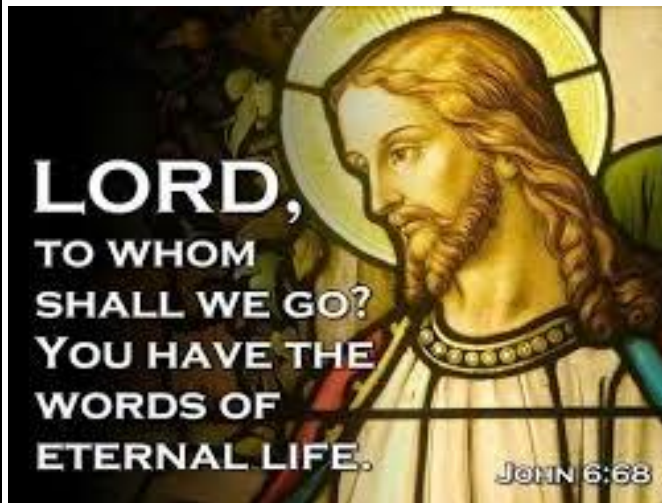
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

25 AUGUST 2024

Year B/2

This Week's Readings: Josh 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Next Week's Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22,27, Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



I find the reading from Ephesians an embarrassment and difficult to read to a modern congregation. How would they hear, "Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. for the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church"? The second readings these Sundays have been a sequential reading from

Ephesians. So, today we arrive at this difficult part of the letter. Some people are frustrated by it because they think it reflects some sexism that appears in other parts of the Lectionary.

At the time the letter was written women were thought inferior to men, the property of their husbands and were to be submissive to the male members of their families. We can say that times have changed, and we recognize over the centuries the struggle all women, especially poor and women of colour, have endured to achieve justice and equal standing with men. There is more to be done in society, our church, and in our own thinking. Still, today's Scripture is not helpful, especially when used in preaching and Bible classes.

Paul's letter can also be a strong distraction from Jesus' word about believing in him and eating his flesh and drinking his blood. These words also cause difficulties for some hearers today.

A dominant biblical theme is that of Covenant. The Joshua reading centers on the covenant between the people and God. Joshua reminds them of what God has done for them and warns about the opposition they will face trying to stay faithful to God. Bottom line: Joshua asks them to decide for themselves if they will serve God. He summarizes what he and his family will do, with a statement parents in the pews today might be trying to affirm in their own families, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." These days, with so many dropping away from our church community, many parents feel they have failed setting an example of teaching their children the importance of faith and belonging to a believing community.

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Some of us grew up in churches with a majority of people of the same ethnic background. Today many parishes are flourishing because of the influx of diverse people from Latin and Asian countries. The people Joshua was addressing were from victorious groups that had conquered large areas of Palestine from Canaanite kingdoms. Joshua had led the people into the land God had promised them. He was not only a military conqueror, but facilitated renewal of the covenant between the people and God.

Previously they may have had strong bonds among themselves, as we may have experienced in our parishes, but Joshua wants the community to draw together, not because of common ancestry, social, or political ties, but by their agreement to live in covenant with one another and with God. Thus, what unites those of us at worship today, whatever our background, or social affiliation, is that we are being drawn together by God to hear the Word of God and eat the Bread of Life. We are a renewed people and former separations among us are displaced through Jesus' offering of himself today.

Back to Paul and his times. He took the marriage relationship of his time and used it as a metaphor for the relationship between God and the people. Much was renewed at God's initiative by Jesus' death and resurrection. Paul could not change the marriage situation of his day, but he asks Christians living in that world to live in a radically different way. Did you notice that he said, "Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ"? Literally it would be: "Be subordinate to one another; obey one another; regard another as higher than oneself."

So, it is not just a requirement applied to the wife, the child, or those without power. The husband, the master, is called to be subordinate, to obey and regard the "insignificant ones" as higher than himself. Jesus is posited as the model for this behaviour since he freely humbled himself out of love for us.

Joshua is suggesting it would be foolish to choose any other god. He reminds the people what God had done for them, first initiating the relationship with them and then confirming it by great saving acts. Jesus' disciples are also given a choice: to believe in him and his words, which Peter says, offer eternal life. Jesus' words were not easy to accept and "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

The covenant God has made with us in Jesus is not to be taken lightly. Christ has given us a complete offering of himself. His self-surrendering love for his church eliminates any previous structures of male-domination and opens us to a way of mutual respect and self-giving love. His disciples struggled to accept the gift of his flesh and blood. They must have realized if they accepted his self-offering then they too would have to follow the pattern of living he was revealing: which for many required leaving behind ways of former believing and choosing the new life he was offering them.

Jesus did not give an easy remedy for the doubts his disciples had in reaction to his words, nor did he water-down impact those words had on them. What he was asking them, as he asks us today, is to be open to the gift of faith God was offering them, "... No one can come to me unless it is granted them by my Father."

Only in faith can we receive "words of spirit and life." With such faith we can enter and live the mystery of the incarnation and begin to possess and experience eternal life now.



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Thank you for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your tax-deductible gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass.

**With your gift, you give those in need something to hope for.
You are the answer to a prayer.**



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, Lyn Hundt, Joseph Penny, Therese Baggaley, Sister Eleanor Marie, Ray Dove, 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, Margaret Kennedy, Alice & Patrick Shannon, Miranda Grgich, Kevin McCarthy, Philomena Bugeja, Erlinda Tablan Cruz, Aurora Tablan, June Dwyer. 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



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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS



On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops invite us to reflect on what we, as Christians, are called to do in a world wracked by war and violence.

Truth is often the first casualty in war. The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no 'us' or 'them'. Everyone on earth, whatever our race or creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict.

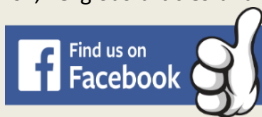
Armed not with guns and missiles, but with love for our sisters and brothers, we are invited to speak of peace and to take action to promote peace in a violent world.

On this Social Justice Sunday, let us re-commit ourselves to cultivating a culture of peace by following Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace.

For the statement please follow - socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/

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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church. It focuses on the basics of belief - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to reflect on life. It is a journey of faith and a chance to discover more about who you are as a Son or Daughter of a gracious loving God.



If you would like to know more, we invite you to Come and See by joining the RCIA Group

It is the process by whereby people have not been baptised and those baptised in other faith traditions become full members of the Catholic Church.

If you wish to join our RCIA Group, please phone the Parish Office on (07) 555 80120.



Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen. My name is Carlo, and I am originally from Italy. I am married to Lucia and we have eight children. I was raised in the Catholic church and did all my sacraments. However, at the age of 14 God was a question mark for me. I did not have an answer to the sufferings present in my life. If God exists and really loves me, why is it that I suffer? When confronted with this question, I could not provide a concrete answer. Instead, I went through my adolescence looking for life where there was no life. Looking for an answer where there was no answer. I could not see who I really was. The picture I had of myself was that of a 'good boy' who could not do any harm to anyone. Looking back, I know this was not true. I was living my life without any real meaning, with a deep sadness inside myself. Yet, through all this God was present in my life, even if I could not see Him. One day I was on a youth pilgrimage, and I received a word, an announcement that God loves me the way I am, and that he was my Father. The Holy Spirit sealed this announcement, giving me the certainty that God exists and that He loves me with all my sins. This helped me little by little to reconcile with my history, asking my father for forgiveness and to see that behind all the events of my life God was present. God allowed this time of suffering, of dryness, which was an experience of the desert, to show me that I can only find true lasting happiness in Him. God was able to enter my life by means of a gradual initiation to faith, a catechumenate lived in a Christian community. This experience is possible also for you.

Young and old, **COME AND LISTEN!** God loves you. Let him speak to you! He is making all things new. We invite you to hear our experience of the Neocatechumenal Way which has been enriching the lives of many for the last 50 years and was described by St John Paul II as 'an itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times'. May the Virgin Mary who inspired this Way intercede for us, that humility, simplicity and praise may appear among us. Let us all pray that this gift to the parish may bear fruit, fruit that will last!

Catechesis for the Youth and Adults

Mary, Mother of Mercy Church
Mondays and Fridays 7-8 PM
 Starting on the **2nd September**
 in the Community Centre

Free babysitting available
 For more information call Carlo on 0478 727 769



GATHERING

*Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **(Refrain)**

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **(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

*Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.*

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
let us revere and love the living God
and love each other with unfeigning hearts.
(Refrain)

And so when we are gathered here as one,
let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
be our resolve all bitterness to shun
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.
(Refrain)

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
to where the blessed glory in your sight;
there let us see and love you face to face,
gathered once more in everlasting light.
(Refrain)

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RECESSIONAL

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
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The Lord has the words of everlasting life


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U R I T Z J Z O U Y S R G B Z
C H S P I R I T Y C V K E E L
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B E G I N N I N G V P K R A P
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Try to find these words:


- backs
- beginning
- betray
- bread
- eternal
- faith
- one
- Simon Peter
- speak
- Spirit
- twelve
- understand




By listening to Jesus, we too can have everlasting life. What are some things Jesus is telling us? Draw the missing pictures, then circle the correct answers.



Always be the winner



Do anything you want



Pray to God

Love one another

Help others

Be stronger than others