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Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

CALVARY CHURCH

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Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 21 September – St Matthew

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

Sunday 22 September – Ordinary Time 25

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)
11.00am Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 23 September – Padre Pio, priest

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 24 September – O.L of Walsingham

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 25 September

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 26 September – St Morgan

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul, priest

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 28 September – St Lawrence Ruiz & Comp.

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

Sunday 29 September – Ordinary Time 26

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)

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Year B/2

This Week's Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

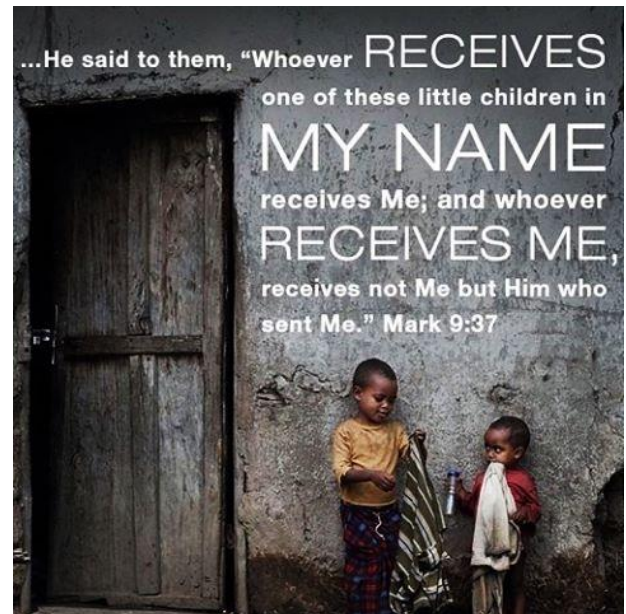
Next Week's Readings: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The letter of James, with its emphasis on works, has often been interpreted as a contrast to Paul's emphasis on faith (For example, see last week's reading from James 2:14-18). But today what emerges from James is not about works, but wisdom. In daily life we might name a person "wise" because they have been successful in their life choices: they have a good job; secure homes; and maintain their health. This wisdom focuses on the self.

But James poses another kind of wisdom, it is "from above." It is a wisdom that sees through the false promises life puts before us. But the Christian longs for true wisdom that has its source in God and enables us to live our lives in light of God's will with mastery over our actions. It is wisdom "from above," James says, which produces visible fruit that marks the Christian's daily life.

James, like Paul, confronted his congregation for its internal conflicts. Both asked their communities to turn to God for help to live together peaceably. As in their time, our church faces internal warring factions, each claiming wisdom to know God's will. James asks, "where do... the conflicts among you come from?" He is not so much interested in the opinions and ideas of the members of his church as he is with their living good and peace-loving lives. He reminds his members that earthly wisdom ("wisdom from below") produces division and strife; but "wisdom from above" recognizes and responds to the call to "cultivate peace."

What do you see in the outside world and the internal world of your congregation that exhibits the vices James enumerates? The wisdom he speaks of does not reside in the head, but in our daily behaviour. James calls us to live by the "wisdom from above" which is God's gift to us, as individuals and as communities.



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Turn your glance to your faith community. Does it exhibit “the wisdom from above” in its leadership; liturgical life; generosity towards the needs of others; prayers that voice concern for the world; social justice ministries and works to resolve conflicts?

Who is “in” and who is “out” in today’s gospel? It’s not clear why Jesus would not want anyone but his disciples to know about his future sufferings. Who else, but a disciple, would be able to understand this teaching? They are the “in” group of the story. But the irony is that even those closest to Jesus do not understand what he is saying. This non-understanding is a theme in Mark, it is “the scandal of the cross.”

The disciples have their “eye on the prize” and, judging from previous accounts, that means they are hoping for glory by following Jesus. But they have no clue what he means about his coming suffering and death. Human knowledge cannot grasp this mystery, but God can enable us to hear and accept it. It would seem that Christ is quite clear about what is going to happen to him. But trying to see the mysterious ways of God by our own wisdom only leads to darkness, the absence of light. We need what James spelled out for us today, “wisdom from above.”

Jesus sounds like a benevolent uncle when he takes a child, puts his arms around it and says, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me....” Of course, Jesus loved children and was gentle towards them. But he was stressing the core of his teaching and is asking for total love and trust from his disciples. We are called to be servants of all, even to receiving the ones in society who have no authority, or established position.

We ask then, who are the authentic leaders in our Christian community? Jesus would point us to the humble servant leaders who may have no official office, but who are following his lessons about service to the least. His teaching is radical: while he is the long-awaited Messiah yet, by following him, we must desire not to be first, but to be last and the servant of all.

The disciples do not understand this teaching. Not because it is too technical, theological, or the grammar not clear; but because it speaks of a way of living they cannot accept, at this moment of their discipleship – the necessity of Jesus’ suffering and death. His passion and death must happen so that they, through faith, can share in his new, resurrected life. Then they will understand and believe in this difficult teaching.

The disciples were not exempt from being infected by the world in which they lived. Competition, prestige and power permeated the Roman-dominated world of the disciples. Those same worldly “virtues” also dominate our modern world as well. In their lives a servant was the one who waited on tables and served the wishes of their masters and mistresses. On their own they had no honour. Jesus told his disciples they must be “the last of all and the servant of all.” He also asked that they receive a child in his name. The child had no material value, or social standing in the household, or community. They could not improve their status on their own. So what would the benefit be for a disciple to offer hospitality to a child, or pay them any respect at all?

There would be no material gain. But those who received a child in his name would be receiving Jesus and, he says, “not me but the One who sent me.” As we celebrate the “true presence” of Jesus in today’s Eucharist, we might consider where in the world we also discover his true presence. We could begin looking in the direction he points today, to the least. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”



MIAMI PARISHIONERS, the Brazilian Community would like to celebrate their patroness on the 12th October at the 5pm Mass, Calvary Church (in the normal Saturday night Mass). The Mass will be led by Padre and the Brazilian Community. After Mass there will be a procession to the beach and back and a fiesta at the Church. **All welcome.**

Dear Parishioners, one of our Parish Social Justice outreaches is to our Sister Parish of St Teresa in Timor Leste. We have been very quiet on this since covid times and we need to pick up our relationship again.



All who are interested in this relationship and standing with the Timor Community are invited to a Timor Morning Tea **23rd September at 10am** in the **Mary Mother of Mercy Parish Board Room** (near Office). There will be a presentation by Bren Milsom and a commitment to helping the parish in Timor. Please let the Parish Office know you are coming – my hope is to visit there in 2025.

Padre



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.

BRAZILIAN MASS (Portuguese language) – First Tuesday of each month, 7.00pm in Calvary Church Miami.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY – As advertised in the parish newsletter.

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

NEXT SYNOD SESSION 11 - 12 OCTOBER 2024

SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,

grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and
silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.



When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all", many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

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.

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, Noah Page, Graeme Delaney, Suzannne Fullarton, Neville Fullarton, Lyn Hundt, Therese Baggaley, Sister Eleanor Marie, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Marcia Tudor, 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, George Dyer, Amy Dyer, Peter Dyer, Celine Rand, Donny Swaby, Archie Hill, Ray Dove, Carmel Alexiou, Joseph & Violet Deguara, Joe Deguara, Donald Carr, Margaret Stephens. 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

MEMORIAL for Margaret Stephens, Sunday 22nd September 7.00am, Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads.

HAVE A CHAT GROUP - Luncheon

Date: Sunday 22nd September
Time: 11.30 am for 12 pm
Venue: Treetope Tavern, 7 Executive Drive Burleigh Waters.
For enquiries phone Margaret - 0414 444 107

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GATHERING

Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***The Lord up-holds my life;
the Lord up-holds my life.***

COMMUNION HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace;
no work too hard for him
in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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RECESSIONAL

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known.
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.

- SHARING**
- TELLING LIES**
- BEING NASTY**
- BEING KIND**
- TRYING YOUR BEST**
- LAUGHING AT OTHERS**
- HELPING OTHERS**
- BEING HONEST**
- BEING SELFISH**