

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH

Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

CALVARY CHURCH

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ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 7 September

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

Sunday 8 September – Ordinary Time 23

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)

Monday 9 September – St Peter Claver, priest

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 10 September

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 11 September

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 12 September – Most Holy Name of Mary

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 13 September – St John Chrysostom, bishop

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 14 September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Sunday 15 September – Ordinary Time 24

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)

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B/2

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

This Week's Readings: Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
Next Week's Readings: Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

In his letter today James has seen something happening is his Christian community and he is distressed by it. It occurred when they gathered for prayer? He criticizes the worshipping community for its showing favouritism towards members in the assembly who are rich.

They have the visible signs of wealth, "gold rings and fine clothes." Christians responded to these visible signs by offering those arrivals special seating. While a person in shabby clothes isn't offered a seat at all, but instructed, "Stand there,"... "Sit at my feet."

While the favourable actions towards the rich and neglect of the poor may seem discourteous, the reading suggests more – it is a sin. Certainly people in society show favour to those with influence and disregard those on the streets. This social partiality is not what James is addressing. He's concerned about how Christians make class distinctions among themselves in the faith community, where all the baptized are equal and there is no place for categories separating rich and poor Christians.

James reminds the Christians how they were poor, but God chose them and made them rich in faith. Though they were mistreated, they were still the property of God and had been gifted with faith. When they restrict the poor they are copying the way the world treats the poor. By favouring the rich, those James is criticizing, are acting contrary to the basic belief of their faith. "Did not God choose those who were poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

The clue for us Christians is not merely to celebrate the reception of new members at our Easter Vigil baptisms. Newcomers, whatever their social ranking, have to be fully welcome, not only in our pews, but also into our fuller church life. If you want to spend a long time searching through the Bible look for the number of times the poor and those suffering social injustice are mentioned. Make sure you have a lot of time and plenty of food when you begin the undertaking. A challenge to the preacher: how many times have you preached about the poor? And, to those sitting in the pews today, by what criteria do you judge others? Someone said, if you cut out references to the poor in the Bible much of the Psalms and Prophets would disappear and we would be left with holes – and that's just counting two of the biblical books!

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The reading from Isaiah today is like a tender love letter a mother, or father, might write to a beloved child going through hard times. Certainly, there are parents in the congregation today who have had to send such words of concern to a child in a letter, email, phone, or face-to-face. When everyone else goes their own way, a parent is still there loving and worrying over a distressed child. In such cases everything else, household, job, friends and recreation are put on hold, so that full attention can be focused on the needy child; no matter what their age, no matter what the cost.

Does that hint at how much God loves the lost and distressed children of God? It is there in our Isaiah reading. The passage shows God's coming with promised vindication for the exiled Israelites. There is reason to have hope because of the promises God is making to the people. The language depicts a new Exodus: "streams will burst forth in the desert....The burning sands will become pools and the thirsty ground, springs of water." God will produce great changes among the people. The hardened, especially, will be converted: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared... then the tongue of the mute will sing." When will this promised relief happen and who will bring this hoped-for relief about? We find the fulfillment of Isaiah's promises in Jesus. So, let's turn to the gospel.

Jesus is in Gentile territory; not exactly a sacred place for devout Jews. There he heals someone not of his clan, or faith. As James did in our second reading, Jesus challenges us to reach out to others, despite their social, racial, economic, or ethnic standing and share with them the gift of grace and peace we have received.

The deaf man Jesus healed did not come forth on his own to declare faith in Jesus and request a healing. He was brought by others. It's the faith of others who have compassion that brings about the healing for the man. And isn't that a challenge for us? Is our faith visible enough to others to draw them to Christ for healing they may need in their lives? As the old saying goes, "If it were a crime to be a Christian would they have enough evidence to arrest us?"

There is a disturbing fact in the story. Why did Jesus tell the healed man and his friends to keep silent about what happened? Perhaps they would have shared the story of the cure, but not gotten the full truth of what had happened. They would not have told what Jesus had been telling his disciples, about his upcoming suffering, death and resurrection.

We tend to be shy about sharing our faith with others so we keep quiet. We probably claim: "I do not want them to think I am a fundamentalist Christian." "They might think me a 'Jesus freak'." Or, "I don't know enough about my faith, I am just a regular Christian." Even though they were told not to, they "proclaimed it." We use the verb "to proclaim" when we refer to announcing God's word – that is, "proclaiming the gospel."

They did not have any sophisticated theological training, but they did have the experience of God's mercy and power. It was their personal experience that fired their faith: the experience of God's compassion, mercy and love to the outsider.

The God Isaiah proclaimed today reaches out to open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. Have we ever had an experience of a new insight in our lives, or heard a truth that turned us around? Why not speak out of our personal experience and tell someone about it?



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding>



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

QLD

Fix the "Respect at Work" Bill

The "Respect at Work and Other Matters" Bill is set to go before Parliament in the week of September 8th, the last sitting days before the election. This bill, in its current form, will have serious impact on all churches and faith-based organisations:

Make anti-vilification easily weaponised by one minority group against another, to silence speech that they consider "hateful" – with no protection for good-faith religious discussion.

Ban "harassment on the basis of sex" on the *possibility* that staff or volunteers might be offended, including:

- Teaching religious beliefs about gender and sexuality
- Having separate ministry roles, or places of worship, for men and women
- Requiring staff and volunteers to live according to their faith in regard to sex and sexuality

Authorise the Anti-Discrimination Commission to investigate churches, mosques and synagogues to enforce compliance.

(Read more here: <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld-ad-respect>)

Church leaders have sought meetings with the Government, to address our concerns and offer solutions. To date, they have not met with us.

It is urgent that you write to your local MP and ask your church members / parishioners to do so.

We know that politicians respond when they receive lots of letters from people in their electorate. We need both sides of politics to commit to opposing or fixing this bill.

We have created a website to make it easy to find and write to your MP: <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld-ad>



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.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

Saturday 28th September 2024
11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 25 September
Email: cathedral@bnc.catholic.net.au
Phone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available

GOANNAS FAMILY GROUP – Monthly Luncheon

Date: Sunday 15th September

Time: 11.30am for 12 noon start

Venue: Miami Tavern, 2043 Gold Coast Hwy, Miami

ALL WELCOME, rooftop parking, Seniors Menu available, enquiries, please contact Margaret 0402 834 362.



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.



GATHERING

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord my Soul!

COMMUNION HYMN

**We are many parts,
we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share,
may the Spirit of Love make us One indeed,
One, the Love that we share,
One, our Hope in despair,
One, the Cross that we bear.**

God of all, we look to you,
we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world. **(Refrain)**

So my pain is pain for you,
in your joy is my joy, too,
all is brought together in the Lord. **(Refrain)**

All you seekers great and small,
seek the greatest gift of all,
if you love, then you will know the Lord. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.

**Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God,
the love of God with you as you go.**

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.

(Refrain)

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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, Suzannne Fullarton, Neville Fullarton, Lyn Hundt, Therese Baggaley, Sister Eleanor Marie, Ray Dove, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, 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, Graham Hardy, Milan Cohilj, George Dyer, Amy Dyer, Peter Dyer, Celine Rand, Donny Swaby. 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

