

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

### Saturday 14 December – St John of the Cross, priest

5.00am Simbang Gabi Mass – Burleigh Waters  
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 December - Third Sunday of Advent

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)

### Monday 16 December

9.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation Liturgy - Miami

### Tuesday 17 December – O Sapientia

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)  
Followed by all day Adoration, 6.00pm Carols,  
6.30pm Retreat & 7.00pm Benediction

### Wednesday 18 December – O Adonai

5.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation Liturgy - Palm Beach

### Thursday 19 December – O Radix Jesse

5.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation Liturgy - Mudgeeraba

### Friday 20 December – O Clavis David

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)  
6.00pm Sung Vespers – Burleigh Heads

### Saturday 21 December – O Oriens

\*\*No 8.00am mass at Burleigh Heads\*\*

8.00am Mass (150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – Berrigans Rd  
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami  
5.00pm Mass - Miami  
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach  
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

### Sunday 22 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15 DECEMBER 2024

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This Week's Readings: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18  
Next Week's Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

## REJOICE IN THE LORD!

The third Sunday of advent is 'Gaudete Sunday', and its liturgy gives an invitation to "Rejoice". The third candle in the advent wreath - 'Candle of Joy' is lit today. Christmas is very near and so the Church invites us to have the joyful anticipation of Joy that the world experienced at the birth of Christ, that would

culminate in the commemoration and celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Day. The liturgical colour for this Sunday is rose and thus priests and deacons often wear rose-coloured vestments as colour rose is a brightening of the ordinary violet which symbolizes joy.

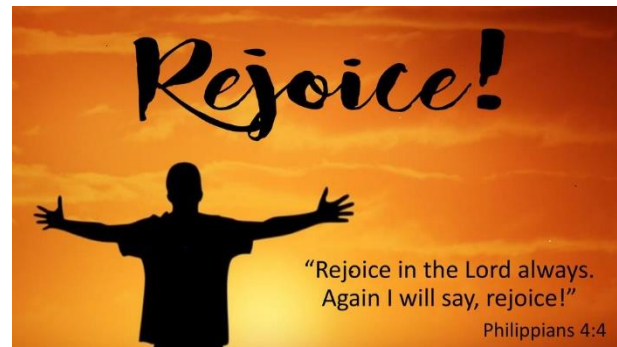
The entrance antiphon for this Sunday is St. Paul's reminder to rejoice "Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice!" (Ph 4:4). The reasons for us to rejoice are three (1) forthcoming celebration of Christ's birth, (2) Emmanuel experience (God with us) in daily lives, and (3) anticipation for Christ's return in glory.

## Scripture Readings:

I. **OT Reading:** [Zep 3:14-18a] Prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance from Babylonian exile by the Lord by saying, "Shout for joy, O Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel." Zephaniah made this prophetic proclamation at the height of the Jewish exile when things appeared hopeless and unbearable. His words, "The Lord has removed the judgment against you" (Zep 3:15) is an assurance that God has forgiven them and "the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst" (Zep 3:17) is the assurance that God is with them. These are reasons for them to rejoice.

II. **Epistle Reading:** [Ph 4:4-7] "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice." Paul was imprisoned when he made this appeal for rejoicing! Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain, or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls through it all.

III. **Gospel Reading:** [Lk 3:10-18] John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as a wholehearted commitment to God's Way lived out by doing His will. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and their joyful expectation of the Messiah should motivate them to act with justice, charity, and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation.



The experience of Joy could be categorized into two in accordance with the way we choose to feel it. Two words namely 'Enjoy' and 'Rejoice'. Enjoyment as a state or process of taking pleasure in something is the joy of the body experienced in the senses.

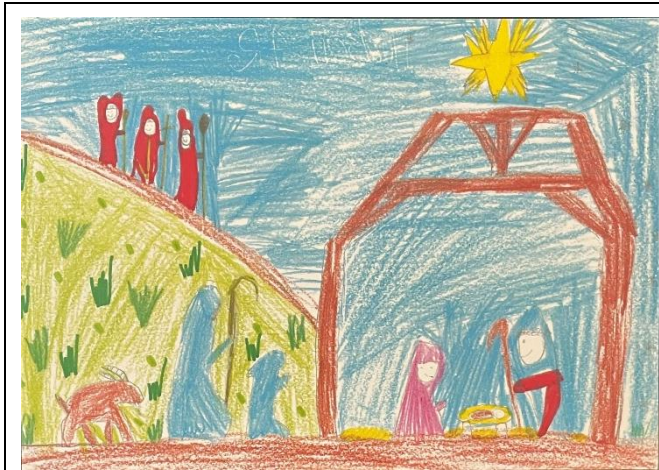
Whereas to rejoice as an incredible experience of happiness. It is the joy of the soul or spiritual joy. This is the kind of joy reflected in the Magnificat of Mary, "My Soul rejoices in the Lord, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant". She experiences joy in her interior life from the realization that God's hands are at work in her by bearing the Saviour in her womb.

The Church considers spiritual joy (rejoice) as the supreme criterion of holiness. The source of the spiritual or interior joy of saints is their communion with the Lord. It is a grace to be joyful in interior life even when external circumstances are turbulent.

Gaudete Sunday is a gentle reminder to interiorize the mystery of incarnation through reflection, repentance and participation in Advent and Christmas liturgies. Enjoyment is a momentary experience whereas to rejoice is an abiding experience. Let us rejoice in the Lord, always. Amen.

Fr Jerry Joseph

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**Christmas Cards** with Mass times now available.

Please take and distribute around your family, friends and neighbours.

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**SVDP ANNUAL APPEAL/ GIFTING TREES**

Thank you to the Parish Family for the donations provided to date for the SVDP Annual Appeal. Further donations via the envelopes available at the various churches would be most appreciated. Gifting Trees are available at the Parish churches; gifts etc provided at the gifting trees will be used to prepare 55 hampers for individuals/families in need across our Parish area.

Thank you for your support - on behalf of the **VOLUNTEER MEMBERS SVDP INFANT SAVIOUR CONFERENCE BURLEIGH HEADS**

**Third Sunday of Advent - C**

"What ought we to do?" Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18)



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**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS  
6.00PM MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH**

The Parish extends an invitation to all Children attending this Family Mass to take part in the Nativity of Jesus by coming dressed as Angels, Shepherds or Wise Men. Together with Mary and Joseph we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, our Infant Saviour.

**MARYMOUNT COLLEGE BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE**

The Marymount College Boys Rugby League program is inviting sponsors to come on board for 2025/26. If you are interested in sponsoring the Marymount Makos (fastest shark in the ocean), or know someone who is, please contact Jason Hamilton [jhamilton@marymount.qld.edu.au](mailto:jhamilton@marymount.qld.edu.au) for details.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS**

William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, 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, Paul Holford, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Tom Pritchard, Lee Capri, John Love, Noah Page, Lyn Hundt, Therese Baggaley, Sister Eleanor Marie, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Marcia Tudor, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, Magdalena Gitau, Peter Gannon, Suzanne Fullarton, 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, Frank & Ross Gaudry, Alphonse & Akesa Gabriel, Alice & Patrick Shannon, Margaret Kennedy, Linda Ledbrook, Neata Jones, Karen Kerrigan, Esma Adams, Alan Bugeja, Vincent Bugeja, Neville Fullarton, Angela Gatt, Alfred Gatt, Julie Jones, Roland Cramer, Norah Zipf, Hal Ward. 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*



**PARISH OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER:** Please note the Parish Office now has a new contact number (07) 555 80120.



**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** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY**

**All Day Adoration & Retreat**

Tuesday 17 December -  
All day Adoration; 6.00pm Carols,  
6.30pm Retreat, 7.00pm Benediction  
Mary Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters

**2nd Rite Reconciliation Service**

9.00am Monday 16 December - Miami  
5.30pm Wednesday 18 December - Palm Beach  
5.30pm Thursday 19 December - Mudgeeraba

**Sung Vesper (Evening Prayer)**

6.00pm Friday 20 December - Burleigh Heads



**SIMBANG GABI MASS** will be celebrated on **Saturday 14 December at 5.00am** at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. Our parish's Filipino Community invites all parishioners to join them in this special celebration at sunrise as we journey through the season of Advent. Sumptuous breakfast will follow in the church foryard! Please note, there is no 8.00am Mass at Infant Saviour on this day.



Fr. Benedict Scortechini

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH FIRST MASS**

- On the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1874 Fr Scortechini celebrated Mass under a tree on Berrigans Rd. To celebrate this significant parish milestone, I invite all parishioners to an outdoor Mass on Berrigan's Road. When – **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8:00am** Place – turn off onto Berrigans Rd just over the bridge before the nursery is a park on the left side. Bring a chair. Parking is limited. (N.B. No 8.00am mass at Burleigh Heads on this day).

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**

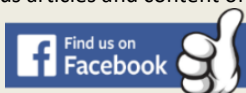
*Tickets for the Christmas Hamper raffle will be on sale this weekend and next weekend at all churches.*

*Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn on **Tuesday 17 December 2024.***

Thank you  
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**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

17th December 2024 at 7.30pm

This will take place in the Community Centre after the the All Day Adoration and Retreat. There will be nibbles and drinks. Families are welcome to bring a share plate as we continue our celebrations. ALL ARE WELCOME!



**GATHERING**

*O Emmanuel come into our hearts.  
O Emmanuel we're waiting for your light.  
O Emmanuel God is with us now.  
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.*

We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
ready to change and repent.  
We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
ready for you to come again. **(Refrain)**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is  
the great and holy One of Israel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Word we long for, Alleluia, Word we thirst for.  
Maranatha!  
Key of David, Alleluia, Son of Mary. Maranatha!  
Promised Saviour, Alleluia, True Messiah. Maranatha!  
Cry of prophets, Alleluia, Hope of ages. Maranatha!

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**HOLY HOLY**

**S** An - ctus, \* san - ctus, sanctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-  
ba-oth. Pleni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na  
in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díctus qui ve-nit in nó-mine Dó-mi-ni.  
Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. **\*\*Please kneel after the 'Holy Holy' for the Eucharistic Prayer\*\***

**LAMB OF GOD**

**A** -gnus De-i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré-  
re no-bis. Agnus De-i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De-i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi:  
dona no-bis pa-cem.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

My soul proclaims the Lord my God,  
My spirit sings God's praise!  
God looks on me and lifts me up,  
and gladness fills my days!

All nations now will share my joy  
for gifts God has out poured  
the little ones God has made great,  
O magnify the Lord.

God's mercy is forever more!  
God's name I praise again.  
God's strong right arm puts down the proud  
and raises lowly ones.

God fills the hungry with good things,  
the rich are sent away.  
The promise made to Abraham  
is filled by God each day.

Praise God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the spirit praise!  
May every tongue and nation praise  
and endless song of praise!

**RECESSIONAL**

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace  
eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
**(repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse)**

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