

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

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAYS – office will close on the 25th December 2024 and reopen on the 6th January 2025. In an emergency, please contact Parish Office.

Saturday 21 December – O Oriens

No 8.00am mass at Burleigh Heads

8.00am Mass (150th 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)

Monday 23 December – O Emmanuel

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 24 December

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Mass - Miami
6.00pm Mass (Children's Mass) – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)
6.00pm Mass – Palm Beach

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day

12.00am Midnight Mass – Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass – Palm Beach
8.30am Mass – Miami
8.30am Mass – Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)
5.30pm Mass – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)

Thursday 26 December – St Stephen

** No 5.30pm Mass at Mudgeeraba **

Friday 27 December – St John

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 28 December – Holy Innocents

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 December – The Holy Family

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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22 DECEMBER 2024

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This Week's Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44
Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Thank you to our many volunteers who contributed so tirelessly during the year and these Christmas celebrations so we could all have such wonderful celebrations! Wishing everyone a happy and holy Christmas season and a very happy and blessed new year! From Padre, Fr Jerry and Fr Akesh.

THE GREAT YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Jubilee 2025: The Holy Father will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24 at 7pm.

The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024 at 7pm, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who will then preside over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica.

“Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the yobel, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn't easy to organise, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' mission in this way: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,” (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Church Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have also been “extraordinary” Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption, and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary jubilee.



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The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.

For our Burleigh Catholic Parish how will we celebrate this significant year of Jubilee and pilgrimage? I would like to bookend the year with 2 very significant anniversaries for the Parish. One is the 150th Anniversary of the first Mass in our area at Berrigans Road in 1874 (check newsletter for details). We will celebrate this outdoor Mass on the 21st December and bring in the Year of Jubilee then. And then we will celebrate on the 21st December 2025 the 100th Anniversary of the first Mass at Burleigh in the old Burleigh Theatre. Between these two wonderful anniversaries will be many different events and hopefully a Parish pilgrimage to Rome in October 2025 if we get enough people interested. We will have Jubilee banners and altar drops in each church as a constant reminder of the Year.

But significantly we will hold every month on the third Friday 9:00-9:45am adoration and prayer for the different intentions of our parish, the world, and the Holy Father. So, like Mary in this Sunday's Gospel let us too be - blessed are they who believed that the promise made by the Lord would be fulfilled. Let's begin this Year of Jubilee Hope and hold our parish in prayer, hope and pilgrimage for the year 2025.

Between the Two Masses – A Pilgrimage of Hope

In this Jubilee Year of Hope Burleigh Parish celebrates 150 years since their first Mass in our area. The parishioners are making a pilgrimage to the site of the first Mass under the ancient Norfolk Pine trees on Berrigan's Road, Mudgeeraba. And we hope to end the great Year of Jubilee by celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Mass at Burleigh in December 2025.

Our parish celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at Mudgeeraba within the parish boundaries. Although the parish of Burleigh was not officially founded until 1931 the first Mass was celebrated by Fr Scortechini as part of the Logan Mission in 1874. The history of the church at Tallebudgera, and thus the beginnings of what would one day become the Burleigh Catholic Parish is recorded from varying newspaper and local stories.

In February 1871, Fr Benedict Scortechini arrived in Brisbane from Cupramontana, Italy. Fr Scortechini was recruited in Italy by Bishop Quinn during the First Vatican Council. Soon after arrival he first went to Roma, Stanthorpe and Gympie. Late December 1874, Fr Scortechini was appointed as the first 'Resident District Priest' of the Logan Mission stretching from Cleveland in the north, west to the Boonah District, and south to the Queensland Border.

For Fr Scortechini, Mass came out of a saddle bag as he rode the three-month circuit celebrating in various homes and places for the pioneer Catholic families. One tiny reference in the local Dolan family archives notes a Mass in Maybury area in 1875. Furthermore, there is an entry in the Beaudesert Parish records inscribing that a Mass and baptism occurred at Berrigans Rd near Mudgeeraba on the 28th December 1874, although no priest's name recorded. It may have been Fr James Connolly who was the first priest to be given responsibility for the Logan Mission as it was then called from which the Burleigh Parish would be birthed. Then again, it could have been Fr Scortechini who arrived in Logan area in December 1874.

In the following years after the first Masses the local families opened their slab wood church in 1878 which Fr Scortechini celebrated the first Mass. The little "All Saints Church" was replaced in 1904 by the "St Malachy Church". Although the churches no longer exist the old Catholic graveyard on Trees Road has the pioneer families dating back to the 1884. And the hall at the new St Benedict's Church Mudgeeraba is named The Scortechini Room. A few famous people to visit the old slab church with Fr Scortechini was his friend of Fr Julian Tennison Woods co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph with Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Also visiting was Bishop Quinn in 1877 on his pastoral visitation of our area and in 1878 Bishop Vaughan the second Archbishop of Sydney.

In light of the above notes, on the 21st December 2024 the parishioners of Burleigh Parish pilgrimaged out to the site of the old Berrigans Road and celebrated the anniversary of the Mass of 1874 – 150 years ago. Fr Morgan Batt the present parish priest said "We start our great Year of Jubilee with the hope of the priests and families who pioneered the area that became our parish and we will end the Year of Jubilee with the hopefulness of the Christmas Mass in the old Burleigh Heads Theatre 100 years ago on the 22 December 1925 – that's why the parish is called Infant Saviour Parish because the first Mass at Burleigh was at Christmas 100 years ago."

The people of Infant Saviour Parish Burleigh give thanks for the two Masses that frame their Great Year of Jubilee of Hope.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent-Vigil of Christmas - C

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45)



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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**



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



BURLEIGH PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION
AND PENANCE



Any baptised Catholic child in Yr 4 (in 2025) or above wishing to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2025, contact the Parish Office for Enrolment Form and registration. Please return to Parish Office by 7th February.
Contact pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 55580120.

Australian Government National Redress Scheme – Newsletter for Nov/Dec 2024. For information, please browse the link below.
<https://notify.dss.gov.au/link/id/zzzz675f6cd9560db355Pzzz66b16ba0ba5f8921/page.html>

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd email update for December 2024 can be viewed in your browser, at the following:
<https://mailchi.mp/acsltd/cpsl-newsletter-14191652?e=5d699e8e34>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 24 DECEMBER

- 5.00pm Miami
- 6.00pm Burleigh Waters (Children's Mass)
- 6.00pm Palm Beach

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 25 DECEMBER

- 12.00am Burleigh Heads (Midnight Mass)
- 7.00am Burleigh Heads
- 7.00am Palm Beach
- 8.30am Miami
- 8.30am Mudgeeraba
- 10.00am Burleigh Waters
- 5.30pm Burleigh Waters



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, Marnia Ryan Raison, 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, John Devassy. 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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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 waiting for you, Lord,
waiting all throughout the earth.
We your people are waiting for you, Lord,
waiting to celebrate your birth. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, make us turn to you. Let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Light of nations, Alleluia, Light in darkness, Maranatha!
Risen Saviour, Alleluia, Lord of Glory. Maranatha!
You we long for, Alleluia, You we thirst for. Maranatha!
Here among us, Alleluia, Living in us, 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

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!

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RECESSIONAL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the King of Angels:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

(Refrain)

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