

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 28 December – The 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)

Monday 30 December – 6th Day in Christmas Octave

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 31 December – 7th Day in Christmas Octave

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 1 January – Mary, Mother of God

10.00am Mass – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 2 January – Sts Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass – Mudgeeraba

Friday 3 January – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 4 January – 11th Day in Christmas Octave

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

Sunday 5 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

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)

THE HOLY FAMILY

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29 December 2024

This Week's Readings: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Next Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Just a few days ago we celebrated the festival of Christmas. At that time our devotion was focused on a child. Today our attention goes towards the entire family of that child.

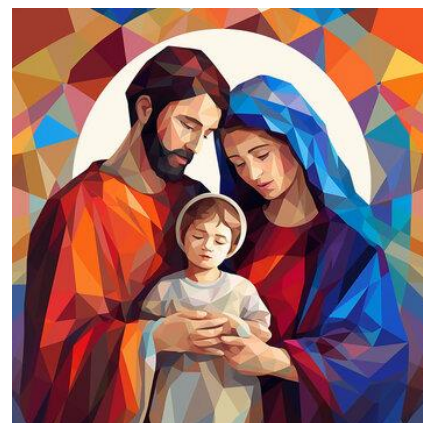
Mary gives birth to her son amidst adverse circumstances. King Herod tries to kill the child Jesus and to escape the troubles, Joseph has to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus. After spending four-five years there, they come back and start living in Nazareth.

In the Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus had the same goal to fulfill the will of God the Father. Joseph becomes courageous and tolerant to fulfill the will of God the Father. He could have easily removed a big burden from his shoulders by abandoning Mary. But God's will was the opposite. So he happily accepts the pregnant Mary. He does not care what people will say or think. His devotion was centered on God. He seeks God's will every moment with great diligence and takes care of his family with body, mind and money.

The second quality of the Holy Family was mutual love. Jesus, Mary and Joseph loved each other. Although the Gospels give little description of the inner activities of the Holy Family, it does reveal that there was a bond between the members of this family that is rarely seen in today's world. In times of crisis, Joseph does not leave Mary alone but supports her. He shares her sorrows and sufferings. Jesus' love is manifested in his obedience to his parents. Saint Luke says, "Jesus went with them to Nazareth and was subject to them" (Luke 2:51). Mother Mary's presence with Jesus from the manger in Bethlehem to the occasion of Pentecost proves how much Mother Mary loved Lord Jesus.

The third virtue of the Holy Family was respect for each other. It was because of his respect for Mary that Joseph wanted to divorce her secretly even when she was pregnant, so as not to humiliate her. It was because of his respect for his mother that Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Respect for others arises from humility. We find an example of true humility in the Holy Family. That is why the Lord himself says, "... Learn from me. I am by nature meek and humble" (Matthew 11:29). It is said that humility is a strange thing; those who claim to have it do not have it and those who have it do not know it.

As Christians we are members of the family of God. We call God 'Father'. All mankind is a member of our family. Every Christian family reveals the Holy Trinity to the world. May the unity and love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit guide us.



GATHERING

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!**



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

(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God in the highest: **(Refrain)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**How lovely is your dwelling place O Lord.
Here you dwell among your people.**

COMMUNION HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear
Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
we hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

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.*

THANKSGIVING

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
**Christ the child is Lord of all,
Christ the child is Lord of all.**

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
**Christ the child was born for you,
Christ the child was born for you.**



RECESSIONAL

Hark! The herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

**Hark! the herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King!**

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth;
Born to give us second birth.



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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