

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

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY
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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	7 December – St Ambrose, bishop
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 December - Second Sunday of Advent
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 (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
11.00am	Mass - Springbrook
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Monday	9 December – Immaculate Conception of BVM
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	10 December – Our Lady of Loreto
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Wednesday	11 December – St Damasus I, pope
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	12 December – Our Lady of Guadalupe
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass – Mudgeeraba
Friday	13 December – St Lucy
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
6.00pm	Sung Vespers – Burleigh Heads
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 (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
11.00am	Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 DECEMBER 2024

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This Week's Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Next Week's Readings: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

PREPARING LORD'S WAY



The liturgy of the second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts so that we may receive Jesus as our saving God on Christmas.

Scripture Readings:

- I. **OT Reading** [Bar 5:1-9]: Prophet Baruch introduces Yahweh, the God of Israel, preparing the way for, and leading the Babylonian exiles to, Jerusalem. Hence, the prophet invites the weeping Jerusalem to rejoice and go to high places to watch the return of the exiles. Baruch's prophecy announces the return of the whole human race to God. During this Advent season, we, too, are asked to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin.
- II. **Epistle Reading** [Phil 1:4-6, 8-11]: Paul advises the Philippians to prepare themselves for Christ's Second Coming by practicing Christian love and by leading pure and blameless lives.
- III. **Gospel Reading** [Lk 3:1-6]: John the Baptist, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They are to prepare a way in their hearts for their Messiah by levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice, and sinfulness. The external immersion he conducted at river Jordan was only an external expression of the internal conversion he was demanding from the people. Baptism of repentance preached by John has two fundamental aspects: (1) identification of sins, (2) repentance over sins. John wanted everyone of the land to be prepared for the messiah's coming through repentance.

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Baptism of Repentance:

The baptism conducted by John the Baptist at River Jordan was not a ‘proselyte baptism’, converting Gentiles into Jews where the Gentiles would be immersed in a body of water to symbolize death and burial to someone’s Gentile past, and then would be raised up from the water to symbolize being “born again,” raised to a new life as a Jew. This baptism symbolized turning from the past and turning toward a new life with God in the future.

This “baptism of repentance,” was to receive the forgiveness of sins committed by those who were Jews already, and it required repentance (*metanoia*, a change of mind), which implied a turning around to proceed in a new direction to be introduced by Jesus, the Lamb of God where the repenting sinner’s the heart changed, and life transformed. As with prophet Baruch, John presents the image of the mountains and valleys being made flat and smooth as a sign of Israel’s repentance and moral transformation.

Fulfilling the prophetic words of Isaiah, John the Baptist’s preaching assisted in ensuring that in the lives of everyone who was baptized, “*Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth*” (Is. 40:4; Lk 3:5).

The Fathers of the Church have called the Sacrament of Reconciliation our “second baptism,” in which we’re brought back to the Jordan and cleansed interiorly as we were on the day of our Christening. Advent, like Lent, is a season given to us so that we may repent of our sins and be reconciled with God and His Church by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Preparing “the way”: If a king were planning to travel, work-crews would be dispatched to repair the roads, thus the roads for the king’s journey would be straight, level, and smooth. John considered himself as the work-crew or predecessor of Christ and he insisted on the preparation of lives by mending not your roads, but hearts. The quotation, “*making straight the paths of the Lord,*” means clearing the path of sin, which is the major obstacle preventing the Lord from coming into human lives. The valleys and hills here stand for the estrangement of man from God.

John called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord’s visit. He is calling us, too, to get ready for something so great that it fills our emptiness with expectation. A smooth road means nothing to God, but a repentant heart means a great deal. Hence, the truly important goal for us is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.

John the Baptist’s cry to straighten pathways could mean bypassing or avoiding the crooked paths namely involvement in secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship, dishonest practices at work or at home, harbouring grudges or hatred, failing to be reconciled with others, deep-seated resentments, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, bullying attitude, pride and egocentrism or to dismantle unfair housing policies, employment disparity, economic injustice, or racial and ethnic biases in social life. Amen.

Fr. Jerry Joseph

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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 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, Linda Ledbrook, 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 Leadbrook, Neata Jones, Karen Kerrigan, Esma Adams, Alan Bugeja, Vincent Bugeja, Neville Fullarton, Angela Gatt, Alfred Gatt, Julie Jones, Roland Cramer, Norah Zipf. 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 – 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

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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GOANNA'S FAMILY GROUP - Christmas Breakup

Date: Sunday 8th December

Time: 11.30am for 12 noon start

Venue Tuk Tuk Thai
Easy T Centre, Christine Ave Robina.

ALL WELCOME Enquiries, please Contact Margaret 0402 834 362



PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)

6.00pm Fridays 13 & 20 December - Burleigh Heads

All Day Adoration & Retreat

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



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

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH FIRST MASS

- On the 28th 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 – 21st 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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

17th December 2024 at 7.30pm

This will take place in the Community Centre after 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 longing for you, Lord,
longing with hope and with joy.
We your people are longing for you, Lord,
longing for the sign to rejoice. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (Repeat)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of healing, Alleluia, Heal our sorrow Maranatha!
Word of comfort, Alleluia, Bring us hope now. Maranatha!
Word of gladness, Alleluia, Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!
Word of wisdom, Alleluia, Come renew us. Maranatha!

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HOLY HOLY

S An - ctus, * san - ctus, sanctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-
ba-oth. Pleni sunt cae-li et terra gló-ri - a tu-a. Ho-sán-na
in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dictus 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

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and dishearten'd
rest in my love, trust me again

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail, to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change, the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

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RECESSIONAL

There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light,
the voice of one in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord**

He is the Lamb of God and you must follow him
Who takes the sin of the world,
for he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

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