

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	25 January - The Conversion of St Paul
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	26 January - Ordinary Time 3
	<i>Australia Day</i>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Lay-Led Liturgy (<i>no Mass</i>) - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Children's Family Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Monday	27 January – Sts Timothy and Titus
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	28 January – St Thomas Aquinas, priest
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Wednesday	29 January
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	30 January
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass – Mudgeeraba
Friday	31 January – St John Bosco, priest
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Saturday	1 February
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	2 February – The Presentation 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 (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 January 2025

Year C/1

This Week's Readings: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Next Week's Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Today's Gospel reading

combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."



Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.



The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. In the spirit of the Jesus' reading from the Jubilee scroll the Church proclaims every 25 years a Jubilee – 2025 marks the Year of Jubilee.

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 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. 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.

This Australia Day may we journey as pilgrims of hope into peace and reconciliation.

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, Bernard Clark, Irene Garland, Caitlin Ibbotson, 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, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, Magdalena Gitau, Peter Gannon, Suzanne Fullarton, Marnia Ryan Raison, Tony Calleja, 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, Doreen Kennedy, Miriam Licuanan, Timoteo Borromeo, Brian Litchfield, Mary Stewart, Joe Grioli, Philomena Bugeja, Terry Dolan, Marie Holding, Klaus Diga, Gordon Grams, Margaret Supple. 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



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C/1

Through the power of the Spirit, Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21).



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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

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.

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

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UPCOMING LAY-LED SUNDAY LITURGIES - Please note due to the availability of the priests, the **Sunday 26 January 7.00am** at **Palm Beach** Mass will be replaced by a Lay-Led Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. This is not a Mass but a way to help our local communities to still come together to pray in the absence of a priest. Other Masses are still celebrated in the parish.

BURLEIGH PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

Calling all baptised Catholic **children in Year 4** (in 2025) or above wishing to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program this year! Over the course of this year, you will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance and First Communion.

Registration Form and information is available from the Parish Office. Please contact pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 555 80120, or alternatively please use QR Code to download the form.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT - Expressions of interest. A small group of parishioners are interested in enrolling in the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation course, **"Catholic Theology in Context"**. The module is conducted by the Australian Catholic University, Banyo and our participation will be on-line with the course commencing **3rd February 2025** to **7th April 2025**. We are negotiating to use the Parish Boardroom once a week for the lecture and discussion. The actual lectures will be Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm. If there is sufficient interest, we will negotiate with the Archdiocese to hold our meetings on a day and time that suits participants. Also, to be at a cost that is manageable for us. If interested, contact Tom via the Parish Office on 555 80120.



THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

(WCCM starts once again on the **3rd February 2025**). The venue is Calvary Church Miami, and the start time is 10am. This group has been part of the Burleigh Parish for over 25 years. Newcomers and visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Paul 0499487270.

HELP NEEDED!

Do you have some spare time to bring the Good News of Jesus and God's love to the children of Caningeraba State School, Burleigh Waters? If not, some will miss out! All materials, mentoring, shadowing given. For more information, please contact Jennifer on 0409-727782. Thank you

HAVE A CHAT LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 26 January 2025

TIME: 11:45am

VENUE: Treetops Tavern, Burleigh

ALL WELCOME - RSVP – Elsa 0428 231 045



GATHERING

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains,
where feet have long since trod,
you have known the stories of our search
to find the face of God.

God, you hovered over darkness
when the void was silent still;
God whose voice rang out in splendour;
creation knew your will,
and your loving eyes beheld in light
our land of sweeping plains;
Now our voices too, proclaim again
creation's song of praise.

Holy Spirit, breathe your life in us,
your truth to guide our way.
Now with open hearts we hear your call
to follow you each day.

Bring us one and all together
under southern stars above,
so the Cross will lead us onward,
Great Southland of your love.
Give us joyful hearts in days to come,
all fear and dark cast out.
Help us build in Christ a world reborn
in justice and in love.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Spirit and life, spirit and life,
your words Lord are spirit and life.***

COMMUNION HYMN

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **(Refrain)**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **(Refrain)**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

I came from the dream-time,
from the dusty red-soil plains,
I am the ancient heart,
the keeper of the flame.
I stood upon the rocky shore,
I watched the tall ships come,
for forty thousand years I've been
the first Australian.

I came upon the prison ship
bowed down by iron chains.
I cleared the land, endured the lash,
and waited for the rains.
I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife,
on a dry and barren run.
A convict and a free man,
I became Australian.

***We are one but we are many,
and from all the land on earth we come.
We share a dream and sing with one voice,
I am you are we are Australian.***

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SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT
Framing

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

HISTORICAL
CONTEXT
Theophilus

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work - Luke-Acts - as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

After reading from the scriptures, Jesus told his listeners how Isaiah's prophecy was now fulfilled - as God had sent Jesus as His chosen one to bring the good news to the poor and suffering. Draw some of the good things Jesus tells us about God.

