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CALVARY CHURCH

Redondo Ave, Miami

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 31 May – The Visitation of the BVM

**** No 8.00am Mass at Infant Saviour ****

10.00am Flores De Mayo (Procession & Mass) - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 1 June – The ASCENSION 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)

Monday 2 June – Sts Marcellinus and Peter

9.00am Mass – Miami

Tuesday 3 June – Charles Lwanga & companions

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 4 June

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 5 June – St Boniface, bishop

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 6 June – St Norbert, bishop

10.00am Anointing Mass – Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 7 June

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 June – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

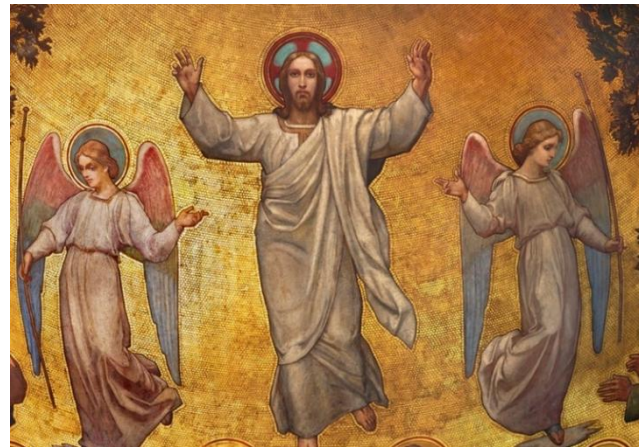
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This Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7; Jn 20:19-23

The locations mentioned in the Bible often catch my attention. The writers were not mapmakers or geographers, so when they place a story in a specific location, it's usually to highlight something important. In today's Gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus led his disciples to Bethany, where he blessed them and was "taken up to heaven."



Bethany holds particular significance for Luke. It was from Bethany that Jesus began his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Now, having completed all he was sent to do, he ascends into heaven from that same place. While Luke doesn't mention it directly, John tells us that Bethany was also the home of Martha and Mary, where Jesus was welcomed and loved. It was there that he raised their brother Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus departs from the politically charged and conflict-ridden city of Jerusalem, and goes to the quiet village of Bethany – a place marked by compassion and intimate friendship. He ends his earthly mission not with a grand display of power, but in the company of those who loved him. His Ascension from such an ordinary place reminds us where we, too, can expect to encounter our risen Lord—in the familiar and humble spaces of our own lives. These may seem ordinary, but they are often the very places where we hear his voice and are sent, as the disciples were, to witness to his life, death, and resurrection.

Still, isn't it a lonely feeling trying to be a Christian in a big, often indifferent – or even hostile – world? Imagine how the disciples must have felt when Jesus left them: alone, unsure, with many questions. How would they manage without his presence, guidance, or powerful works?

But the Gospel passage ends on a hopeful note. Jesus makes a promise before leaving:

"And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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At the very moment when the disciples were facing an overwhelming task—witnessing to the ends of the earth – Jesus assures them they will not be alone. He promises the Holy Spirit, who will enable them to fulfill their mission.

Over the past Sundays, we've heard of the risen Jesus appearing to his frightened disciples. Now he commissions them to witness to all nations. Yet, even in his absence, they are not abandoned. The Spirit will be with them.

Jesus has given his followers a great responsibility – to continue his ministry without his physical presence. When he was with them, he made the decisions, performed miracles, led the way. Now, as he leaves them, they are entrusted with discerning how to bring his message to an expanding world. I imagine their sense of disorientation: like being sent somewhere completely new – without a GPS. The burden of carrying out his mission now falls on their shoulders. As Luke tells us, Jesus took them to Bethany, blessed them, and was taken up to heaven. I can only imagine the loneliness they felt as they heard his final words:

"You are witnesses of these things." They were to witness to Christ's suffering and resurrection and to preach forgiveness in his name to all nations.

As the Easter season draws to a close, how many times have we affirmed in our prayers and liturgies: "The Lord is risen!"? Today, the Letter to the Ephesians expresses our Easter hope beautifully:

"May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call..." We have this hope because the Lord is alive.

Each Gospel writer emphasizes something unique. Matthew and Mark highlight the disciples' mission. Luke focuses on the absence of Jesus, yet shows how the disciples return to Jerusalem full of joy, bearing witness to him. Today we celebrate the Son's Ascension to heaven and his return to the Father's right hand. His followers experience his absence – not as if he were dead, but as one still alive. As he promises: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

The Spirit will make Jesus present in a world that often values arrogance, selfishness, and power, while ignoring the poor and outcast.

Today's Scriptures stir in us a longing. Where in your life do you feel a deep need for the Spirit? Name it. Pray over it. Then turn your eyes toward Pentecost—next week—when once again the disciples of the Lord will be filled with his Spirit.

When parting from someone you love, what do you focus on? Their last look? Their hand raised in farewell? A kiss thrown back to you? Luke tells us that Jesus "raised his hands and blessed them." That's the image his disciples were left with: a blessing. They could no longer touch or speak to him, but they carried his blessing in their hearts – for their sorrows and for the ministry ahead. We carry that same blessing today. We carry his Spirit, his words, and his unfailing love as we face the challenges of living a Christian life in today's world.

The Ascension challenges us: What are we to do as we wait for Christ's return? We do believe he will return... don't we? We do believe that in the meantime, his Holy Spirit breathes new life into us, directs our actions, and sustains us... don't we?



BURLEIGH BIG CUPPA

Support Cancer Council

Friday 6th June after 10am Mass (Mass for Cancer Sufferers)
Gold Coin Donation

Please Ring Parish Office to register - **55580120** by Tuesday 3rd June.



PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

October 13 – 25, 2025



Twin Share \$8,570 p/p including Flights and prepaid Tipping.

Single Room supplement \$1,020

Land Cost \$6,710 p/p twin share including Tipping.

Itinerary Brochure available in all the churches

Please register at the Parish Office now

DON'T FORGET!



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

A basket will be placed in the Mary Mother of Mercy Church for donations. Your support will be very much appreciated.

BRING YOUR DONATIONS

Muesli Bars, Cup of Soup, Instant Cup Noodles, Milo, Instant Coffee, sugar, travel shampoo, travel conditioner, travel body wash, roll-on deoderant (no glass/aerosol), travel toothpaste, tube shaving cream, Polar Fleece Blankets, Travel Blankets

And be part of something bigger—together, we can make a lasting impact and bring comfort to those who need it most

ROSIES
Friends on the Street



NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



HOPE HALL – the new education resource centre for the parish has been installed. We are seeking to outfit the building with chairs, tables, white boards etc the cost is \$10,000.00 if any parishioner

would like to donate this to the parish, we will acknowledge your contribution with a "plaque of thanks" inside Hope Hall. Please let Padre know.

FLORES DE MAYO

Saturday 31st May at 10.00am

Procession followed by Mass, Mary Mother of Mercy (please note there is no 8.00am Mass at Infant Saviour that morning).



PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE

TUESDAY 10 JUNE 7.30AM MASS will now take place at **9.30am**

CATHOLIC MISSION & BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us to hear about Catholic Mission's latest projects in Zambia - Chalabesa Mission Hospital and rural health centres in the Diocese of Mpika.

Our guest speaker is Abraham Muma who is a Health Desk Coordinator from Diocese of Mpika, Zambia.

Tuesday 10 June 2025 9.30am Mass

followed by morning tea

Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre



RSVP:

via email: jcullen@catholicmission.org.au

or mobile: 0419 733 878



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, Evelyn North, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Tom Pritchard, John Love, Noah Page, Lyn Hundt, Therese Baggaley, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, Magdalena Gitau, Peter Gannon, Suzanne Fullarton, Marnia Ryan Raison, Tony Calleja, Nikki Valdez Castillo, Luka Gabriel, Matthew Crook, Dianne Wilson, Frank Giarrusso, Margaret Wilson, Godfrey Bull, Wendy Riley, Rita Cruice, Dick Cruice, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

Please make sure to obtain permission before adding a name to the prayer list. If a name no longer needs to remain on the list, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Marion Nolan, Basil Nolan, Joseph Caruana, Frank Kelly. 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



GATHERING

A hymn of glory let us sing!
 New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Christ, by a road before untrod,
 ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
 upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 And with the virgin mother see
 their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets to the Lord.***

COMMUNION HYMN

***This is the body of Christ,
 blessed and broken for us,
 blessed and given for us.
 This is the body of Christ.***

This is the bread of my love.
 How I long to fill you with my life. **(Refrain)**

Drink from the cup of my blood.
 Let my Spirit heal you deep within. **(Refrain)**

If you would live in my love,
 hold my word, my promise in your heart. **(Refrain)**

Gathered as one in my name,
 take my joy, my freedom to the world. **(Refrain)**

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THANKSGIVING

I am here with you by your side,
 sheltering your heart from the night.
*Wherever you go, whatever you do,
 I'll be always loving you.*

Let me love the world through your heart.
 Let me heal your wounds with my touch.
*Wherever you go, whatever you do,
 I'll be always loving you.*

***I will be your God, your comforter,
 I will hold you close in my heart.***

Let me see the world through your eyes.
 Let forgiveness shine through your smile.
*Wherever you go, whatever you do,
 I'll be always loving you.*

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RECESSIONAL

To whom the shining angels cry,
 "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia, Alleluia!
 "This is the Saviour!" thus they say,
 "This is his glorious triumph day!" Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Clap your hands and shout to God

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