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MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH

4 Park Ave, Burleigh Heads

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

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	24 May – Our Lady Help of Christians
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	25 May – 6th Sunday of Easter
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>)
Monday	26 May – St Philip Neri, priest
9.00am	Mass – Miami
Tuesday	27 May – St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Wednesday	28 May
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	29 May – St Paul VI, pope
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
Friday	30 May – St Joan of Arc
10.00am	Mass – Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
Saturday	31 May – The Visitation of the BVM
** No 8.00am Mass at Infant Saviour **	
10.00am	Flores De Mayo (Procession & Mass) - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
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 (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25 May 2025

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This Week's Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

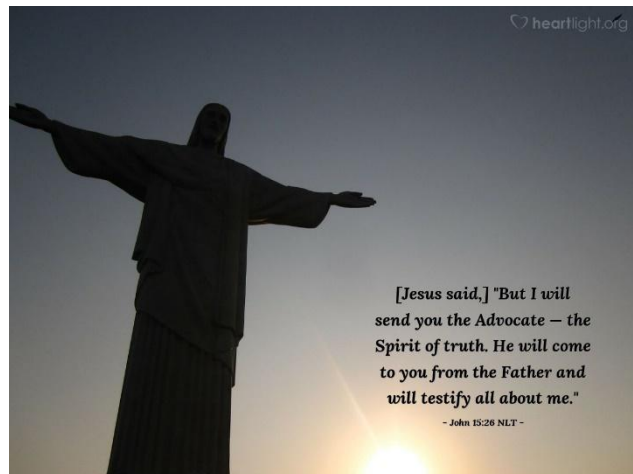
It is hard to leave a place where you have been for a period of your life, especially when you have formed close ties. Someone said to me recently, "I hate goodbyes. I find them very difficult." She said it in a way that suggested this was unique to her and not what almost everyone feels. Who doesn't "hate goodbyes?"

When the time comes for parting, we try to soften the pain of the moment. "I'll visit when I can." "I'll call you often." "We'll spend vacation time together." "You'll have to visit the first chance you get." Though we do intend

to do just what we say, we often have a fear that time and distance will make it hard to maintain the close ties with family and friends we have known. We will do our best to adapt to new circumstances and relationships and in doing that we may have to let go of at least some of what once was. It's dreadful! One positive note, though: those we have loved in our past make it possible for us to leave and give us the courage to set down roots again.

In today's gospel Jesus and his disciples are at table. It is the Last Supper, and we are in the midst of the Last Discourse (John chapters 13-17). From what Jesus has been telling them the disciples can't miss the solemnity, indeed the heaviness, of the moment. He is going away, and they will no longer have him with them in the ways they have become accustomed. He says he is going, "to prepare a place for you" (14:3). Just before today's passage Jesus reassures them, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you." When we say our farewells, we try to assure the ones we are leaving that we will stay in touch. And we do our best to do just that. We don't want to lose those we love.

Jesus is expressing the same kind of sentiment; but he will keep his promise to "stay in touch" in ways the disciples cannot imagine at this point. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Jesus doesn't want us to have to rely just on his disciples' recollections of him – who he was for them and what he taught them. He knows that being the mere humans they and we are, these memories will fade and weaken over time, especially when life tests our faith, and hard times threaten to break our ties with him.



[Jesus said,] "But I will send you the Advocate – the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me."

– John 15:26 NLT –

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Jesus is saying a unique goodbye. He is leaving his beloved band of followers but promises to be with them in the future in a new way. He must go, he tells them but, "...I will come back to you." Jesus isn't just saying, "Cheer up, things won't be so bad." Things are going to get quite bad for him and them. But he is assuring them that the coming of the Holy Spirit will keep their relationship vibrant because the Spirit will be the bond that holds them together in love with him and his Father.

The Revelation reading says something similar in its description of the new Jerusalem. The Romans had destroyed the old Jerusalem in 70 CE. The new city won't be where the old one was. Instead, God will be coming to dwell among the people, so that where they gather, God will be. Jesus is telling his disciples a similar thing; he and his Father will make their dwelling with them. This new Jerusalem will be marked by love among its inhabitants and that will be proof that God dwells with them. Indeed, each believer, each lover of God, will be a locus for God on earth. "Whoever loves me will keep my word...and we will come to them to make our dwelling with them."

When will Jesus return? Isn't that the question long-suffering Christians have asked through the ages? Who knows how and when he will? But in his farewell to his disciples, he assures them that he will return and so he does, because God sends them the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, Advocate and Comforter, brings Christ's presence to us, helps us understand who he is, what he is doing among us and what he expects of us. Jesus promises that God will send the Spirit and what Jesus was to them, the Spirit will be to the Church. Jesus taught his disciples much; the Spirit will continue teaching the Church. Jesus showed his disciples how to love; the Spirit will make that love possible among them. Jesus' words are in danger of being forgotten; the Spirit will "remind" the disciples of what Jesus taught and continue to teach them in succeeding generations.

What is extraordinary about Jesus' farewell is his gift of peace to his disciples. The disciples are not having an ordinary meal together; nor is Jesus bidding them, "Good night. Peace, I'll see you tomorrow." Instead, he offers them peace in the light of the chaos about to enter their lives with his capture and death. He says he doesn't give them the peace the world offers. That's good because when things fall apart the world can give us nothing to sustain our spirits and calm our fears. Jesus' peace takes a very specific form: he will return to be with them. His Holy Spirit will strengthen them for what they are about to face and what we, their descendants, will face in the ages to come.

We know the kind of peace we need these days, and it is a peace only Jesus' Spirit can confer. We need wise leaders who can bring God's peace despite the failures at peacemaking we are encountering in the world. We need the Spirit to bring healing to our troubled and wounded Church. We need a peace-rendering Spirit to draw together our parishes that are divided by arguments large and small. We need a Spirit that will renew our conviction that our Savior is the Prince of Peace, so that we can bring his peace into our families, schools and workplaces. We also need the Spirit's vision to appreciate the peacemaker and non-violent folks in our midst whose voices and actions are often ridiculed as being naive or ignored because their ways seem "impractical in our modern world."

No, we don't have Jesus' physical presence with us the way the first disciples did who sat around the table, witnessed his washing their feet and listened to his reassuring promises. His farewell to them was a true farewell. He would no longer be with them as he had been. But they and we would have to believe that he is present in a different way with us in the Holy Spirit, God's gift to us, just as Jesus promised. If we can trust in the Spirit's presence with us now, then we will have peace in whatever turmoil we or the church face. Easier said than done! This peace is not something we can manufacture for ourselves. It is a gift, or inheritance from Jesus who doesn't want to "lose touch" with us. Can we be open to that Spirit now and receive the gift that keeps our ties with Christ strong? That's something we pray for at this Eucharist and in these days leading up to Pentecost.

The Risen Christ is with us at table, just as he was with his disciples. The meal we share is his life given for us. It is also a "promise kept" for we celebrate the gift he promised—the Spirit. This Spirit keeps his memory alive for us, not as a reminiscence from the long-gone past, but as Christ's living presence guiding and comforting us, just as he did for his original disciples.

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

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month | May 2025



HAVE-A-CHATS FAMILY LUNCH

Date: Sunday 25th May 2025

Time: 11.00am for a 12.00 noon start

Venue: Treetops Tavern,
7 Executive Drive Burleigh Waters

Contact: Elsa Ward on Ph: 0428 231 045 - **ALL WELCOME**



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BURLEIGH HEADS WINTER APEAL

The SVDP Burleigh Heads Conference is launching its Winter Appeal this weekend 24th and 25th May.



Donation envelopes are available at the Parish Churches this weekend. It would be greatly appreciated if Parishioners could contribute to that appeal and provide any donations via the appeal envelopes, which can be placed in Parish collection plates during May and June. Our local SVDP Conference, on your behalf, has provided \$71,000 of assistance to those in need in the Parish area over the past ten months. Any donations, which are tax deductible, would be welcomed and will allow ongoing support of those needing a hand up.

Thanking you

SVDP INFANT SAVIOUR BURLEIGH HEADS CONFERENCE



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*).

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





GATHERING

***All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.***

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence singing for Joy! **(Refrain)**

Enter his gates, bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise. **(Refrain)**

Honour and praise be to the Father,
the Son, and the Spirit, world without end. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you.

COMMUNION HYMN

I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

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THANKSGIVING

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see has been given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment
has been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

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RECESSIONAL

Easter glory fills the sky, Alleluia!
Christ now lives, no more to die, Alleluia!
Darkness has been put to flight, Alleluia!
By the living Lord of light, Alleluia!

Christ the victor over death Alleluia
Breathes on us the Spirit's breathe Alleluia!
Paradise is our reward Alleluia!
Endless Easter with our Lord Alleluia!

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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, 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, Marion Nolan, Basil Nolan, Leon Grioli. 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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