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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 3 May – Sts Philip and James, apostles
8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 4 May – 3rd 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 (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 5 May – Bld. Edmund Rice
9.00am Mass – Miami

Tuesday 6 May
7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 7 May
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 8 May
5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 9 May – St George Preca
10.00am Mass – Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 10 May – St John de Avila
8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 11 May – 4th 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 (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4 May 2025

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This Week's Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
Next Week's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30



He revealed himself in this way." In this way" – what awe-inspiring, spectacular way was that? After all, Jesus was raised from the dead. Surely such a world-shattering event called for trumpets blaring and lights flashing! That's what I might expect for an occasion like this – when the risen Jesus once again appears to his disciples.

But God doesn't conform to our expectations. Jesus reveals himself in a very different way – at the disciples' workplace. Simon Peter is returning to his old job as a fisherman. He's joined by Thomas (remember the Doubter?), Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples, for a fishing trip.

Now, I doubt John meant this as a metaphor, but in our everyday language, when someone seems to be searching, or hinting at something, we ask, "What are you fishing for?" So we might wonder – are these disciples "fishing" for something more? Are they searching for Someone? Well, they don't find him. He finds them.

We too go about our daily routines – at home, at work, at school. And when we reflect on our lives, the struggles in our families, the suffering in our communities, and the horrors of war across the world, we might also go "fishing," asking urgently: Where is the risen Lord in all of this?

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What I find consoling in today's gospel is this: even though the disciples still carried questions – even after seeing Jesus in the upper room – it is not they who find him. It is Jesus who finds them. And he doesn't find them in prayer at the temple. He finds them at work. Where are we looking for the risen Christ? Where do we expect to find him? He surprises us by coming to us in ordinary places – just like the ones we find ourselves in today.

Or, as the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins put it, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God." (Full poem below.)

Today's gospel and the vision of poets like Hopkins, remind us that the risen Lord walks our streets, faces our dangers, shares our pain, and enters into our deaths. And that is not the end of the story. Christ brings new life where once there was only death.

There are large-scale signs of evil in the world:

– Civilians targeted in conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, Human trafficking, Systemic racism, Ecological destruction, Political corruption, Religious extremism.

There are smaller, everyday signs of evil too: Indifference to suffering, Greed and consumerism, Prejudice and intolerance, Bullying and abuse, Gossip and deception.

Belief in the Resurrection and in Christ's presence in our world calls us not only to name these signs of death, but to be signs of Resurrection. As the Franciscan prayer puts it:

Where there is hatred, may we sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Recent cyclones and flooding – neighbours and strangers alike – offering help to displaced victims. But we don't have to wait for disaster to strike before we act with love and generosity. Too often, once a crisis passes, there's a tendency to slip back into old habits of neglecting, ignoring, or judging the poor and needy. That's a very human reaction.

That may be what happened in today's gospel. After the tragedy of Jesus' death, Peter and his companions return home and pick up their former lives, as if trying to move on. But it wasn't so simple. Jesus shows up again. And once more, he calls them: "Follow me."

It's tempting to "stay home," to withdraw from the struggles Christians are called to face. Yes, we may respond when great tragedies strike – locally or nationally – pouring out our love, energy, and resources. But like the disciples, we too are tempted to return to "normal life" once the crisis fades.

Yet Jesus still comes to us. And as he did for his disciples, he does for us: he prepares a meal before sending us out. Today's Eucharist is that "breakfast" – the meal he sets before us. He gives himself to us and asks, as he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" We answer, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

In his death and resurrection, Jesus has shown us the depth of his love. Assured that this love will never leave us, he again invites us: "Follow me." And with that invitation comes the charge: "Feed my lambs...tend my sheep."

Are we tempted to go home, to hide from the world and only emerge when it's safe? Not if we are his disciples. If we retreat, he will come looking for us again, asking, "Do you love me?" And if we do, we will care for his people – his lambs, his sheep.

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



Marymount College
Burleigh Waters

Join us for College Tours

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th May from 3:30pm

Growing Young People as Global Citizens

 A Brisbane Catholic Education School

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.

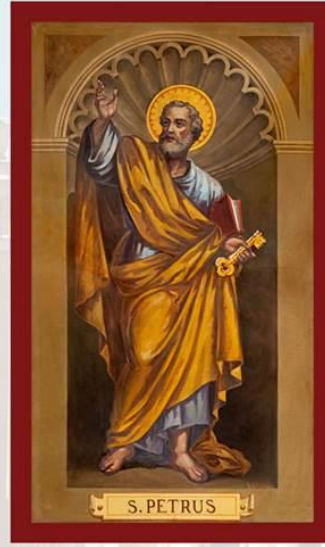
FILIPINO COMMUNITY – As advertised in the parish newsletter.

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer for The Conclave and The Election of a New Pope



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O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern Your flock with unfailing care, Grant in Your boundless fatherly love a pastor for Your Church who will please You by His holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



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FLORES DE MAYO

10.00am Procession followed by Mass Saturday 31st May, Mary Mother of Mercy (please note there is no 8.00am Mass at Infant Saviour that morning).



Message to all
VOLUNTEER SACRISTANS

Please check you have a current valid Blue Card.


If you don't have a Blue Card, please email burleighcompliance@bne.catholic.net.au or contact Bernadette at the Parish Office 07 5558 0120 on Wednesdays.

Thank you.

Safeguarding Survey 2025

The protection and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important.


Please help us keep everyone safe by completing one of the below surveys.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE


Child Safeguarding Survey
(Children 5-12 yrs)

Parental consent required.





Youth Safeguarding Survey
(Children 13-17 yrs)

Parental consent required.



Parish Safeguarding Survey
(Adult)





We value your feedback!

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, 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, Nikki Valdez Castillo, Luka Gabriel, Matthew Crook, Dianne 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, Peter Nash, Paul Portelli. 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

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life-blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
do so in memory of me.

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THANKSGIVING

***I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you - and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you - and you are mine.***

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his light and his peace. **(Refrain)**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his joy and his hope. **(Refrain)**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his care and his love. **(Refrain)**

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Dear Parishioners, the new "Hope Hall" building will be delivered next to the Community Centre on Saturday 10th May at 6:30am. Most of the MMM carpark will be closed for that day as the building crane installs. Any issues contact the Parish Office. Padre

RECESSIONAL

***Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.***

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
he is the King of creation. **(Refrain)**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen. **(Refrain)**

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**

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Donations are lower than usual this year, and with the colder months approaching, there is an increased demand for outreach supplies.

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

