

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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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

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>9 August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</u>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10 August - Ordinary Time 19</u>
7.00am	Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No 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)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>11 August - St Clare</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>12 August - St Jane Frances de Chantal</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>13 August - Sts Pontian & Hippolytus</u>
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>14 August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest</u>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>15 August - The Assumption of the BVM</u>
9.00am	Adoration & Morning Prayer - Burleigh Waters
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>16 August - St Stephen of Hungary</u>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>17 August - Ordinary Time 20</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
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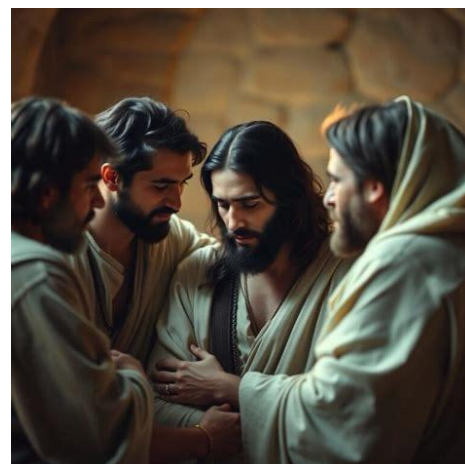
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10 AUGUST 2025

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This Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Next Week's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

This Sunday, God's Word speaks to our hearts about faith and watchfulness. In the first reading, we hear about Abraham, our father in faith. He trusted God even when he couldn't see the whole picture. God asked him to leave his home and go to a land he had never seen. Abraham obeyed, not because he had all the answers, but because he believed in God's promise.

As the Letter to the Hebrews puts it so beautifully: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)



That's a powerful definition of faith. Faith doesn't mean we have no questions. It means we walk forward with trust, even when life feels uncertain.

St. John Henry Newman once said:

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another."

Faith helps us believe that even in our ordinary lives, God is doing something extraordinary through us. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to be like servants who are waiting and ready, with their lamps lit, even if it's the middle of the night. He says: "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit... for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Luke 12:35, 40)

This doesn't mean we live in fear, but that we live in hopeful readiness. If our hearts are full of love, we will always be ready to welcome Jesus.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said:

"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world."

We are part of that love letter. Every small act of kindness, every choice to forgive, every moment of prayer, these are our ways of staying awake and ready for the Lord.

Let's also remember this wise saying from life: **"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass but about learning to dance in the rain."**

Our faith doesn't take away all the challenges. But it helps us live with purpose, peace, and hope, even in the middle of difficulty.

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This week, ask yourself:

Am I living with faith, like Abraham?

Do I make room for prayer in my daily life?

If Jesus comes today, what would He find in my heart?

Let us be faithful servants, filled with joyful hope, trusting in God's promise.

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." (Luke 12:37)

With love and blessings

Fr Ravi

CATECHESIS FOR THE YOUTH AND ADULTS

Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish
HOPE HALL

Mondays and Fridays 7-8 PM
Commencing 18 August

Free babysitting available
For more information call Carlo on 0478 727 769

The Neocatechumenal Way:

"An itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times." – St. John Paul II

In the early 60s, Francisco Argüello (Kiko), a Spanish painter underwent a deep existential crisis, realising that his life had no meaning. Eventually, he found his answer in the suffering of the innocent, which is the mystery of Christ Crucified. This experience led him to abandon everything and, following in the footsteps of St. Charles de Foucauld, he went to live among the poorest of the poor in the Palomeras Altas shanty town.

There the Holy Spirit inspired him to "make Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity and praise where the other is Christ."

Kiko met Carmen Hernandez in Palomeras, and it was there the first communities were born, founded on the tripod of the Word of God, the Liturgy and Community. Carmen, who studied Theology, had direct contact with the renewal of the Church brought about by the Second Vatican Council. John Paul II recognised these communities as a 'fruit of the Council'.

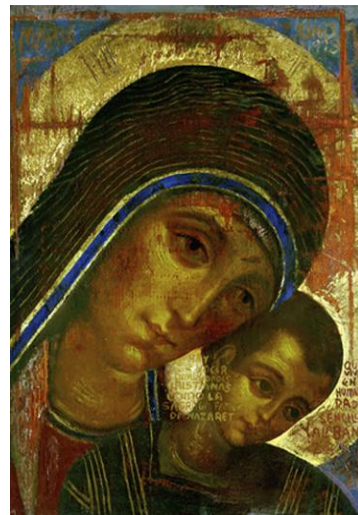
The Neocatechumenal Way extended gradually in other archdioceses of Spain, and of Italy and eventually the whole world. The Way – whose itinerary is lived in the parishes, in small communities – gradually leads the faithful to rediscover the richness of their baptism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly tells us that baptised infants must be given a post-baptismal catechumenate to bring the grace of the sacrament to fruition in the life of the person.

We invite you to hear our experience of this charism of the Catholic Church which has been enriching the lives of many for the last 50 years and was described by St John Paul II as 'an itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times'. May the Virgin Mary who inspired this Way intercede for us, that humility, simplicity and praise may appear among us. Let us all pray that this gift to the parish may bear fruit, fruit that will last!

The catechesis will start at the parish on the 18th of August in the new Hope Hall (next to the church hall). They will consist of a series of talks that will be held on Mondays and Fridays from 7 to 8pm. We hope to see you there to listen to the announcement of the Love of God.

More info about the Neocatechumenal Way at:

<https://neocatechumenaleiter.org/en/>



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, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, 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, Jason Hill, Ian McGuire, Matthew English, Shivya Shiva, Cecilia Robertson 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 Alphonse Akesa Gabriel, Geoffry Douglas McNicol. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested.

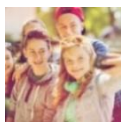
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen





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. Enquiries, please contact Val Litchfield 0423 650 062.

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA INVITES US TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,
You meet us in the darkest places.
Every year, when we light our Easter candle,
we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'
We pray today that all people may work with you
to dispel the darkness of violence and war.
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope
for the people of Gaza.
May they find healing and lasting peace.
Amen.



If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign asks us to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church in our local community. Your gift will help lift the burden from the shoulders of those in dire need, and is a way of ensuring that as many as possible can come to the feast of the Kingdom which God has prepared for all.



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FIRST NATIONS RAISING AWARENESS – EVENING

A message sent from Mark Coleridge regarding the event:

Greetings of peace to you all as you come together at Burleigh Heads this evening for the First Nations Awareness Gathering. This is a time when the Catholic Church needs to consider what a new engagement with our Indigenous brothers and sisters might look like. The Archdiocese has a Reconciliation Action Plan, and we all need to be part of implementing that. Reconciliation can't be left to the few; it involves all of us who embrace the justice of God and want to share it with those who need it most. I am with you in spirit, praying that the Lord Jesus will open your minds and hearts, leading you to a new awareness of what needs to be done and how we might do it. Every blessing.



We thank all who contributed to the success of the First Nations People Rising Program held in our Parish. Special appreciation to our guest speakers Ravina, Joni and Fr Paul, with supporting contributions from Josee Hill, Bernadette, Emma, Greg and Kerri and special thanks to our dedicated parish office staff. The event, led by Fr Gerry, was graced by the support of Archbishop Mark Coleridge, our heartfelt thanks to them for their encouragement.

Last Tuesday's Brisbane Catholic Education 2025 Gold Coast First Nations Students gathering

Congratulations to the organisers of the day event. Thank you to the presenters from Ngutani Lui Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre, including First Nations teachers and tutors Kevin, Marlon, Gracey, Jeff, Eric, Samantha and Bryan. Wonderful presentation.



Marlon Riley & Fr Gerry

Welcoming time in Burleigh Parish

Thank you for your welcome to me, your graciousness and sharing of insights and faith experiences.

Thank you to Father Ravi and to the parish staff who have been so helpful.

Thank you to Padre for inviting me.

May God continue to bless each of you.

Fr Gerry Hefferan

GOANNAS MONTHLY FAMILY LUNCHEON



Date: Sunday 17 August, 2025

Time: 11.30am for a 12.00 noon start

Venue: Palm Beach Soccer Club

81 Nineteenth Ave, Palm Beach

ALL WELCOME – Good Sunday Roast

Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362

GATHERING

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu alleluia

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst;
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do.
Allelu, alleluia

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

COMMUNION HYMN

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again.
Love, only love, is his way.

***Richer than gold is the love of my Lord;
better than splendour and wealth.***

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood'.
Love, only love, is his sign.

(Refrain)

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin,
Love, only love, is his name.

(Refrain)

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

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We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found.

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Good Morning Good People: The Story of St Francis of Assisi A musical narrative by Peter Kearney



This YouTube video weaves music, images, songs and narration to tell the story of St Francis of Assisi, lover of the Poor and our Mother Earth.

The visual presentation is made up of images drawn from medieval art and other sources, chosen to illustrate various stages of the life of St Francis.

Part 1 (45 min) is now on YouTube.

Find the video on YouTube with the following search:
GOOD MORNING GOOD PEOPLE KEARNEY

Best viewed on a TV connected to the internet

If you enjoy Part 1, **Like, Share** and **Comment** on your phone or other device. **Subscribe** to the **Good Morning Good People - Peter Kearney** Channel if you have a Google account, to be notified when Part 2 and other videos are uploaded.

St Francis of Assisi: lover of the Poor and our Mother Earth