

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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	16 August - St Stephen of Hungary
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	17 August - Ordinary Time 20
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
11.00am	Mass - Springbrook
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Monday	18 August
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	19 August – St John Eudes, priest
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Wednesday	20 August – St Bernard
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	21 August- St Pius X, pope
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
Friday	22 August- The Queenship of the BVM
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Saturday	23 August – St Rose of Lima
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	24 August - Ordinary Time 21
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Children's Family Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
11.00am	Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17 AUGUST 2025

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This Week's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Next Week's Readings: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30

On this 20th Sunday in ordinary time, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks with burning urgency: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!" (Lk 12:49). This fire is not the fire of destruction, but the fire of the Holy Spirit, the living flame of God's love that purifies, sanctifies, and gives light to the world. It is the same divine fire we received at Baptism, and which was sealed within us at Confirmation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that this fire is the "transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions" (CCC 696). It is the same fire that descended upon the apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:3-4), turning ordinary fishermen into bold proclaimers of the Gospel. That same Spirit is at work in us, if we let Him, to replace fear with courage, sin with grace, and lukewarmness with zeal.

Jesus warns that his coming will bring division, even within families. This is not because He desires conflict, but because the truth of the Gospel demands a decision. We cannot serve both God and the world's passing values (Mt 6:24). Choosing Christ will sometimes mean standing apart, even from those we love, to remain faithful to Him. But as He assures us, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:10).

The saints show us what this looks like in practice. St. Catherine of Siena's timeless challenge still speaks to us: "If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire." Holiness is not half-hearted; it is a total surrender to God's will. The saints allowed Christ's love to consume their pride, their fears, and their attachments, so that His light could shine through them. Their witness proves that the fire of Christ does not destroy, it refines, like gold tested in the furnace (1 Pet 1:7).

For our parish community, this call to be "hearts on fire" is very concrete. It means making the Eucharist the centre of our lives, drawing strength from the very Body and Blood of Christ, the "Sacrament of Love" as St. Thomas Aquinas called it. It means seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation often, so that sin does not smother the flame of the Spirit within us. It means living the works of mercy daily, forgiving, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, defending the vulnerable, for this is how the fire of charity spreads.



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'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

This week, let us ask: Where in my heart has the flame grown dim? Is it in my prayer life, my family relationships, my courage to live my faith openly, or my desire to serve the poor? If we give Christ even a small space, His Spirit will come in and set our hearts ablaze once more. And once that fire is lit, it will not remain hidden, it will draw others to the light of Christ present in His Church.

May our parish community be a living witness to the words of St. Paul: “Do not quench the Spirit” (1 Thess 5:19). Let us be a community where God’s fire is not only kept alive but burns so brightly that all who come near are warmed by His love.

Fr. Ravi

Dear brothers and sisters, peace be with you. My name is Lucia. I am married with my husband Carlo and we have eight children. We come from Italy, and we have been sent to Australia thirteen years ago as missionary family.

I come from a big family myself. The first sign of God’s presence in my life has been through my parent’s witness: despite their many differences they remained together and when I was 7yrs old we moved to Tokyo as a missionary family for the Catholic Church. It was a time full of precarities for the entire family. I suffered a lot of bullying at school, so I started to question God and the meaning of life. When I was twelve, we moved back to Italy and it was equally difficult as I had to adapt again to a different culture. As many teenagers nowadays, I had issues accepting myself and I stopped going to Church for a time. Even if externally, I looked fine, I was a very good student, playing sports, but on the inside I was feeling dead without meaning and I became bulimic. In that moment God came to rescue me. I was invited to listen some talks given in my parish. I began meeting regularly with a group of brothers and sisters to listen to the Word of God. Little by little I was helped to discover the Love of God. In the community I found a place where I could be myself, without being judged and where I could always hear a Word of Love for my life. God gave me the grace to reconcile with my parents and with my history. I was able to see that God was present in all the events of my life, even the difficult ones. Today I can see that God given me and my husband a life full of joy, beyond what we could imagine. I can see that in the struggles of raising children and economic stress, God is always present. This experience is possible also for you!

Young and old, COME AND LISTEN! God loves you. Let him speak to you! He is making all things new. We invite you to hear our experience of the Neocatechumenal Way 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!

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

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, Shivy 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, Philomena Bugeja, Miranda Grgich, Milan Cohilj, Nikola Ljevak, Velimir Pavic. 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



DON'T FORGET!



ANOIDTING 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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025 – RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 20th August –

First Reconciliation parent evening
Attend 1 session - 3:30pm or 5pm
Mary Mother of Mercy Church

Sunday 24th August –

10am Mass at Mary Mother of Mercy Church followed by children workshop.

Monday 25th August –

Reconciliation Liturgy 6pm at Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

Please join us in prayer for the Sacramental Program children as they take the journey towards their first Reconciliation.



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

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.

MEN'S CLUB

Burleigh Heads Parish Men's Club has joined with **St Joseph's Men's Club, Tweed Heads**. We meet on the **first Tuesday of each month** for coffee and planning, a hotel lunch, or a bus trip to a local place of interest.

If you enjoy good company and fellowship, we'd love to have you join us. For more information, please contact Keith, the Burleigh Co-ordinator, on **0400 017 087**.

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

Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362

ALL WELCOME – Good Sunday Roast



HAVE A CHATS MONTHLY FAMILY LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 24 August 2025

Time: 11.30 for 12 noon start

Venue: Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters

Contact: Elsa 0428 231 045 – **ALL WELCOME**

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THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to those parishioners who offered to volunteer their time each Wednesday bringing wheelchair residents of Ozanam Villa Burleigh to the Chapel for Mass. They finish their training this week. The Spirit is truly at work through the generosity of all our volunteers.

God bless you.

Patricia, Chaplain at Ozanam Villa.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy, through your care, you make that possible.



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GATHERING

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away;
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry;
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come to my aid
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COMMUNION HYMN

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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RECESSIONAL

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me,

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word.
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me, **(Refrain)**

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Jesus makes people choose sides

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C H O O S E R S V B H S E O H
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Try to find
these words:
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Safeguarding Commitment

We have **ZERO TOLERANCE** for all forms of abuse
and are committed to safeguarding everyone
involved in our activities,
ministries and services.

The Safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-
risk is paramount.

STOPline – if you think it's wrongreport it.
Information can be provided anonymously.
STOPline Phone: 1300 304 550



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