

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	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)
Monday	25 August – St Joseph Calasanz, priest
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	26 August
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Wednesday	27 August – St Monica
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	28 August – S Augustine, bishop
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
Friday	29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Saturday	30 August
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	31 August - Ordinary Time 22
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)

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 AUGUST 2025

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This Week's Readings: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Then – as now – fear is often used as a way to get people to "shape up." But is that how we think the Prince of Peace will return? (Later in the liturgical year, especially in November, we'll hear Scriptures about the Second Coming.) But we must ask: Would God want the horrors described in the Left Behind books? Do we really believe only Christians will be saved? (Our Church does not teach that.) We are not advocating universalism but how do we go beyond the immediate Catholic Church?

What kind of relationship with God would it be if it were based on fear rather than love?

So when the disciples ask if only a few will be saved, Jesus doesn't give a number. Instead, he redirects the question back to them. Their concern shouldn't be about others – it should be about their own lives. Membership and proximity to Jesus – eating with him, hearing his teachings – do not guarantee entry into God's kingdom.

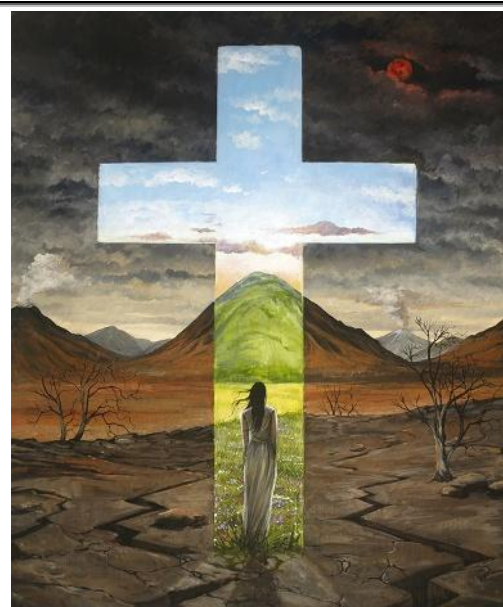
In effect, Jesus says, "If you think you are first, you may find yourselves last." And, "You'll be surprised who will enter through the narrow gate."

At this point in the Gospel, Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem. "He passed through towns and villages..." We know how this journey ends. We know that God will overcome evil – not by force or destruction, but through the cross of Christ. Through suffering and seeming defeat, Jesus' love and fidelity to God reconcile and save the world.

Perhaps the "narrow gate" Jesus speaks of – the one he tells us to strive to enter – is the difficult but essential call to continue loving, even those who hurt or repel us. That's what Jesus did. So what of the future? In a way, it has already been decided: Peace is stronger than violence.

Jesus puts the question before us: Will we choose the narrow gate of love, or the wide road of fear and retribution?

Artist: "Narrow Gate" by Debbie Clark



'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

MINISTRY SUNDAY

I take this opportunity to outline the different ministries and work our Parish does – some of which people may not even be aware of. If you would like to volunteer for any ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Youth Mass – 1&3 Sunday of each month. These are wonderful Masses led by young people along with some great youth bands providing music. We also offer one to one youth mentoring.

Children's Family Mass – every 4th Sunday of each month. Rather than taking children away for private liturgy we attempt to model aiming the Mass at a young level with music, action, homily and readings. Some of the masses are exceptional especially our Pentecost Mass.

Connect Masses – 10am and 5:30pm a School of College year level sponsors a Mass. These are wonderful ways for parish and our school communities to engage.

Friday School Mass – every week children attend the Friday Mass doing readings and prayers

State School Catechesis – a small but dedicated group attend the many State Schools in the parish

Sacramental Program – every year about 100 children journey through the sacraments with their family and the parish. These are very informative programs for the families and parish.

Parish Play Group, Before & After School Care, Vacation Care.

Neo-Catechetical Way – every Thursday evening prayer meetings in Mary Mother of Mercy, Community Centre

Care and Concern – wonderful support to our Friday anointing masses and to funeral catering.

St Vincent de Paul – both Conferences provide for families and the socially disadvantaged while supporting members and their faith life.

Rosies Street Mission – the parish started the mission in Burleigh and supports the mission wholeheartedly.

Mental Health Support Unit (Miami), Grow Support Group, Pregnancy Help Line, Migrant and Refugee Visa Advice Group – all local parish run groups.

Aged Care Ministry – many volunteers attend weekly the 23 Aged care facilities in the parish and provide spiritual, emotional and sacramental support. The priest visits for Masses

Ministry to shut in and At Home - many volunteers attend weekly homes to provide spiritual, emotional and sacramental support

Passionist Family Groups – every week one of our 3 Family Groups meets for support and mutual care as families.

Retreats – our Parish conducts 3 retreats a year Lent, Advent and the Marian Retreat. We also look forward to a pilgrimage every 2 years.

Lenten Prayer Group, Bible Study Group, Adult Faith Education Evenings (held every 2 months), Adoration and Benediction, Women's Spirituality Group (once a month), Men Alive Group, Burleigh Men's Group, Catellian Group, World Meditation Prayer Group, Multi-faith Action Group.

Multi-Cultural – Brazilian Community, Chinese Community, Filipino Community, Ukraine Community, Spanish Community, Multi-cultural Mass, Aboriginal Action Group, Timor Support Group.

Plus, all the ministries that make up our daily and Sunday Masses and the many other activities the Parish plans and does throughout the year like baptism prep, funeral prep, wedding prep and the list goes on. The Parish Council and the Parish Finance Council, the Schools Advisory Council. And the many many activities and ministries that individual or families do in their own way. Can we do more – probably. So, if you have any ideas or burning desires for ministry, please let the parish know. **Padre**



**2025 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

The Annual Catholic Campaign reminds us that we are part of the larger Church. Our parishes work together to support vital ministries and services. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish, such as:

training future priests, caring for elderly priests when they become frail and unwell, helping struggling families access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community.

There is also the option to make a non-tax-deductible gift to help fund grassroots ministry.

When making your gift, please put your donation inside the envelope provided so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope, you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.

Of course, if you prefer, you can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au Over the past years, our parish has given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help in times of need.

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

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



NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

LITURGY



UPCOMING LAY-LED SUNDAY LITURGIES

Please note due to the availability of the priests, the following upcoming weekend Masses will be replaced by a Lay-Led Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. This is not a Mass but a way to help our local communities to still come together to pray in the absence of a priest. Other Masses are still celebrated in the parish.

Sunday 7 Sep 7.00am - **Burleigh Heads**

Sunday 14 Sep 7.00am - **Palm Beach**

Sunday 14 Sept 8.30am - **Mudgeeraba**

Sunday 21 Sep 7.00am - **Burleigh Heads**

Sunday 28 Sep 7.00am - **Palm Beach**

Sunday 28 Sep 8.30am - **Mudgeeraba**

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT

DATE: Monday 8th September 2025

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

VENUE: Parish Office Boardroom
3 Sunlight Drive
Burleigh Waters



An invitation for anyone to attend who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, for people who have not been baptised and for those baptised in other Faith Traditions and for Baptised Catholics who have been taken time out and wish to reconnect.

When people decide, they would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, we invite them to COME AND SEE by joining the RCIA Group.

The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*), also called the Catechumenate, is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church.



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**.

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**



GATHERING

You are salt for the earth, O People:
salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the Kingdom of God!

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!***

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the Kingdom of God! **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

COMMUNION HYMN

O how blessed are the poor in spirit,
the kingdom of God is theirs.
O how blessed those who dwell in sorrow,
they surely will be consoled.

***Rejoice and be glad, beloved of the Lord,
the kingdom of heaven is yours.
The first shall be last, the last shall be first,
for such is the wisdom of God.***

O how blessed are the meek and lowly,
for they shall possess the earth.
O how blessed those who thirst for justice,
they surely will have their fill. **(Refrain)**

O how blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall be-hold God's face.
O how blessed those who mend with mercy,
forgiveness is their reward. **(Refrain)**

O how blessed those who fight for peace,
the children of God are they.
O how blessed those despised and hated,
who bear it because of me. **(Refrain)**

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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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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.

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OF BRISBANE**

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