

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	2 August - St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	3 August - Ordinary Time 18
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	4 August - St John Vianney, priest
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	5 August - Ded of the Basilica of St Mary Major
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Wednesday	6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	7 August - St Sixtus II, pope
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
Friday	8 August - St Mary of the Cross
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Saturday	9 August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	10 August - Ordinary Time 19
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)

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 AUGUST 2025

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VOCATION WEEK

This Week's Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Next Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

"Vanity of vanities... all is vanity." These words from the book of Ecclesiastes are as relevant today as ever. No matter how hard we work, how much we earn, or how many things we collect, we all eventually come to realise that we can't take any of it with us. On this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus tells a story that gets straight to the point. A man plans to build bigger barns to store up his wealth, hoping to take it easy and enjoy life. But that very night, his life is taken from him. All his planning and saving meant nothing in the end. He forgot to be rich in the things that matter to God.



It's a confronting reminder, especially for us living in this beautiful country, where many of us are blessed with comfort, freedom, and opportunity. And yet, the Gospel challenges us to look beyond what the world calls success. The Church reminds us in the Catechism that, "The desire for true happiness frees us from an excessive attachment to the goods of this world" (CCC §2548). We're not created just to achieve or accumulate. We're created to know God, to love others, and to live a life that points toward heaven.

This Sunday is also Vocations Sunday. It's a time to reflect on the calling God places in each person's heart, whether that's marriage and family life, the priesthood, consecrated life, or single life. A vocation isn't just about what job we do, it's about who we are and how we give ourselves in love. Pope Francis has said, "A vocation is born of the love with which God comes to meet us." In the quiet of our hearts, in the noise of family life, in the challenge of daily work—God is calling. Are we listening?

The saints offer beautiful wisdom here. **St. Augustine** said, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." **St. Teresa of Avila** reassures us: "Let nothing disturb you... God alone suffices." And **St. Mary MacKillop** reminds us simply: "Never see a need without doing something about it." These voices echo the same truth: we are called to live not just for ourselves, but for God and for others.

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So maybe this week, we can each take a moment to ask: What am I really building my life on? Am I making time for the things that truly matter, prayer, compassion, honesty, and kindness? Am I storing up treasure that will last into eternity?

We especially pray for every family in our parish this Sunday. May your homes be places of faith and peace. May your children grow strong in love and hope. May those who are discerning their vocation, whether young or old, find the courage to say yes to God’s call. And may each one of us become rich in the only treasure that endures: a life lived with love, for God and for others.

Fr Ravi

BURLEIGH PARISH FIRST NATIONS RASING AWARENESS EVENING

Tuesday 5th August 2025. 6.30pm-8pm. Parish Community Centre, Burleigh Waters.

In **1986 Pope John Paul 11** visited the national gathering of Catholic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs.

In his Address, he said:
*“Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear...
Share them with each other and teach them to your children.
Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost.”*

Later in his Address he said:
*“And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be
until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”*

The Earth and Spirit Mural at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church is inspired by the same Address of Pope John Paul 11 when he spoke about the spiritual closeness of Indigenous Australians to the land.

Representatives from other parishes on the Gold Coast have been invited to join our gathering. Aunty Ravina Waldren from Murri Ministry, Joni McCourt from Archdiocesan Services, and Father Paul Kelly from Surfers Paradise Parish will be among the speakers.

On Friday I attended a Catholic First Nations meeting at Cherbourg Community in the South Burnett. They send their best wishes.

The 2025 First Nations Cultural Day Gold Coast

Over 200 First Nations students attending Catholic Schools and Colleges on the Gold Coast gather this Tuesday from 9am to 2pm.

There will be five workshops covering 1) Song and Dance; 2) Art; 3) Cultural Yarn, Tools and Weapons; 4) Torres Strait Islander Cultural and History; and 5) Weaving.

After 1pm will be Group Dance Performances, joining Marlon for Aboriginal Dance, and joining Brian for Torres Strait Islander Dance. At 1.50pm will be the Didgeridoo performance by Robert. Marlon, Brian and Robert are from the Ngutana Lui Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre in Inala, which was opened officially in 1989 by Archbishop Rush and Aunty Laurel Blow.

The Centre is part of Brisbane Catholic Education. As well as students visiting the Centre, the team goes on the road to visit schools and regions across our Archdiocese.

As one of the original steering committee members way back in the second half of the 1980s and early 1990s, I look forward to their presentations.

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, Ricardo SM Austria, Timoteo Borromeo JR, Jackson Gabriel, Angela Gatt. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested.

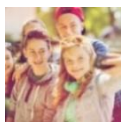
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen





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

MESSAGE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS



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

VOLUNTEERS

Please be sure to advise the Parish Office if your address or contact details have changed. Thank you.



FIRST NATIONS RAISING AWARENESS -

Everyone is invited to share an evening of cultural input and understanding -

Date: Tuesday 5th August 2025

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Venue: Mary, Mother of Mercy Community Centre,
3 Sunlight Drive Burleigh Waters

Light refreshments will be served so please

RSVP: 1st August - Parish Office 07 555 80120

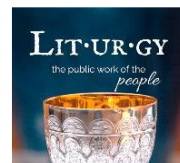
Join Fr Gerry Hefferan and the Burleigh parish community with the aim to build upon the existing relationships in the parish, schools and wider community to build cultural understanding and reconciliation with all First Nations people. Ravina Waldren the Murri Ministry Coordinator and Joni McCourt the Archdiocese Reconciliation Action Plan Manager will join us on the night for shared cultural input.



Artwork by Aunty Joyce Summers hung in Calvary church Miami.

UPCOMING LAY-LED SUNDAY LITURGIES

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 10 August – Burleigh Heads

PARISH LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday 7 August 2025

TIME: 11.30am for 12.00 noon start

VENUE: Burleigh Sports Club
111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters
Contact Val Litchfield 0423 650 062

ALL WELCOME

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



NOTICE FOR CALVARY CHURCH, MIAMI

The Gold Coast City Council will be undertaking roadworks around Redondo Drive, Miami over the next 3 weeks (late July completed by August 2025). There will be traffic control in place to direct residents and traffic. Please ensure you do not block any council access.

GATHERING

To, ev'ryone who thirsts: Come to the waters!
 Here is an end to hunger: Come to the feast!
 And ev'ryone who labours: Come to the waters!
 All you who have no money: Come to the feast!
 For this is life the waters of the Jordan
 For this is life the waters of your birth
 For this is life the waters that renew you
 O come to the feast! O come to the feast!

To, ev'ryone who seeks: Come to the waters!
 Hear me and share the riches: Come to the feast!
 And ev'ryone who mourns: Come to the waters!
 Now is an end to sadness: Come to the feast!
 For this is life the streams of Joy and gladness
 For this is life the rains tht bring you joy:
 For this is life the waters that restore you
 O come to the feast! O come to the feast!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In ev'ry age O Lord, you have been our refuge.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, to whom can I go?
 You alone speak the words of life.
 You alone on the earth or in heaven above
 are my saviour and my Lord. **(Refrain)**

***I found the treasure in a field,
 that neither time nor death can steal.
 I will sell what I have,
 give all that I am,
 to hold this treasure as my own.***

Jesus, Lord of my life,
 I can ask for nothing more
 than to see and believe that my life lies in You,
 in the kingdom of my Lord. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

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.

That when our life of faith is done
 in realms of clearer light
 we may behold you as you are
 in full and endless sight.

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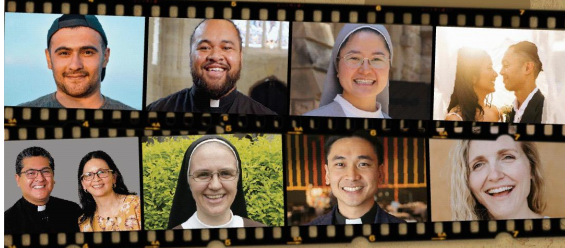
Set your heart on what is in heaven

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