

# 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13 September – St John Chrysostom, bishop</b>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14 September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16 September – Sts Cornelius, and Cyprian</b>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17 September – St Robert Bellarmine</b>
<b>** No Mass at Palm Beach **</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18 September</b>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19 September – St Januarius</b>
9.00am	Adoration & Morning Prayer – Burleigh Waters
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20 September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; companions</b>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21 September – Ordinary Time 25</b>
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)
11.00am	Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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14 September 2025

This Week's Readings: Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

Next Week's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

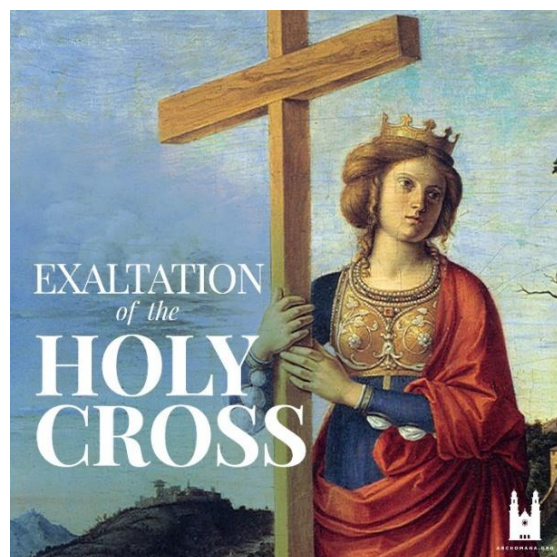
**Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.** So why are we celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in mid-September? Before we turn to today's scripture readings, let's reflect on the feast.

Some history: The feast dates back to the fourth century. Tradition holds that St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, discovered the True Cross in Jerusalem around the year 326, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is a very ancient feast, sometimes called the Triumph of the Cross. But unlike Good Friday, which focuses on Christ's suffering, this feast highlights the victory of the Cross. Through the Cross came salvation and new life for us. Once a symbol of humiliation and execution, it is now a sign of God's love, triumph, and glory.

What is the "glory" of the Cross? Sadly, we have become so accustomed to seeing the Cross—inside and outside churches, on rosaries, around people's necks, even as tattoos, or home décor—that we often miss its deeper meaning. Sometimes it is reduced to a fashion statement or a good-luck charm. Because it is so omnipresent, we can lose the sense of shock it originally evoked—the cruelty and pain it represented.

The first generation of Christians was not blind to the barbaric reality of crucifixion. They had seen their messianic hero tortured, bloodied, mercilessly nailed to a crossbar, and lifted up for all to see and mock. To unbelievers, it was unthinkable that this hated symbol of defeat and death could be cherished as a sign of salvation and a pattern for life.

As followers of Jesus who "exalt" the Cross, we are called to live as witnesses to his life—a life that often stood in contrast to the world. The glory of the Cross is seen in those who follow Christ daily in word and deed. Through his death and resurrection, our lives now show forth his presence in the world.



*'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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

### 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, Brenda Ring, 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 Ray Dove, Gwenda Reynolds, John Scerri, Paul Holford, Joseph and Violet Deguara, Joe Deguara and Carmela Deguara, Kerry O'Shea. 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!



**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** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

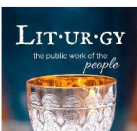
**BRAZILIAN MASS** (Portuguese language) – First Tuesday of each month, 7.00pm in Calvary Church Miami.

**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

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



### 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 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**

### NOTICE OF UPCOMING MASS CHANGES

#### Cancelled

5.30pm Wednesday 17 September – Palm Beach

#### Anointing Mass

10:00am on Friday, 3 October has been cancelled. Instead, a regular Mass (not an Anointing Mass) will be celebrated at 6:00pm on the same day at Mary, Mother of Mercy.

You are invited to  
**BURLEIGH PARISH  
MULTICULTURAL MASS**  
10.00am  
Sunday 28 September  
Mary Mother of Mercy Church  
Burleigh Waters

*Dress up in your cultural dress and join us for a celebration of the wonderful diversity of our parish! There will be food to share in the foyer of the church after Mass. Come and enjoy!*



**MARYMOUNT  
COLLEGE** BURLEIGH  
WATERS



## REUNION

Graduate Years 1975,  
1985, 1995, 2005, 2015



**Saturday October 11, 2025**

**3pm-6pm**

**Robina Pavilion**

**229 Ron Penhaligon Way**

**Robina, QLD 4226**

**\$30 per person includes  
drink on arrival and nibbles  
Partners welcome!**

**BOOK NOW:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DEYOP>



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### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The RCIA is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church. It focuses on the basics of belief - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to reflect on life. It is a journey of faith and a chance to discover more about who you are as a Son or Daughter of a gracious loving God.

If you would like to know more, we invite you to Come and See by joining the RCIA Group

It is the process by whereby people have not been baptised and those baptised in other faith traditions become full members of the Catholic Church.

If you wish to join our RCIA Group, please phone the Parish Office on (07) 555 80120.

### GOANNAS MONTHLY FAMILY LUNCHEON

**Date:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**Time:** 11.30am for a 12.00 noon start

**Venue:** Dog & Parrot Tavern

2 Scottsdale Dr, Robina

**Contact:** Margaret 0402 834 362

**ALL WELCOME** – Seniors Menu





## GATHERING

*Lift up your hearts to the Lord,  
praise God's gracious mercy!  
Sing out your joy to the Lord,  
whose love is enduring.*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
Praise the name above all names!  
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,  
how glorious your name!" **(Refrain)**

Let the earth worship, singing your praise.  
Praise the glory of your name!  
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,  
Bless God's holy name! **(Refrain)**

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will rise and go to my Father*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table  
where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love. **(Refrain)**

My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of our soul. **(Refrain)**

O, come and eat without money;  
come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life. **(Refrain)**

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## RECESSIONAL

*Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
the God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
to find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,  
no evil settle in my soul.

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### Standard Mental Health First Aid

The Standard Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA®) course teaches participants how to provide initial support to another adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem and the treatments and supports available.



**Intervene early**  
Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems in other adults.



**Offer support**  
Learn the skills to speak openly and accurately about mental health.



**Learning Outcomes**  
Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in adults
- Use an evidence-based action plan to initiate a mental health first aid conversation
- Assess for a range of crisis situations and provide initial support
- Understand the prevalence and impact of mental illnesses, risk factors and treatments and supports available
- Apply self-care practices as a Mental Health First Aider.



**Respond in a crisis**  
Respond across a range of crisis situations where an adult may be at risk of harm.



**Reduce stigma**  
Reduce stigma and increase support for adults experiencing and living with mental health problems.

Adults who complete a Standard MHFA course become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAiders), equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to provide mental health information and support when it matters most.

**Dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025.  
**Times:** 9am-5pm each day  
**Location:** Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish  
 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters 4220

This training workshop is fully funded for carers and parents supporting an individual living with a mental health condition or disability. Please scan the QR code to register and secure your spot!

**Facilitated By:**  
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\*Costs include course participation and all relevant teaching materials.  
 To learn more about MHFA training and becoming an MHFAider visit [mhfa.com.au](http://mhfa.com.au)  
**Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how.**  
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## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

### WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



Today we are gathered on **Safeguarding Sunday**, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

## BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our parish Facebook page! Stay up to date with parish news, inspiring religious content, and other items of interest. Don't forget to 'Like' our page—this way, you'll receive notifications about new posts and help us reach a wider audience.



If you are a Parish Volunteer or working in the parish the onus is on you to comply with all Archdiocesan policies. Safeguarding training and registration is available online - [www.safeguardingqob.com.au](http://www.safeguardingqob.com.au) If you see any unsafe practice or reportable occurrence, please contact the Parish Office or STOLine Service - 1300 304 550.

The Parish takes no responsibility for any accidents in the church carpark.