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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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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>20 September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions</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>21 September – Ordinary Time 25</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)
11.00am	Mass (Portuguese) - Miami
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>22 September – St Maurice</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>24 September</u>
5.30pm	Mass – Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>25 September</u>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>26 September – Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs</u>
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>27 September – St Vincent de Paul, priest</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>28 September – Ordinary Time 26</u>
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	Multicultural Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 September 2025

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

Next Week's Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

No parable is an easy read. At first glance, some of them seem simple enough – but then their meaning slowly seeps into us. Sometimes, with a sudden shock of awareness, we realize we must reevaluate our lives. Today's parable brings extra complications both for the preacher and for those who will hear it proclaimed this Sunday.



**Parable
of the
Unjust
Steward**

**Luke
16:1-15**

The difficulties appear quickly. What exactly was the steward's "squandering" of the master's property? Why would the rich man praise him for actions that seem dishonest and self-serving? Is the parable really suggesting we imitate a conniving man who acts only to save his neck?

Today's gospel has two segments: the parable itself (vv. 1–8a) and the sayings that follow (vv. 8b–13), both tied together by the theme of money. To keep the focus clear, I would suggest preaching on just one section, not both. Let the other wait until it comes around again in the Lectionary.

The parable is the main feature, so let us focus there. The steward has been caught. We do not know his exact offense, but he has been accused of "squandering" his master's property. He is in trouble and must act quickly and decisively. And he does: he reduces the debts owed to his master. But isn't that dishonest too? How can he be praised for it? This gospel passage has long been a challenge for readers and interpreters of scripture.

One possibility is that the steward had been charging excessive interest, hoping to make a personal profit. By reducing the debts, he may have been eliminating his own dishonest gain. Since usury was forbidden by Jewish law, he would, in fact, be returning to proper practice as an observant Jew. Or perhaps he was simply cutting out his rightful commission. In either case, his action looks shrewd. That may explain why the following sayings (vv. 8b–13) were linked to the parable. The first is particularly fitting: "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." The steward acted decisively in a moment of crisis – and that is what earns him praise.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Jesus may be pointing to another kind of urgency for his followers. As he continues toward Jerusalem, where he will suffer and die, what will they do in that crisis? Will they remain "children of light," with the wisdom to keep choosing Jesus and his way? Or will they become "children of the world," opting for the quick fix and the easy escape? The same question is asked of us. What will we do when crises come—as they already have, and surely will again? We hope we will be prudent stewards, taking stock of the situation and turning once more toward the light. That is something to pray for at this Eucharist: a prayer of gratitude for times when God guided us well, and a prayer of hope that God will guide us the next time. "Help us to act prudently, O God."

The parable also invites us to examine our use of material possessions. One of Luke's central themes is Jesus' suspicion of wealth. Material things can trap us and distract us from what truly matters. We have seen families divided over inheritances; marriages ruined by obsession with business; wars fought over land and resources; lives destroyed by the relentless pursuit of the "bottom line."

And yet Jesus says we can "make friends with dishonest wealth." In Luke's gospel, some wealthy people use their possessions wisely in God's service. The woman who anointed Jesus with costly ointment (7:36ff) and Zacchaeus, who gave half his goods to the poor (19:18), are examples of "children of light" using resources faithfully.

Many people, then and now, have learned how to use their possessions to serve God. Moved by teachings like today's gospel, they act quickly and decisively when needs arise. Not all give everything away – though some do – but they refuse to let "mammon" rule their lives. For example: business leaders who fund training for the unemployed so they can support their families; volunteers who help the elderly manage finances for health care; lawyers who take cases for the poor without charge; teachers who stay after school to help struggling students. These are people who recognize resources as gifts to be used under the guidance of Jesus' light.

If we spend too much time untangling the cultural details of this parable, we risk missing its force. Jesus is pressing us about our fundamental loyalties. Who or what comes first in our lives? If, after honest reflection, we see ourselves living more as "children of this world" than as "children of the light," then the parable becomes an urgent call to set things right – and to do so quickly. Put plainly: God's business, and only God's, must come first.

The prophet Amos reinforces this message. He condemns those who profit at the expense of the poor. As citizens of the developed world, we often enjoy comforts made possible by low wages and unjust practices abroad. Our inexpensive clothing, for example, may be produced in sweatshops. Both Amos and Luke remind us that God sides with the poor. Jesus even labels wealth itself "dishonest," questioning how we obtain it and at what cost to others.

The truth is that what we possess is not entirely our own; it has been entrusted to us. We are responsible for using the goods of this earth, and even the fruits of our labour in ways that benefit the larger community—our families, parishes, nation, and the world. The parable should unsettle us if most of our energy is spent securing our own material future rather than seeking what matters to God.

So the questions remain: What can we do to make the world a better place? How can we help the poor? To whom must we show forgiveness and compassion? How might we deepen our relationships? In short: how will we live as children of light in a world that measures worth by wealth, power, and influence?



BURLEIGH PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion of heart and the transformation of one's very **BEING** to conform it to the holiness of our loving God.

Saturday October 4 the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi from Infant Saviour Church to Burleigh National Park** from 6:30am to 8am.

Light breakfast to be provided by the community at Infant Saviour Church on completion of pilgrimage.

** Pilgrimage Route: 3.9 kilometres (including stairs)

Enquiries: Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828.

CONTEMPLATIVE WOMEN'S GROUP

We continue walking a sacred path with Mary Magdalene **Saturday 28th September 1.30pm – 3.30pm** in Mary Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.

Come join us as we depth Mary's story, share our story, and take time in contemplative silence to listen with the ear of the heart to the invitational call of The-One-Who-Loves-Us.

For more information, email Sue sue@suethomas.net.au

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, Michael Onn, Shirley Batt. 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 – 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



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

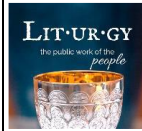
The RCIA is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church. It focuses on the basics of belief - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to reflect on life. It is a journey of 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.

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 21 Sep 7.00am - **Burleigh Heads**

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

Sunday 28 Sep 8.30am - **Mudgeeraba**

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MASS CHANGES

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!

ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY PROCESSION & MASS

Will be hosted by our parish's Filipino Community on Saturday 4th October at 9.00am at Mary Mother of Mercy Church. Please come and join in this beautiful morning of prayer and celebration during the Month of Mary and the Holy Rosary!



GOANNAS MONTHLY FAMILY LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 21st 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



HAVE A CHAT MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 28th September 2025

Time: 11.30am for a 12.00 noon start

Venue: Treetops Tavern
7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters

Contact: Margaret 0414 444 107 – **ALL WELCOME**

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GATHERING

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restore, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Father like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

COMMUNION HYMN

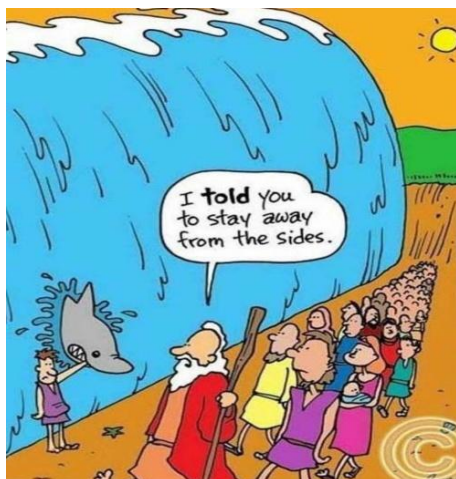
***You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord
the bread of life to eat.***

Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf,
declare our oneness in the Lord? **(Refrain)**

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. **(Refrain)**

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. **(Refrain)**

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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.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side.
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armor that I need
to wage my battle with the foe.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH CHURCH CHOIR AND MUSIC MINISTRY?

Music plays an important part in the Liturgy of the Mass.

Young and old and anyone in between... Come with your children or young adults. Weekly Monday Practice 5PM - 6:15PM MMM Church or **Would you consider being part of the Christmas Choir Rehearsals in November?**

Musicians and Singers are all welcome to come and practice with other musicians and singers to produce good quality sounds and melodies to lead parts of our masses and special celebrations.

Please speak to the Musicians/singers in your church or contact the parish office about how you can become involved.



*Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass*
**Saturday 27th September 2025
11:30am
Cathedral of St Stephen**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend, together with their family and friends.