

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH

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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

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	6 September
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	7 September - Ordinary Time 23
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)
Monday	8 September - The Nativity of the BVM
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	9 September - St Peter Claver, priest
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Wednesday	10 September
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	11 September
No Mass at Mudgeeraba	
Friday	12 September - The Most Holy Name of Mary
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Saturday	13 September - St John Chrysostom, 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	14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FATHER'S DAY

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7 September 2025

This Week's Readings: Wis 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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

I will be tempted to apologize to the congregation this Sunday after reading this gospel passage. What a "turn-off" it seems, with its talk on Father's Day no less of "hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even [your] own life." Then it goes on to say that unless we "renounce all [our] possessions," we cannot be Jesus' disciples. On first hearing, people may wonder if Jesus came from another planet. He certainly sounds far removed from our lives—especially for those of us who work hard to love and care for our aging parents, making decisions about their needs: Should we bring them into our homes? Arrange home care? Place them in a nursing facility? We help with medications, accompany them to endless appointments, visit often, and stay in touch. So what is Jesus talking about when he says we must "hate" our parents?

This is where a little research helps. Commentaries point out that the Greek word translated as "hate" does not mean rage or hostility as it does in English. Rather, it suggests a "lesser love," or a detachment that allows one to turn away from people or things that pull us from God's discipleship. God calls us to love—certainly including parents, spouses, children, brothers, and sisters. Remember, Jesus told his disciples to love even their enemies. Surely, he also expects us to love those closest to us. Notice, too, that right after speaking about "hating," Jesus mentions the cross. Here, bearing the cross does not mean simply enduring life's unavoidable hardships, but rather the pain that comes from freely choosing to follow him on the road to Jerusalem—and to suffering.

But Jesus warns: don't take this lightly. Think it over. He compares discipleship to building a tower—are you prepared to finish the project? We are still "under construction," works in progress. Discipleship requires sacrifice and sometimes painful choices. We have already said "yes" to following Christ, but we will be asked again and again to make decisions that put our discipleship on the line—decisions that may place us at odds with family, friends, or cultural values.

Do we have the resources to stay faithful, to endure the consequences of our choices? On our own, probably not. None of us has enough wisdom or strength. And that is why we gather here, week after week: to hear the Word, to be nourished at the table, to find strength in one another. Look around—this is our new family. We may differ in politics, wealth, or background, but here we are, called sisters and brothers in Christ. That stretches us, doesn't it? Just as Jesus said it would, when he invited us to make him the first priority in our lives.



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'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

PARISH GATHERING

As announced, Fr Morgan Batt will conclude his time as Parish Priest of Infant Saviour parish, Burleigh Heads, in mid-January.

The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of Burleigh Heads parish.

You will be asked to respond to two questions:

1. As a parish, what have you done well?
2. What are your hopes for what the parish will look like into the future?

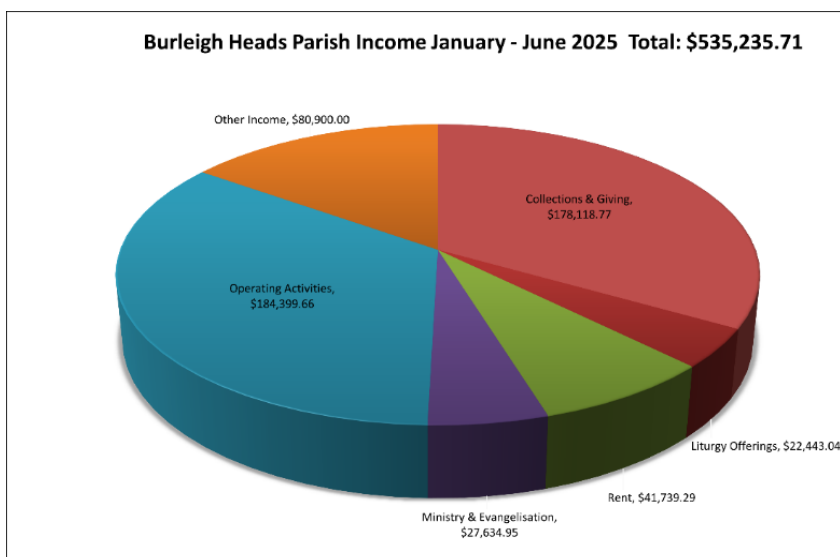
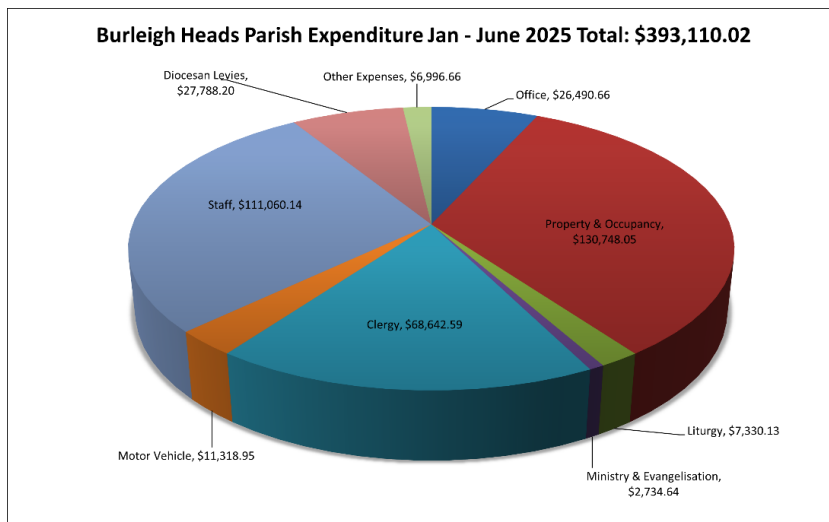
The gathering will take place at **11am on Sunday 14th September in the Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre, Burleigh Waters.** All are welcome.

We hope you can attend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Peter Dillon, Vicar General

BURLEIGH PARISH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JAN-JUN 2025

Dear Parishioners, please find here the Income and Expenditure for the half year of the parish Jan-Jun 2025. As you can see, we have an operating surplus for the half year. Please note that this is operating and not actual as we need to take into account the ongoing Insurance, and Maintenance expenses. But basically, what this shows is that we as a parish are continuing to maintain ourselves and to accomplish the many outreach programs and ministries that we do. We also have our building maintenance program ongoing and updates in technology etc. Also, we have built the new Hope Hall and this facility is already proving beneficial to groups. I thank everyone for their contributions and the good work that we as a parish achieve for the Glory of God and Christ's Mission. I also thank the members of our Parish Finance Council and Collection Counters and the many hours they spend in enabling our finances. **Padre Morgan Batt**





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

LIVE MUSIC ~ FOOD TRUCKS ~ FIREWORKS

SPRING ON THE GREEN

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SEAJEM SOUNDS
SCHOOL BANDS ~ DJ

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PRAYER OF BLESSING ON FATHERS' DAY

God our Eternal Father, Creator of heaven and earth. When you had given us your Son, Jesus to be our Redeemer. You chose to entrust him to the care of St. Joseph to be his earthly father.

We ask you to bless the fathers and grandfathers. Bless them with the strength of your Spirit; may they love their wives with faithfulness and trust; may they establish their families with perseverance in work; and may they also be exemplar in Christian virtues. Give them the strength which comes from the Gospel so that they may be witnesses of Christ to others.

We also remember today the fathers who are working in other countries away from their families in order to provide for their daily needs. Keep them always true to your commandments; keep them faithful in marriage and protect them from any harm.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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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 Sep 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.

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

GATHERING

*All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.*

Break in to song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age. **(Refrain)**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

COMMUNION HYMN

*We are many parts,
we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share,
may the Spirit of Love make us One indeed,
One, the Love that we share,
One, our Hope in despair,
One, the Cross that we bear.*

God of all, we look to you,
we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world. **(Refrain)**

So my pain is pain for you,
in your joy is my joy, too,
all is brought together in the Lord. **(Refrain)**

All you seekers great and small,
seek the greatest gift of all,
if you love, then you will know the Lord. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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, Kerry O'Shea 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 Alan Bugeja, Joseph Caruana, Leon Grioli, Ray Dove, Gerald Caruana, Donny Swaby, Kilmeny Molloy. 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



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