

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>11 October – St John XXIII, pope</u>
8.00am	Mass – Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	** No Reconciliation - Palm Beach**
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>12 October – Ordinary Time 28</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass & Procession (Our Lady of Aparecida) - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>13 October – St Bruno, priest</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>14 October – St Callistus I, pope</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>15 October- St Teresa of Jesus</u>
5.30pm	Mass – Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>16 October – St Margaret Mary Alacoque</u>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop</u>
9.00-9.50am	Adoration & Morning Prayer - Burleigh Waters
10.00pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>18 October – St Luke, evangelist</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>19 October – Ordinary Time 29</u>
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)

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 October 2025

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This Week's Readings: 2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Next Week's Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

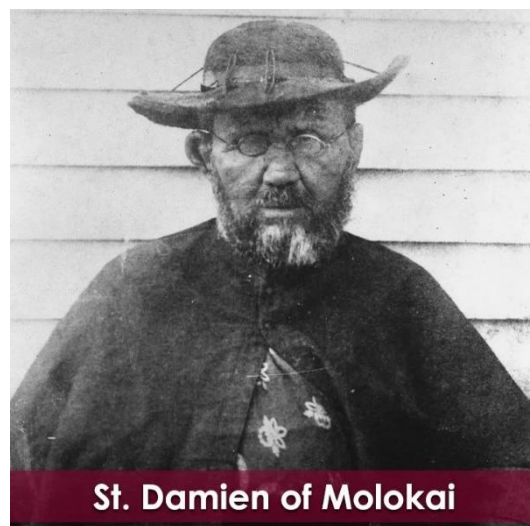
In our first reading today, we step into the narrative from the Second Book of Kings. But who is this Naaman, and why is he plunging seven times into the Jordan River? What is happening here, and how does it connect to our Gospel reading? (The first reading on Sunday is usually chosen from the Hebrew Scriptures because of its connection to the day's Gospel.)

Naaman was the Syrian commander of the king of Aram, a frequent enemy of Israel. He had contracted leprosy and, through his Israelite wife, learned that the prophet Elisha might cure him. Naaman travelled to Elisha, the successor of Elijah, who instructed him simply to bathe in the Jordan seven times. Naaman had expected something more dramatic—rituals, sacrifices, or at least a grand gesture. Instead, he was told to wash in what he considered an unimpressive river.

When Naaman was healed, he offered Elisha a gift, which the prophet refused. Naaman then asked to take home two loads of Israel's soil, believing that a god's power was tied to its land. By taking earth with him, he hoped to bring home the power of Israel's God—the one who had healed him. Here a foreigner is cured by Israel's God, a clear sign that divine blessing is not confined to one people but is meant for all. Our Gospel echoes this same truth: Jesus heals a leper who was a Samaritan, a foreigner and enemy in the eyes of Israel.

Under the Altar at Mary Mother of Mercy is a relic of the leper priest St. Damien of Molokai, long admired for his work among people with leprosy in Hawaii. When he began one of his homilies to his congregation of lepers with the words, "We lepers..." he revealed that he too had contracted their disease.

Queensland had several leprosaria, notably the Friday Island Lazaret (1892–1907), the Peel Island Lazaret (1907–1959), and the Fantome Island Lazaret (1939–1973). These were island-based facilities run by the Queensland government to isolate and treat people with Hansen's disease (leprosy), primarily Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and South Sea Islander people, until the development of effective treatments in the 1940s.



St. Damien of Molokai

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

The Brisbane leprosarium was the Peel Island Lazaret, located in Moreton Bay, established in 1907 to treat and detain people with Hansen's disease (leprosy). Peel Island was the first purpose-built, multi-racial leprosarium in Australia and served until its closure in 1959, by which time more than 500 people had been sent there.

Imagine, then, the powerful witness of Damien on Molokai. His presence was a sign of friendship and of Christ's living presence among the suffering. In a real sense, Damien embodied what Jesus himself did in today's Gospel, when ten lepers approached him on the road to Jerusalem.

Leprosy may no longer be a daily fear for us, but many still experience isolation. A friend once told me that after his wife's death, leaving him with three children, he asked herself, "What did I do that God would punish me so?" At church he sat in the back, numb, feeling cut off from families around. "They were not like me—I felt like a leper," he said. What deepened his pain was this: "I never heard my situation spoken about in homilies." She felt physically, emotionally, and spiritually excluded—a kind of "spiritual leprosy." Others describe similar feelings. One woman, active in her parish and a lector at Mass, said after her husband left her: "As a divorced person in the Church, I felt like a leper."

The band of lepers in the Gospel lived such isolation daily. They were seen as untouchables—feared even by their own families. They formed what might be called a "community of the isolated." Their shared suffering broke down barriers between Jew and Samaritan; enemies found solidarity in grief, pain, and loneliness. To make matters worse, people believed their illness was punishment for sin, leaving them burdened with guilt for a sin they could not even name.

As someone has said: "No matter our differences, when we hurt, we all shed the same tears." Pain can unite us across divisions. We see it today when hunger, bombings, and death bring people together in places like Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan.

In the Gospel, the lepers cry out together, united in their need: "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" Jesus responds with a command: "Go show yourselves to the priests." Their healing unfolds as they journey. Most likely, they believed God had healed them, and so they obeyed by heading toward the Temple. But one man—the least expected, a Samaritan—realized what had happened. He recognized Jesus himself as the source of his healing. He returned, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks.

Many of us, too, seek healing—whether from illness, grief, sin, or the inability to forgive. Sometimes God's grace is dramatic and unmistakable, but more often it comes quietly, gradually, as we travel through life. Like the lepers, we voice our needs along the way: forgiveness, patience, compassion, the strength to love those we find hardest to love. The healing usually happens, not in an instant, but "on the road."

Like the Samaritan, we sometimes come to realize that change has taken place—greater strength, patience, generosity, renewal. And we know this has not come from us alone. Jesus' words ring true: "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

There is still more to come, more healing yet to be done in us. But here and now, at this altar, we pause to give thanks. At the start of every Eucharist, we echo the lepers' plea: "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And here we realize that he has extended mercy to us again—as he does each time we ask.

We are being healed on the road. We travel together as a pilgrim people, and we return here, week after week, to the source of our healing and nourishment: the Eucharist.



The Parish **BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY** invites you to celebrate together their patroness on Sunday **12th October** at the **8.30am Mass, Calvary Church, Miami** (in the normal Sunday Morning Mass). The Mass will be led by Padre and the Brazilian Community. After Mass there will be a procession to the beach and back and a fiesta at the Church.

All welcome.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS	PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES
<p>William Korab, Jess Hall, 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, 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.</p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p>Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time Shirley Batt, Janet Looney, Edna Loney, Bert Loney, Joe Barbar, Marjorie Ring, Cyril Ring, Isabel Little, Olive Querruell. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested.</p> <p><i>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen</i></p>

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



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

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.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

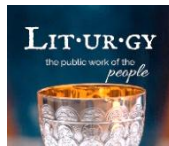
This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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 19 October 7.00am – Burleigh Heads
Sunday 26 October 7.00am – Palm Beach

Free screening of movie

St Mary Mackillop - Glorious Lives

(1.25 hours long)

25th October 2025 at 6pm

(after the 5pm Mass)

Calvary Church, Miami

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Parish Retreat

Our Parish **Marian Retreat** this year is hosted at

St Mary's Parish Coomera,

18th October 9.00 am, \$10 ticket.

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LivingHopeRegionalRetreat25>



GOANNAS MONTHLY FAMILY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 19 October 2025

TIME: 11.30am for 12 noon start

VENUE: Tuk Tuk Thai Restaurant,
Easy T Centre, 11/514 Christine
Ave, Robina - **ALL WELCOME**
Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362



GATHERING

*Save us, O Lord; carry us back.
Rouse your power and come.
Rescue your people; show us your face.
Bring us back.*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us.
Return and we shall be saved.
Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord:
Bring us back! **(Refrain)**

How long will you hide from your people?
We long to see your face.
Give ear to us. Draw near to us,
Lord God of hosts! **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
blessed are the gentle
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,
that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they
that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted,
blessed are the clean of heart
for they shall see God.

Blessed are you
when they revile and harm you,
and speak all evil
against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful
for mercy they will find,
blessed are the peace makers
for they shall be called God's children.

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RECESSIONAL

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
t'wards our Father's home above.*

Christ, our star, our map, our road
to the Father's high abode. **(Refrain)**

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray. **(Refrain)**

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NOT COPING? EACH DAY A STRUGGLE?

You are not alone in feeling this way. We are fortunate that a community support group, GROW, is active on the Gold Coast. There are meetings in Palm Beach, at Burleigh in the MMM community hall; at Southport and in Nerang.

GROW has a unique and proven program developed over the past 65 years since its formation in Sydney, to enable us to cope with and move forward in our lives. GROW charges no fees and you can attend for as long as you feel the need.

Please give me a call if this description fits you. I am happy to share my story and journey in Grow. I am the Group organiser for the Burleigh meeting.

DAN CARROLL 0419 299 689




GROW mental wellbeing programs

*The Carmelite Sisters invite you
to celebrate the Solemnity of*

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

Sunday 19 October

10.30 am - Eucharist



Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale; browse the stalls for cards, books, and medals of St Teresa and other Carmelite Saints, and the sisters' handcrafts.

Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St, Ormiston. Ph: 0466 739 138

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