

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

<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 - 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)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>20 October</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>21 October</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>22 October – St John Paul II, pope</u>
5.30pm	Mass – Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>23 October- St John Capistrano, priest</u>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>24 October – St Anthony Claret, bishop</u>
10.00pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>25 October</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>26 October – Ordinary Time 30</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION SUNDAY

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19 October 2025

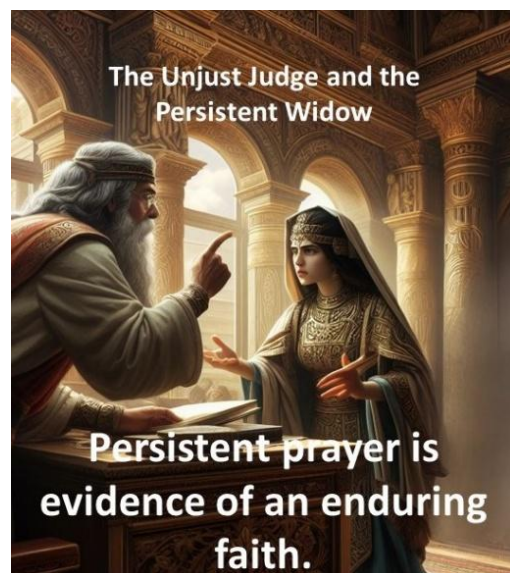
This Week's Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 35:12-14; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

We need to be wary of today's parable of the widow and the unjust judge, lest we convey a false image of God. (Remember the command, "Thou shall not have strange gods before me.") Well, if we are not careful, we are liable to preach a "strange god" and even seem to make what we say sound legitimate, or backed up by this parable.

The trap lies in our modern tendency to be too literal. By that I mean, we tend to miss the imaginative aspects of these parables and apply a strict formula to them in our interpretation. It goes something like this: the judge is God and we are the widows. So, like the widow we need to pray incessantly if we want to get what we want from God. Keep at it, God will eventually give in...isn't that what the parable seems to imply? This, or similar ways of interpreting parables, treats them as allegories – not parables. Look what such an interpretation does to our faith: it paints God as hard hearted and our constant prayer like water dripping on the stone heart of a reluctant God, hoping to eventually wear God down on our behalf. Remember too that the judge in the parable is unjust – making it even more dangerous to allegorize this parable, lest God take on the features of this judge in our hearers' imaginations.

If God gets so misrepresented then we, who are praying earnestly and even desperately for something, are made to feel doubly alone, with no one on our side against the Almighty and seeming reluctant God. If this is what we convey, no matter how unintentionally, then we will have preached a "strange god" indeed! Certainly not the God of Jesus' words and actions. This false image will only reinforce an old stereotype of a God so offended by our sin, that God would punish us severely were it not for Jesus, God's beloved child who, by his faithfulness and sacrifice, stays God's angry hand. This makes God sound schizophrenic – partially with us in Jesus but ill disposed as our Creator – with the Holy Spirit going back and forth between us humans and the two trying to tie up the loose ends.



But this is no ordinary widow! She confronts the judge using the only things she has on her side – her voice and her persistence. What she wants is justice, but from a judge who is not in the least bit interested in giving it to her; the only recourse she would normally have had is not interested in her just cause. But by her persistence she wears down the judge who finally gives in to her. Don't you find it amusing to hear the judge's fear that a widow is going to come and "strike" him? The original language suggests that he is afraid she will give him a black eye. I hear Jesus' listeners, so often denied their own rights before the rich and powerful, chuckling as Jesus paints this picture of a "dangerous" widow who will give a good boxing to a corrupt male judge.

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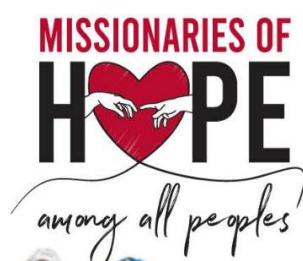
The widow's plight calls to mind those who are deprived of justice in our own society. As next year's elections draw near whose voices are going to be heard by both politicians and voters in November? Whose interests will be at the top of the list? Will the voices of the poor and powerless be outshouted by individuals and special interest groups who have more financial or voting power? It would be a rare election indeed if this didn't happen. Most often the poor, minorities, immigrants, homeless, infirmed, aged and very young are not first on the minds of those running for office, or those casting votes. We can hear the widow's voice in another way, for now she is speaking for those in our society who are not heard – despite their just and desperate need. Will her voice be heard today? Picture the widow standing among those disenfranchised and hear her voice, "Render a just decision for [us] against [our] adversary."

This is one of those "how-much-more parables." Jesus paints a picture of a despicable judge who eventually gives in to the persistent demands of the widow. It is as if he is saying, "If this kind of a person eventually responds, how much more will God?" Why? Because God is not turned against us and will "secure the rights" of God's chosen. Of course, our struggle lies in the fact that so much in our world is unjust, especially for the disenfranchised. We pray for things to be put right and even pray that we can help make them so. Yet often, conditions don't improve, sometimes they even get worse. Doesn't that make you want to despair of ever seeing things righted? So, we are tempted to cease our works and quite our prayers. "What's the use?", we lament. Even when things improve a bit there still is an enormous mountain of wrongs to address – in our homes, church, community and world. We feel our efforts are so puny and so are tempted to withdraw back into our private world saying, "What difference can I make?"

Such feelings tempt us to quit our efforts at prayer and works on behalf of God's reign. Jesus expresses how serious the issues are, how powerful the forces against us are and seems to worry about the effects on his disciples. He asks, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Not an idle or speculative question, but one that is based on the experiences of the church from its beginnings: disciples have hard work and prayer to do until the Lord returns and the wait, without immediate signs of "success," can disillusion us and threaten our faith.

I like the first reading's image for prayer. As powerful and exemplary a model of faith Moses was during hard times, nevertheless, as the battle against Amalek wears on, Moses' raised hands "grew tired." We can identify with that fatigue, we who find it hard to keep our hands raised in prayer as life tries to wear us down. Even Moses needed help. So, Aaron and Hur support his hands, "one on one side and one on the other, so his hands remained steady till sunset." We all need help in our struggles against evil forces and in our desire to stay faithful in hard times.

Look around at those who worship with us at this Eucharist. We see the elderly, even infirmed, here–still praying. We know of those who can't get out of bed to come to church, but we also know they are praying and staying faithful. They give strength and determination to our faltering prayer; they help keep our hands "raised." Perhaps someone notices us here at worship. We don't think of ourselves as great models of faith, but who knows what straggling soul at prayer with us is helped by seeing us here? We may be helping them keep their faltering and tired hands "raised" in hope and prayer.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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



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

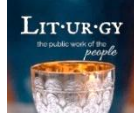
It is the process by whereby people have not been baptised and those baptised in other faith traditions become full members of the Catholic Church.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE WOMEN'S GROUP

We continue our 2025 journey with Mary Magdalene Saturday 25th October 1.30pm – 3.30pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. Our time together begins with some brief input, 50 minutes in quiet contemplative practices, and we close our time in Circle of Sharing. Come, walk a sacred path with Mary Magdalene. For more information contact Sue via email sue@suethomas.net.au

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



MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

From this weekend there will be **envelopes** available in the churches for you to use if you wish to offer a Mass for any deceased persons.



BLESSING OF MEMORIALS

On **Sunday 2 November** after 8:30am Mass at St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba will be followed by the blessing of the Mudgeeraba Memorial Garden; and after 10.00am Mass at Mary Mother of Mercy Church in Burleigh Waters will be followed by the blessing of the Columbarium. You are invited to come and join us in praying for our deceased family and friends and parishioners.

TALLEBUDGERA GRAVE MASS

All are welcome to our parish outdoor Mass on **Saturday 8th November** at 8.00am at the old parish graveside, 48-60 Trees Rd Tallegbudgera. *Please note there will be no mass at Infant Saviour on that day.*

BE INSPIRED BY AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT

GLORIOUS LIVES

MARY MACKILLOP

We welcome you to the screening of a documentary film exploring the life of Australia's First Saint, Mary MacKillop.

OCTOBER 25 SATURDAY
6:00 PM (AFTER 5.00 PM VIGIL MASS)

Calvary Church, Miami
 Santa Monica Road, Miami, QLD 4220

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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

To everyone that thirsts Come to the waters,
here is an end to hunger Come to the feast.
and everyone who labours Come to the water,
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 that renew you,
O come to the feast,
O come to the feast!

To everyone who seeks Come to the waters
hear me and share the riches Come to the feast.
and everyone 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 that bring you joy;
for this is life the waters that restore you,
O come to the feast,
O come to the feast!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Our help is from the Lord who made
Heaven and earth.***

COMMUNION HYMN

O how blessed are the poor in spirit,
the kingdom of God is theirs.
O how blessed those who dwell in sorrow,
they surely will be consoled.

***Rejoice and be glad. Beloved of the Lord
The kingdom of heaven is yours
The first shall be last the last shall be first
For such is the wisdom of God***

O how blessed are the meek and lowly
for they shall possess the earth.
O how blessed those who thirst for justice
they surely will have their fill. ***(Refrain)***

O how blessed are the pure of heart
for they shall be hold God's face.
O how blessed those who mend with mercy
forgiveness is their reward. ***(Refrain)***

O how blessed those who fight for peace
the children of God are they.
O how blessed those despised and hated
who bear it because of me. ***(Refrain)***

RECESSIONAL

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

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end. ***(Refrain)***

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord. ***(Refrain)***

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

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.

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 Shirley Batt, Janet Looney, Edna Loney, Bert Loney, Joe Barbar, Marjorie Ring, Cyril Ring, Isabel Little, Olive Querruell, Brendan Hill, Gwenda Reynolds, Barry Zimmerman. 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



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

