

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 25 October

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 26 October – Ordinary Time 30

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No 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 27 October

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 28 October – Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 29 October

5.30pm Mass – Palm Beach

Thursday 30 October – St Marcellus

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 31 October

10.00pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 1 November - ALL SAINTS DAY

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 2 November - ALL SOULS' DAY

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)

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 October 2025

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

Next Week's Readings: 2 Macc 12:43-46; Phil 3:20-21; Lk 7:11-17

Is Jesus being Sirach contradicting himself in today's first reading? The opening line reads, "The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no Favorites, though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet God hears the cry of the oppressed." But the rest of the reading reveals a very partial God who has taken a very definite stand and turned a favouring ear toward "the oppressed... orphan... widow and the lowly." God does seem to have favourites and they are not the ones our society calls "favoured."



Sirach wrote in Hebrew around 180 BCE and fifty years later his work was translated into Greek for a dispersed Jewish community in a Hellenistic culture. He speaks to basic issues, particularly the inequalities in society. For those who see their comfort and riches as a blessing from God for their good deeds and social status, Sirach espouses another perspective. God has not favoured the rich, no matter what visible signs they might point to of God's seeming approval.

If anything, God has chosen to take the side of the poor and to pay special attention to the prayer of the lowly—hence this reading's connection to today's gospel. Sirach suggests that if God is to be found standing with the poor and those treated unjustly, then we had better take more than a few steps in that direction ourselves. Justice requires that those who can, should help those who cannot.

The original Greek suggests that God not only hears the cry of the oppressed, God does more – God yields to their requests. It's almost as if God is bound to respond positively to them. As a covenant partner God is accountable to them, especially when other covenant partners disregard their responsibilities. The surprise in both this first reading and the gospel is that those considered unacceptable in social and religious circles are the very ones whose prayer is heard – their prayer is "proper."

Today's gospel teaches us a lot about prayer. First, prayer doesn't have to be long. Both men in the parable prayed very brief prayers. (I had a theology teacher once who said prayer can be very, very short like "Help!".) But each person's prayer was very different. In his brief prayer the Pharisee said "I" four times. While he seems to thank God for his goodness, he really is patting himself on the back. In his view he is singular and unique. He thanks God for his not being like "the rest of humanity, greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector." In his own eyes he is a completed product. There is little room in him to be changed by his prayer.

He might have said prayers, but he didn't pray because he didn't see any need to change. There was no space for God to enter his life.

On the other hand, we don't hear the word "I" from the tax collector. He refers to himself by using "me" — "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." "I" — "Me" What's the difference? One ("I") is the subject of the sentence, the cause of the action. The other ("ME") is the object, the recipient of another's action. The tax collector can't achieve mercy on his own, he reveals his need and desire for God to do something for him. He wants to be changed and he trusts that God will help him make the necessary change in his life. What must have shocked those who heard this parable is how radical it is. The Pharisee is not a bad person, he is doing everything he should have been doing, he is completely dedicated to living the law's demands. In fact, he goes beyond what was required in religious law. He is offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his personal exemplary behaviour.

As someone working for the Roman occupation, the tax collector's life would have been considered an abomination, a betrayal to Israel and her God. But God sets this sinner right, does what the people thought observance of the law would do — God justifies the sinner. What got the tax collector right with God had nothing to do with strict observance of the law or a righteous public life. God accepted this sinner because he confessed his sin and hoped in God's mercy. When it comes right down to it, we are better off trusting in God's mercy than in our own efforts and what God might "owe" us in return.

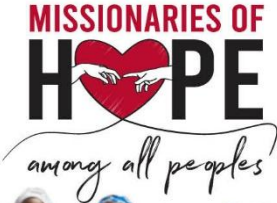
Like the two men, we have come into this temple today to pray. Like the tax collector we recognize that we are not complete. We know we need to move over and leave room for God to continue shaping and moulding us. What is in our hearts? Where do we need to make necessary changes in our lives? What are our desires and what are our limitations? We admit today that we are "works in progress," we admit our need for change and so we take prayerful positions before God. Unlike the Pharisee, we don't have to compare ourselves to others. We just have to be ourselves and be as honest with God as he was. God sees the empty spaces that need filling and the sins that need mercy. Who knows what work God be doing in us at this Eucharist today? Who knows what changes might come about when we put ourselves in God's hands today?

We might find ourselves:

- withholding criticism
- giving one another the benefit of the doubt
- letting judgment pass into God's hands
- forgetting the past mistakes and offenses of others
- willing to be surprised by another's growth in goodness

In short, we might find ourselves letting go of our fixed notions and positions and giving another person space and time to grow. If God changes us in prayer today, we just might find ourselves enabling others to change. What good does prayer do? Does it change God or does it change us? The gospel today says the tax collector went home "Justified" — changed. That means he was in right relationship with God. Something had changed in him through his prayer. If we are not changed by our prayers then perhaps we haven't acknowledged God as the subject of our prayer and ourselves as the recipients of God's actions—the way the tax collector did. We may have said our prayers, but there is more to prayer than just words.

APPEAL ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE CHURCHES



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

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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 an 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.



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



TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD
OF THE PARISH OF INFANT SAVIOUR, BURLEIGH HEADS

I am pleased to announce that, after consultation, I have appointed Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI as Administrator of Infant Saviour parish, with effect from 12 January 2026.

Fr Joseph is a priest of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, St Paul's Province, Mysuru. He arrived in Brisbane in 2013 and is currently Parish Priest of St Edward the Confessor parish, Daisy Hill, and the Dean of Logan Deanery.

I am sure you will give him a warm welcome.

Yours sincerely,

+Shane Mackinlay

MOST REV. SHANE MACKINLAY
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NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

There are **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.*

Last Sunday, 50 Polish Scouts attended the 7 a.m. Lay-Led Liturgy at Infant Saviour. They are currently in Australia for a Leadership Conference, with participants coming from across the globe and every Australian state. At the conclusion of the liturgy, they sang a hymn together, creating a beautiful ending to the service.



HAVE-A-CHATS FAMILY GROUP LUNCH

Date: Sunday 26 October, 2025

Time: 11.45am for a 12.00 noon start

Venue: Burleigh Sports Club

111 Christine Avenue, Burleigh Waters

Contact Rosemary 0412 606 492 - **ALL WELCOME**



Humble yourself and you will be honoured

L M Y I F L U H H E A V E N F
N S G O X U S W Q U G T K X X
W T C P B O O L C V D N Y O V
Y D B Q V P R B B Y I V G I L
T E Y M Q H R H C B S G P H S
Z Z M P H N Y T B X H R F A T
A R H K U O L Z G A O E Q O S
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T E M P L E P H A R I S E E R
Q G U C F W R B E T T E R F H
Q M A R R I A G E E A T I N G

Try to find these words:

Pharisee
better
dishonest
eating
greedy
heaven
humble
marriage
pleasing
sorry
tax
temple

GATHERING

***Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name,
we pray our hearts change.***

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor,
calls us on.
Lord, it is you
promising hope, promising truth.

Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace
in this land.
Deepen the dream:
justice brings life, justice redeems.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***The Lord hears the cry of the poor
blessed be the Lord***

I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor. **(Refrain)**

Let the lowly hear and be glad:
the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor. **(Refrain)**

Ev'ry spirit crushed God will save;
will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor. **(Refrain)**

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COMMUNION HYMN

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong! And may you live
strong in faith and built on love, until you know
how high and long, how wide and deep
the fullness of God

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you:
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
the fullness of God.

Know the way you learned from Christ, to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to Him, let Christ renew
the hope in you, to grow into goodness and truth!
And living so you'll come to know
the fullness of God

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RECESSIONAL

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **(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, Anne Callaghan 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 Ken Paholski, Kilmeny Molloy, Timoteo Borromeo JR, Severina Payte. 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

