

# 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27 September – St Vincent de Paul, priest</b>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28 September – Ordinary Time 26</b>
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)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29 September – Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</b>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30 September – St Jerome, priest</b>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 October – St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>
5.30pm	Mass – Palm Beach
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 October – The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3 October – Bld Andre Soveral</b>
<b>** Anointing Mass cancelled **</b>	
6.00pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4 October- St Francis of Assisi</b>
<b>** No 8.00am Mass Burleigh Heads **</b>	
9.00am	Living Rosary Procession & Mass – Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 October – Ordinary Time 27</b>
7.00am	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 - Springbrook
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 September 2025

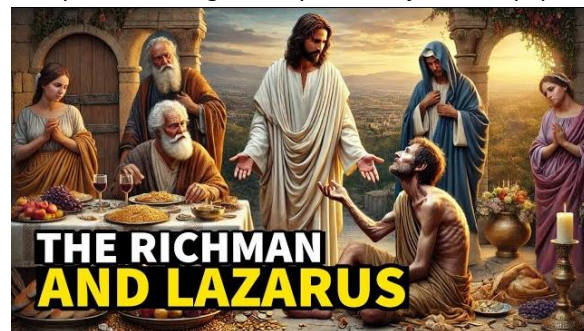
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This Week's Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Next Week's Readings: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9

**SHIRLEY'S FUNERAL** – Thankyou to everyone for their support and love - *Padre*

**Today's parable of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus** reminds us that the poor who need our help are not far away or out of sight. They are not just newspaper stories or snippets from television news. Like Lazarus—whose name in Hebrew means "God has helped"—they are right at our doorsteps. And like the rich man, we cannot help but see them, for we pass them each day in our comings and goings.



This parable highlights one of Luke's great concerns: the poor and the call to social justice. Again and again in his gospel, Luke raises the question of money and possessions. Jesus' parents were poor—when they brought him to the Temple, they offered the sacrifice of the poor, a turtledove (2:22-24). Jesus warned repeatedly of the dangers of wealth (6:20-26). Recall the parable of the rich man with his bountiful harvest who built bigger barns to store his goods; God calls him a fool (12:16-21). Today's parable of the rich man and Lazarus brings Luke's teaching on money to a climax.

Notice a subtle but important point: Lazarus is the only character in all of Jesus' parables who is given a name. He is not "some poor man," or "the beggar at the gate." He is Lazarus! It is as if Jesus is saying: "Get close enough to the poor to know their names. Don't look at them from a distance and simply feel sorry for them." Our response must go beyond writing an occasional check for "the needy poor."

The parable brims with contrasts. The rich man is clothed in purple garments and fine linens—symbols of luxury. Lazarus is "clothed" in sores. The rich man feasts every day; Lazarus longs for scraps from his table. The rich man is buried with dignity; Lazarus is carried away by angels. With all his money, the rich man could never afford that!

This is not a quaint ancient tale. The gap between rich and poor continues to widen, creating injustice and instability in our world. A small percentage of the world's population controls enormous wealth. Oxfam reports that the wealthiest 1% own more than billions of people at the so called bottom. Meanwhile, inflation eats away at wages as families struggle to pay for housing, healthcare, and education.

**'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'**

The parable also speaks of inequality among nations. Developing countries are overburdened with debt while wealthy nations control resources. Inequality breeds resentment and division across the globe.

The Pope warns about this in strong terms. He speaks of the "globalization of difference," in which prosperity dulls compassion, leaving the marginalized unseen and unheard—Lazarus at the gate, ignored daily by the man in purple garments. For the Pope, addressing inequality is not optional charity; it is a moral obligation, especially for Christians.

From the netherworld, the rich man calls out to Abraham for help. Notice: he knows Lazarus by name! He had seen him daily, yet ignored him. Even in torment, the rich man remains arrogant, asking Abraham to command Lazarus to serve him. He still treats him as someone to order around. Abraham makes clear: the rich man is not there because of bad luck. He is there because he failed to act with compassion. His indifference put him where he is.

So, what are we to do? Some may give up possessions and go to distant lands to serve the poor. But the parable reminds us that the needy are as near as our own doorstep, our workplace, our schools, our homes. Who are the outsiders we need to welcome into our circle? Who around us bears the "sores" of past injury or neglect? Can our words and care bring healing to them?

The parable speaks of a great chasm between the rich man and Lazarus—a chasm not of geography but of relationship. Lazarus could not cross it; only the rich man could. He had the power to bridge the distance with compassion, but he chose not to.

And so, we ask: Where is Lazarus today? He is in the evening news, on YouTube, in the headlines:

In Gaza, in Israel, in Nigeria, in Central African Republic, in Burleigh Parish and many other places.

Many of these crises are under-reported and underfunded. The world needs urgent, coordinated action.

This parable is anything but outdated. Lazarus is still at our door, waiting to be seen and helped. If we ignore him, we risk the same fate as the rich man.



#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Shirley Batt, Kerry O'Shea, John Scerri, Ray Dove, Joseph and Violet Deguara, Joe Deguara and Carmela Alexiou (Deguara), Geoffrey Douglas McNicol, Gerry Biasion. 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

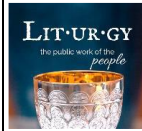
The RCIA is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church. It focuses on the basics of belief - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to come to know Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to reflect on life. It is a journey of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

#### Mass Cancelled

8.00am Saturday 4 October, Infant Saviour

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



### HAVE A CHAT MONTHLY LUNCHEON

**Date:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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**



### PARISH LUNCHEON

**DATE:** Thursday 4 October 2025

**TIME:** 11.30am for 12.00 noon start

**VENUE:** Burleigh Sports Club

111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters

Contact Val Litchfield 0423 650 062

**ALL WELCOME**

### BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our parish Facebook page! Stay up to date with parish news, inspiring religious content, and other items of interest. Don't forget to 'Like' our page—this way, you'll receive notifications about new posts and help us reach a wider audience.





## GATHERING

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Praise the Lord, my soul, Praise the Lord my soul.*

## 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

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness, have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

***Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!***

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free. ***(Refrain)***

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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.



Terrible cruise, rained the whole time.  
They did have a great buffet.  
I had two of everything