

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Redondo Ave, Miami

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi

**** No 8.00am Mass Burleigh Heads ****

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

Sunday 5 October – Ordinary Time 27

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*)

Monday 6 October – St Bruno, priest

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 7 October – Our Lady of the Rosary

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 8 October

5.30pm Mass – Palm Beach

Thursday 9 October – St Denis

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 10 October – St Daniel Comboni

10.00pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 11 October – St John XXIII, pope

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 12 October – Ordinary Time 28

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*)

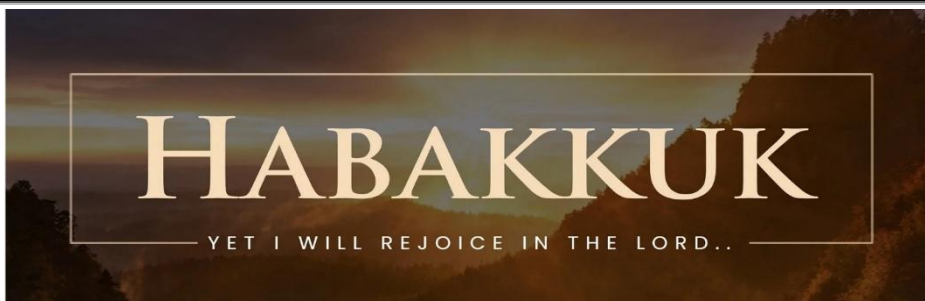
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 October 2025

Year C/1

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

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



The prophet **Habakkuk** lived in the chaotic period during the seventh and sixth centuries before Christ when the Babylonians ruled. But his lament could be prayed in too many modern settings like: Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Ethiopia, Israel, USA, Australia etc. Many nations and peoples could cry out with Habakkuk, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen. I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene....Destruction and violence are before me, there is strife and clamorous discord." I imagine that a prayer service for any of the victims' suffering violence, starvation, and forced migrations throughout the world could use today's Habakkuk reading as an opening prayer. As could those living in our inner cities, who have to deal with unsafe neighbourhoods, poor education for their children and unemployment.

The prophet's language is bold and might make the pious uncomfortable. How dare anyone speak in such a manner to God! Who do we creatures think we are, anyway? But prophets and saints have no such qualms about being so blunt and honest with God. They trust their relationship with God is strong enough to stand the strongest complaints. You can say anything to a really close friend; lay out your feelings with all their raw emotions. There are situations that are so bad, when a people have nowhere else to turn and God is the only one to complain to and the only One who will listen with a sympathetic ear. Who else has the power to change the dreadful situations that are beyond mere human effort? Like Habakkuk, with tears in our eyes, we look out at the seeming insurmountable evils in the world and lament, "What's taking you so long, O God?!"

The threats confronting Habakkuk and the people of Judah weren't only from outside oppressors like the Babylonians. The death of the reformer King Josiah brought to power his son, Jehoiaquim, who reversed his father's attempts to improve the nation and the lot of the people. Habakkuk cried out against the corruption of Judah's leaders and warned that the Babylonians would soon be instruments of divine punishment. How hard it is when ordinary people suffer at the hands of their own corrupt military and political forces. Who can rescue those with no power; who can bring relief to those wearied by affliction? They have no earthly power to appeal to; so, they turn and cry out to God, "How long, O Lord?"

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

One of the prophet’s tasks is to name the pain the people experience and voice their lament. But the second part of the Habakkuk reading reflects another function of the prophet: to call a suffering people to turn to God in faith and trust. It may seem that God has forgotten them in their misery, but the prophet encourages them, "For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint." God may not be giving a rapid solution to current difficulties; but God is giving a vision that a stressed people can place their hope in.

Habakkuk offers encouragement to those who are in dire straits and can’t help themselves. But what about the rest of us who hear God’s intentions to help those afflicted? Through the prophet we hear where God’s heart lies – with those who have no one on their side and can’t help themselves. So, hearing what God has promised these people, we are urged to do something for them, whether the victims of violence and injustice be local or across the globe. And for those already involved in efforts to help those suffering starvation, oppression, violence, plagues like AIDS, war, etc, the prophet’s vision can sustain us in our long efforts. The "vision" assures us that God is with us in our concern and labours with us to help us "keep on, keepin’ on." People labouring to make a difference against seeming-impossible odds can succumb to discouragement and burn out. While the first part of the Habakkuk reading can serve as a prayer for those trapped by powerful and cruel forces; the second half is an encouragement to those who have heard the call to join in the struggle to free the oppressed and be hope for the hopeless.

The apostles in today’s gospel voice their sense of urgent need to Jesus. We have to consider the context of their request. Jesus has just finished instructing them of the serious consequences of causing another to sin ("better that a millstone be put around their neck....") and has also told them they must forgive someone, even if that person "...wrongs you seven times a day." It takes enormous faith to live Jesus’ teachings and face the demands of discipleship. A disciple can easily feel inadequate. Where to turn? – the disciples know – they ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." They want more faith so that they can be the kind of disciples Jesus is teaching them to be.


But Jesus shifts their attention away from thinking about quantity to considering the quality of the faith they already have. Even a tiny bit of faith, "the size of a mustard seed," can be very powerful and requires appropriate action. If we wait around for a dose of some imagined heroic faith, we are liable to sit on our hands and do nothing. Jesus is encouraging his followers to forget about how much faith they think or feel they have. They are to act on the faith they already have. For example, a person with "mustard seed faith," hearing Habakkuk’s lament today, would set about doing something to make things right – whether it be in our immediate families, local church community, or in the larger world in which we live.

We need, Jesus tells us, to have faith in the power of God. With just a little faith, we disciples could accomplish great things. Jesus’ listeners certainly would have been impressed by the example he gave of faith’s ability to uproot the mulberry tree. It was notoriously hard to dig up. Its roots went deep, were very extensive and were strong enough to penetrate a rock foundation. Jesus invited the apostles, to trust in the faith they had and to act on it. No excuses about not having enough faith – that is just a delaying tactic, an excuse for inaction and shows a lack of faith in God’s desire to work through our efforts. Jesus encourages us to take the risks necessary to set things right. On our own we might not be able to uproot deep seated evils and destructive patterns, but we can with our "mustard seed faith" in God.



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, 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.</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, Kerry O’Shea, John Scerri, Gloria Hayes, Janet Looney, Edna Loney, Bert Loney. 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



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.

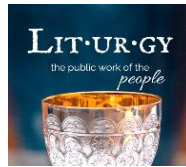
Please speak to the Musicians/singers in your church or contact the parish office about how you can become involved.



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – C/1

The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14)

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

In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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.

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



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
 Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362
ALL WELCOME

GATHERING

***Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.***

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

COMMUNION HYMN

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again.
Love, only love, is his way.

***Richer than gold is the love of my Lord;
better than splendour and wealth.***

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark. **(Refrain)**

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood'.
Love, only love, is his sign. **(Refrain)**

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news. **(Refrain)**

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin,
Love, only love, is his name. **(Refrain)**

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law. **(Refrain)**

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

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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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Saturday October 11, 2025
3pm-6pm
Robina Pavilion
229 Ron Penhaligon Way
Robina, QLD 4226

\$30 per person includes
drink on arrival and nibbles
Partners welcome!

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