

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## MARY MOTHER OF MERCY 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

## ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 15 November – St Albert the Great, Bishop

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 16 November – Ordinary Time 33

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 17 November – St Elizabeth of Hungary

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 18 November – Ded. of the Basilicas of Sts

Peter and Paul, apostles

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 19 November – St Roque

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 20 November – St Raphael

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 21 November – The Presentation of BVM

9.00-9.50am Adoration & Morning Prayer – Burleigh Waters

10.00pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 22 November – St Cecilia

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 23 November – Christ the King

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 (Portuguese) - Miami

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 November 2025

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## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Week's Readings: Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Next Week's Readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

### We are approaching the end of the Church year

– and something is afoot. It is more than just a calendar event; as the opening lines of our first reading from the prophet Malachi make clear: "Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble...."

Malachi was one of the last of the twelve Minor Prophets. He wrote in the fifth century BC, after the exiles had returned from captivity. His name means "my messenger." He was addressing a spiritually lax community of returned exiles in Judah, calling both priests and people back to fidelity to God's covenant. His message seems fitting for our own times as well. In addition, the prophet announces the coming of the "day of the Lord."

The images of fire and burning stubble symbolize God's judgment. The world coasts along, committing acts of injustice against the poor, and it may seem to some that no one is held accountable. Does God even notice or care? Malachi stands in the prophetic tradition from Joel to Zephaniah, who describe "the day of the Lord" as both terrifying and decisive.

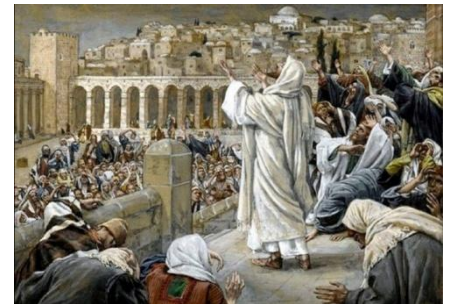
Yet the reading ends on a note of hope: "But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." This is one of the most beautiful images in prophetic literature. It assures the faithful that, despite appearances, God has indeed noticed the plight of the oppressed. For them, liberation and joy will dawn.

The early Church saw this as a messianic prophecy pointing to Christ—and rightly so. The first readings at our Eucharists are chosen in light of the Gospel. Usually the first reading anticipates the fulfillment found in the Gospel. So, today the two share a common prophetic theme: the coming "day of the Lord," carrying twin messages of judgment and hope.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to people admiring the beauty and adornment of the Temple, with its "costly stones and votive offerings." They seem distracted by the externals of religion as they gaze in awe at the building. Jesus, echoing Malachi's sober voice, offers a wake-up call to those lost in superficial religion: "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Those gazing in awe at the Temple would have thought it eternal, yet Jesus warns, "not one stone will be left upon another." It is not only a prediction of the Temple's destruction; Jesus also warns of false prophets, wars, and persecution.

But is God planning to destroy because of false prophets and persecution? Is this simply Malachi's "day of wrath"? Neither Malachi nor Luke proclaims a God intent on destruction, but rather a God who purifies and renews. On that "day blazing like an oven," Malachi envisions healing and freedom for the faithful. Jesus, foreseeing trials, wars, persecution, and loss, calls his followers to steadfast trust: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."



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We live amid uncertainty, and our world often seems on the verge of collapse – politically, morally, or personally. Our prophetic readings urge us to stand firm and trust in the Lord. Times of judgment and crisis may feel like the end, but they also herald God's transforming light.

There are many ways we can experience the turmoil Malachi and Jesus describe – not only in great historical events, but in the "small endings" of our personal worlds. Today, the structures of society and leadership can appear unstable or unjust: wars, corruption, the erosion of trust in institutions, and social upheaval. As the people of Jesus' time viewed the Temple as secure—the very center of Israel's identity—so too we may cling to what once felt stable. Yet the Gospel reminds us that while human power fades, God's reign endures.



This truth reaches into our personal lives as well. There are "small apocalypses" when life feels shaken – by illness, betrayal, failure, or deep change. In such moments, Jesus assures us that God remains constant, even when everything else feels uncertain.

At times we may experience collapse and loss. In those moments, Malachi's image of purifying fire and Christ's call to endurance remind us that faith – not fear – is our sure foundation.

As the change in tone of our recent readings indicates, the liturgical year is drawing to a close. The Scriptures remind us that we already know the side God has taken and that present injustices will not have the final word. As we await God's resolution, we continue, as best we can, to live faithfully, to do God's will, and to stand with God against injustice. After all, has not the "sun of justice" already risen upon us and illuminated our path?



## St VINCENT de PAUL BURLEIGH HEADS CONFERENCE REPORT 2025

The Annual Appeal for the works of our local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference commences this weekend. Envelopes will be available today and over coming weeks to enable much needed contributions to our Conference. Envelopes/ Donations can be placed in the collection plates or forwarded to the address listed on the appeal envelopes (PO BOX 128, Burleigh Heads, Qld 4220). Donations via Credit Card can be made by completing the Credit Card section of the envelopes; please indicate if you require a tax deductible receipt and provide a return address (including email). You can also make electronic deposits to SVDP BURLEIGH HEADS via BSB: 064-786 ACCOUNT:100025901. Should you use this option please put your surname as a reference and send an email to [is4220@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:is4220@svdpqld.org.au) indicating how we can forward a receipt for your donation.

**WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN 2024-25:** Our local conference volunteers undertook 597 visitations to those in need (758 adults, 539 children assisted). In December 2024, 55 hampers and gifts were delivered. The Migrant Advice Service (which was created by the Burleigh Conference) undertook 224 interviews across South East Queensland with positive outcomes for 101 individuals from various nationalities. The Conference expended \$85,260.22 in assisting the needy.

Home visitations in response to requests for help remain the core mission of the Infant Saviour Conference at Burleigh Heads. Visits are always made in pairs and more volunteers are needed. If you have some time to spare during weekdays please speak with our Conference Members and inquire further. You would be most welcome and may find the few hours spent per week to give the needy a hand up most fulfilling and rewarding.

Support for our annual appeal will enable the Burleigh Heads Conference to continue to provide food parcels, food vouchers, health care vouchers, fuel assistance, utility cost assistance, help with education costs, the provision of furniture and household goods, and accommodation costs to those that request a hand up. Our Conference aims to assist in addressing the many challenges families and individuals encounter.

Our Conference covers a wide area- Burleigh Heads, Burleigh Waters, Varsity Lakes, Mudgeeraba, Reedy Creek, Bonogin, Palm Beach, Miami, Robina and parts of Elanora, Currumbin, Currumbin Waters, Tallebudgera, Merrimac, Mermaid Beach and Mermaid Waters.

We are very thankful of the past and ongoing support from the Parish and its' community. Without that support the SVDP Volunteer members would not be able to give those in need a Hand Up.

We are grateful to the Ruben Pelerman Fund for their financial support, the Parish Office for their "backing", and also to both Marymount schools for their most generous contribution of baskets of food, health packs, financial donations and Christmas gifts included with the Christmas Hampers. The school donations are not included in the dollar value of the assistance given above. Nor are the costs of the clothing from the Vinnies Shops at Palm Beach, Burleigh Waters and Mudgeeraba.

We thank you all most sincerely for any support of our Annual Appeal and doing your part to help those in need. Your prayerful and practical support is much appreciated.

God bless you all.

**Infant Saviour Conference Burleigh Heads**

**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** – The last luncheon for the year will be the 5 December, 2025. *Please contact Val Litchfield 0423 650 062 if you'll be attending.*

**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

**Christmas HAMPER RAFFLE**

Tickets for the Christmas Hamper Raffle will be on sale at all churches for 3 weekends 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Join our Christmas Raffle Contest and win amazing prizes to make your holidays extra special!

**GOANNAS FAMILY PRE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Date:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
**Time:** 11.30am for 12 noon start  
**Venue:** Dog and Parrot Tavern  
2 Scottsdale Drive Robina  
Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362



**ALL WELCOME**

**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.



Simply fill out the envelope and leave it in the collection basket and the priests will schedule these Masses.



**PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP**

Meet Mary Mother of Mercy Liturgy Room  
10:30am (after Mass) to 11am on  
Fridays 5, 12 & 19 December

Archdiocesan Resource Book available \$5.00



**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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS**

William Korab, Jess Hall, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Peter Flynn, 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, Allison O'Keeffe 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 Peter Gallagher, Lewis Pirotta, John Gauci. 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*



**BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**



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**GATHERING**

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and all creation is shouting for joy.  
Come, dance in the forest,  
come, play in the field,  
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.*

Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,  
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays,  
the moon and the stars, who light up the way  
unto your throne. **(Refrain)**

Praise to the fire, who gives us his light,  
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night,  
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright,  
he sings of you. **(Refrain)**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you - and you are mine;  
I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you - and you are mine.*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
he will bring you his light and his peace. **(Refrain)**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
he will bring you his joy and his hope. **(Refrain)**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
he will bring you his care and his love. **(Refrain)**

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**You will be saved by being faithful**

Y M N Q Q Y C O K H W L B X V	Try to find
D S T J S D M K T E M P L E O	these words:
I F P S B J A K U I G C I O A	Christ
S G C M D E F E N D D P H S T	defend
E W L F B Y B U D W U N N F S	diseases
A I L Q Z C T G B T W J P P T	earthquakes
S S E A R T H Q U A K E S U A	enemies
E D E H E Z C H R I S T F N R	faith
S O A F A I T H M P V K O I V	fooled
T M V C Z G N T S N J X O S E	punished
O I P Q M I Y M J P G K L H Q	starve
P R G Q Q L G O L D N W E E U	stones
R Q S T O N E S M N L W D D X	temple
V Q N H W Z L E N E M I E S R	wisdom

**RECESSIONAL**

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day,  
as servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
**Alleluia. Alleluia!**

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**MARYMOUNT PRIMARY P&F PRESENTS**  
**CAROLS ON THE GREEN 2025**

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC, MAGIC AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!**

**IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!**

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING WITH MORE FOOD TRUCKS,  
MORE MUSIC, AND MORE FUN!

- STUDENTS WILL SING THEIR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA, WHO WILL PERFORM
- MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN
- THE NIGHT WILL FINISH WITH A SPECTACULAR 3D LIGHT SHOW



**DATE:** THURSDAY 27TH OF NOVEMBER  
**TIME:** 4:00PM TO 7:30PM  
**LOCATION:** THE GREEN BETWEEN THE POOL AND THE DOYLE

**MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**



**You will be saved by being faithful**

Luke 21:5-19  
My name is

Jesus tried to reassure his disciples that although some bad things were about to happen, God's love and mercy would ultimately prevail. Draw Jesus as he speaks to his disciples.



They will arrest you and persecute you; you will be hated because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Colour in the stones marked with a dot to reveal something we need if we are to be saved.

