

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

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## 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

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>22 November – St Cecilia</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>23 November – Feast of Christ the King</u>
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)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>24 November – Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>25 November – St Catherine of Alexandria</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>26 November – St Johns Berchmans</u>
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>27 November – St Virgil</u>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>28 November</u>
0.00pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>29 November – Bld. Denis &amp; Redemptus</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>30 November – (First Sunday of Advent)</u>
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)

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

23 November 2025

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### First Communion Sunday

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

Next Week's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



We congratulate Fr Ravi on his appointment as Parish Priest of the Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish. His last day will be the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026. We thank him for his dedication and service, and we wish him every blessing in his new ministry.

**Today's first reading** recalls the moment when the twelve tribes of Israel gathered at Hebron to recognize David as their king and pledge allegiance to him. Centuries later, in Jesus' time, the Jews lived under King Herod and the Roman Empire. They were in a miserable, seemingly hopeless state and longed for the past glory of their united kingdom under David – the "Shepherd King." David had his faults, but the people were one with him. As the tribes said to him, "Here we are, your bone and your flesh." Despite his all-too-human weaknesses, God used David to unite the twelve tribes into a single, powerful nation.



Under Herod and Roman occupation, the suffering people not only looked back to that golden age, but also forward to a messianic, David-like king who would deliver them. They believed God would again raise up a ruler to free them from oppression. But where was this long-awaited king? And how would they recognize him when he came? In the gospel, the answer is shocking he hangs on a cross. Pilate, in mockery, had placed above him the inscription, "This is the King of the Jews." How did this king end up in such a crushing place of defeat?

Earlier in Luke, we read that Jesus "firmly resolved to proceed to Jerusalem" (9:51). From that moment, we have been traveling with him and his disciples toward the Holy City. Along the way – the "Journey Narrative" that runs from 9:51 to 19:28 – Luke reminds us again and again that Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem. During that journey, Jesus performs miracles, teaches about prayer and the cost of discipleship, sends his followers on mission, meets resistance from religious leaders, predicts his passion, warns of coming trials, and exhorts perseverance in faith until the Son of Man returns. Still, when they finally reach Jerusalem and everything he foretold comes true – his arrest and crucifixion – the disciples are devastated. Shocked and disillusioned, they scatter.

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

In Luke's account of the crucifixion, those who remain are few: onlookers, mocking soldiers, sneering religious leaders, and, at a distance, "his friends and the women who had followed him from Galilee" (23:49). Beside him hang two condemned criminals. It is a lonely throne and a powerless crown for this so-called "King of the Jews." Yet, ironically, it is one of those criminals who has the faith to ask, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Kings and queens – those with real authority – exercise "top-down" power over their subjects, much like the control we exert over things, animals, or subordinates. I once witnessed this kind of power at a Marine base in South Carolina: when a drill sergeant barked, "Attention!" his recruits instantly stiffened, eyes fixed straight ahead. Some imagine Jesus' kingship in that way – as the ability to command instant obedience or crush opposition at will.

But on the cross, where is that power? Why doesn't he use it to descend, destroy his enemies, and establish his reign? Instead, to see our King, we must look upon the terrible sight of the cross, where he is pinned and powerless. What kind of kingship is this?

From the cross, Jesus reveals a different kind of power. St. Paul tells us in Philippians that Jesus "emptied himself," setting aside divine privilege and humbling himself, even to death on a cross. His power is not the power of force, but of self-giving love. He invites us into union with him – a relationship that appears weak yet is stronger than any earthly rule. In that union, we share in his power: the power to heal, to forgive, and to serve as agents of reconciliation. Through our relationship with Christ, we become strong – not by dominating others, but by sharing his life and love with them.

In accepting the cross, Jesus entered into solidarity with the lowest in society. Who could be lower than a condemned criminal? The crucified Christ shows that he gives himself to all, especially the least and the lost – not by imposing himself, but by offering himself in apparent defeat. Earthly rulers, and at times even religious authorities, assert power to achieve their own ends. Jesus, by contrast, exercises power through service – laying down his life for us.

We are free to accept or reject his rule. He will not compel us. He seeks not subservient subjects, but friends: "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends..." (John 15:15). Those who accept his reign live as brothers and sisters in his kingdom, already present among us.

Yet the world daily tempts us to follow other rulers – greed, violence, indifference, cruelty, aggression. Accepting Jesus' kingship, then, is not a one-time act; it must be renewed each day through deliberate choices. Living under his reign can sometimes feel discouraging, since his kingdom often appears incomplete or fragile in our world. A glance at the day's headlines confirms that! There is still much to do to make Jesus' "peaceable kingdom" visible – not only in the world around us and within the Christian community, but within each of our hearts.



Parish Blessings to all Children making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

And because they will be at different parish churches they will gather as one next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at the 10am to receive their certificate and celebrate their First Communion Party.

**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!



## 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN BURLEIGH

On the 22 December 1925 the first mass in Burleigh was celebrated in the Old Picture Theatre. To Celebrate this significant milestone, we invite all parishioners to a Mass at Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads on Saturday 20 December 8.00am.



### 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.



**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

**THANK YOU**  
*and Farewell!*

As we prepare to farewell Padre, the parish is organising a gift as a token of our appreciation. Contribution envelopes labelled "Padre's Farewell Collection" are available in all our churches and may be returned via the collection plate. Please ensure envelopes are returned no later than Sunday, 21st December.

Thank you sincerely for your generous support.

**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**



**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

**Simbang Gabi**  
**5.00AM SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER**  
**MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH**

Our parish's Filipino Community invites all parishioners to join them in this special celebration at sunrise as we journey through the season of Advent. Scrumptuous breakfast will follow in the church foryard! Feel free to bring a plate to share.



**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!**



*Thank you*

THANK YOU to the CARE & CONCERN team for the wonderful service—catering after the Anointing Mass and compassionate funeral hospitality mean so much to our parish community. We are deeply grateful for all you do.



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**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**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord; (Repeat)**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.  
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see has been given to me,  
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment  
has been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

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**RECESSIONAL**

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me,

**Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word.  
Lord, and let there be light.**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. **(Refrain)**

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**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, Patricia Humphreys 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 James Ryan, Peter Colman. 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*

