

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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INFANT SAVIOUR 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

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 13 December - St Lucy

**** No 8.00am Mass at Infant Saviour ****

5.00am Simbang Gabi - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 14 December - (Third Sunday of Advent)

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)

Monday 15 December

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 16 December

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Followed by all day Adoration, 6.00pm Carols,
6.30pm Reflection & 7.00pm Benediction

Wednesday 17 December – O Sapientia

5.30pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation Liturgy (no Mass) -
Palm Beach

Thursday 18 December – O Adonai

5.30pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation Liturgy (no Mass) -
Mudgeeraba

Friday 19 December – O Radix Jesse

9.00-9.50am Adoration & Morning Prayer - Burleigh Waters
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 20 December – O Clavis David

8.00am 100th Anniversary Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 21 December - (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 December 2025

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Is 35:1-6, James 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11

Next Week's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; 1:18-24

The opening line of James' letter today certainly sets an Advent tone. "Be patient brothers and sisters until the coming of the Lord." We often speak of Advent as a time that requires patience and waiting. But it is not a passive waiting, merely putting up with the trials life presents to us in our society.

James gives us the image of a farmer who waits for the "precious fruit of the earth," trusting that time, patience and God's providence will bring growth. He reminds us at this Advent time to live in faith in what is unseen, "not yet." He is inviting us to trust that time and God's providence will bring growth.

Patience is not easy during testing times. Testing might be as we struggle with personal issues in our families, local community and diminished health. The bad news in our world of national and international strife can also test our patience. Advent patience is active as we, in James' imagery, tend the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance and compassion. We are like the farmer and must do as much as we can to prepare. But we are reminded that we are not in control and must surrender the outcome to God's timing.

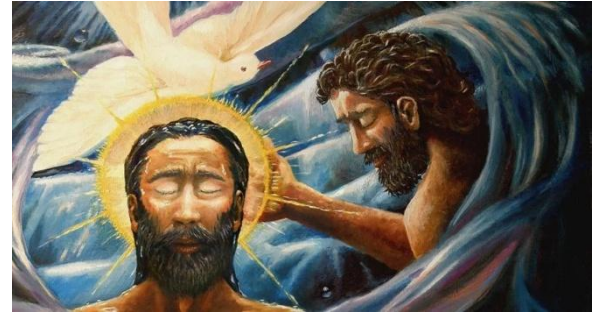
The good news, James tells us is, that "the Lord is near." That nearness gives us strength as we wait in a "not-yet world." We are tempted and can grow discouraged. Indeed, James reminds us, God is with us as we wait and already at work in the hidden places: in quiet conversations, small acts of mercy, the early signs of light present even before sunrise. Have we noticed?

He also cautions us not to grumble against one another. In our waiting we might grow impatient with God which can spill over to impatience with one another. Advent invites us to be gentle to see others who are like us, pilgrims on the road to redemption.



In today's gospel we meet John the Baptist in prison, sending his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" This is a poignant moment in the gospel. John was the fiery prophet who had proclaimed the coming of the Messiah. Jesus had come, but he doesn't seem to be what John expected. John sounds like he is wrestling uncertainty; might even be wondering if he had gotten God's message right. He lives in a state we know as well: between promise and fulfillment; between what has begun in Christ and what we still await and hope.

John voices our own questions in Advent when we ask, "Lord, where are you? Are you really present at this time in our world?" The world is in deep pain, spiritual and as well as physical. The delay in God's promises being fulfilled can cause us to wonder if God and the kingdom are really near. That is our Advent question and besides raising the question we are also invited to listen to Jesus' gentle reply.



Here is the answer Jesus gives to John's disciples about himself. "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Jesus does not argue or explain. He points to what's happening: healing mercy and transformation. Aren't those signs of God's kingdom? Advent faith invites us to look for those same signs. They may be small and hidden, or right before our eyes, hard to miss. These signs announce to us that God's saving power is still at work among us. Do we not see? How can we participate in them?

We note the beatitude in today's gospel, "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." This is an Advent challenge because God's ways can surprise or unsettle us. We can't stumble when Christ comes to us in a form we do not expect in the poor, and suffering, in the slow process of grace. Faith means trusting that even when we do not see everything clearly, God's promises are being fulfilled.

John the Baptist is a reminder to us that even the prophet of fiery conviction struggles to understand how God is working. Like him, we too may wonder: where is God's kingdom? Why does it seem delayed when the world needs it to come in its fullness?

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, also called "Gaudete Sunday." It is customary to light the third candle in our Advent wreath, the "Rose candle." With its lighting we are reminded that joy grows in patient faith, the kind of trust that even when the world seems dark, God's light is already dawning."

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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has finalised meetings for 2025 and will recommence with the group on Wednesday 28th January 2026 – 7pm in the Parish Boardroom. 3 sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. All

current members to attend and anyone seeking to join the program are also welcome.

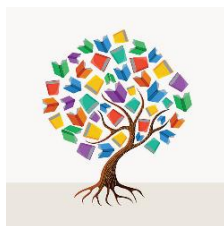
PARISH LIBRARY

Our Parish is re-starting the Parish Lending Library.

Come use the small quiet lounge and read or take books home.

Open 24hrs via a keypad entry or during Office Hours.

We also are looking for volunteers to help in the library. *Contact Tom Bourke 0407 140 229 or Parish Office.*



100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN BURLEIGH

To Celebrate this significant milestone, we invite all parishioners to a Mass at Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads on **Saturday 20 December 8.00am.**

followed by a cuppa

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards with Mass times now available at all churches.

Please take and distribute around your family, friends and neighbours.

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GOANNAS' FAMILY GROUP

Would like to wish all parishioners, staff Family and Friends, a Happy and Holy Christmas. Our next outing **18th January 2026.**

**** All Welcome ****



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

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.

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, Shannon Holford, Chris Hacking, Deb Rasmussen 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

PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY

Advent Reflection Group

Fridays - 5, 12 & 19 Dec - after 10am Mass

All Day Adoration & Retreat

Tuesday 16 December

7.30am Mass followed by All day Adoration;

6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm Reflection,

7.00pm Benediction

Mary Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters

Parish Party Afterwards

(feel free to bring a plate to share)

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service

5.30pm Wednesday 17 December (no Mass) - Palm Beach

5.30pm Thursday 18 December (no Mass) - Mudgeraba

9.00am Monday 22 December (no Mass) - Miami



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PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30pm

This will take place in the Community Centre after the All Day Adoration and Retreat. There will be nibbles and drinks. Families are welcome to bring a share plate as we continue our celebrations.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time Angela Gatt, Vincent Bugeja, Hal Ward, Norah Zipf, Lydia Torrecampo, Scott McAndrew. 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



GATHERING

**Let the Valleys be raised
and the Mountains made low;
Ev'ry meadow and field overturn;
Make the pathways straight
and the highway run smooth
for the coming of God in our day.**

God has come to his people, as he promised of old,
He has raised up a Saviour, in the sight of us all. **(refrain)**

You, little child, go before me; like the prophets of old;
bringing news of his coming, by the mercy of God. **(refrain)**

God has come like the morning, on the darkness of night;
as a light to his people, like the breaking of day. **(refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***O Emmanuel come into our hearts.
O Emmanuel we're waiting for your light.
O Emmanuel God is with us now.
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.***

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word we long for, Alleluia, Word we thirst for. Maranatha!
Key of David, Alleluia, Son of Mary. Maranatha!
Promised Saviour, Alleluia, True Messiah. Maranatha!
Cry of prophets, Alleluia, Hope of ages. Maranatha!

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HOLY HOLY

S An - ctus, * san - ctus, sanctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-
ba-oth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na
in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díctus qui ve-nit in nómine Dó-mi-ni.
Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

****Please kneel after the 'Holy Holy' for the Eucharistic Prayer****

LAMB OF GOD

A -gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-ré-
re no-bis. Agnus De-i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se-
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De-i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi:
dona no-bis pa-cem.

COMMUNION

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life-blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
do so in memory of me.

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COMMUNION

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
(repeat 2nd Verse)

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RECESSIONAL

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
in ancient times on Sinai's height
you gave your chosen tribes the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel

O come, O branch of Jesse,
free your children from all tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **(Refrain)**

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