

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 29 November – Bld. Denis & Redemptus

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

Sunday 30 November – (First 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)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 1 December - St Edmund Campion

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 2 December

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 3 December – St Francis Xavier, priest

9.30am Mass - Ozanam Villa, Burleigh Heads
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 4 December – St John Damascene, priest

10.00am Mass - Varsity Views, Varsity Lakes
2.00pm Mass - Villa Serena, Robina
5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 5 December – St Hedda

10.00pm Anointing Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 6 December – St Nicholas, 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 7 December – (Second 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)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 November 2025

Year A/2

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

Next Week's Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

The passage from Isaiah today is beautiful – filled with love and hope. It sets the right tone for us as we enter the Advent season. In these days of struggle and division, Isaiah presents a vision that lifts our hearts in hope, despite our personal and worldly challenges.

In his prophetic vision, Isaiah invites us to look beyond conflict to a world where peace and unity reign: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another." This what happens when God's word takes root in our hearts – we turn from fear, anger, and prejudice toward compassion, reconciliation, and service.



Though the fullness of God's kingdom is not yet realized, Isaiah urges us to begin walking that path now: "Let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob."

He invites us to live today in the light of the peace God promises. Each small act of understanding, each gesture of forgiveness, is already a step into that divine light: "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

Isaiah's words are fitting for this first Sunday of Advent. He reminds us that Advent is a time of waiting and expectation – not a passive waiting, but an active and hopeful one. God desires that our lives be united, peaceful, and rooted in divine wisdom. Hearing Isaiah's message, we long for – and begin even now to live – his vision.

"In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills." Isaiah points to the coming of God's kingdom – a kingdom that began with Christ's first coming and will be fulfilled when he returns. During Advent, we renew our commitment to live the kingdom life Jesus taught us and to wait for his peace to reign fully.

The prophet calls us to "beat swords into plowshares." Advent challenges us to prepare for Christ's coming not merely through external observances, but through inner conversion – transforming whatever is harmful or divisive into something that nurtures life. Christ came to bring long-promised peace and calls us to become signs of that peace now. This is beautifully rendered by the icon art of Kelly Latimore pictured here (used with permission) when Christ breaks the weapons so the make way for peace.

Each week we light a candle on our Advent wreath – a small sign of Christ's light growing stronger as his coming draws near. Though we wait in darkness, we are not without light. We can name the darkness in our world and in our hearts, but we also recognize the light of Christ already guiding us—step by step, Sunday by Sunday – until his light fills the world and no shadows remain.

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'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Isaiah's grand vision may seem at odds with Jesus' words in Matthew, where he warns that the coming of the Son of Man will be sudden, as in the days of Noah, when people were unaware of what was coming. Isaiah's message is full of serene hope; Matthew gives a sharp warning. Yet, they complement each other. Isaiah shows us what we are waiting for – God's reign of peace and justice when hearts are converted and creation is healed. Matthew shows us how to wait – with alertness, readiness, and faithfulness in our ordinary lives.

Jesus says that in Noah's day people missed God's signs because they were absorbed in daily life – eating, drinking, marrying. There is nothing wrong with those things, but amid the humdrum, we must keep our hearts awake to God. Advent calls us to do just that – to live ordinary lives with extraordinary awareness.

Advent is not a season of anxious waiting, but of awakened living. If we want Isaiah's vision of a world transformed by God's peace, that transformation must begin within us. We prepare for Christ's coming not by wistful gazing at the heavens, but by living each day with love, mercy, and attentiveness – walking in the light God provides, especially in our Advent Eucharists, in Scripture, and in our conversations with one another.

Here is a prayer for Advent.

*Loving God,
you call us in this Jubilee Year holy season to wake from our sleep and walk in your light.
You promised peace for our world and hope for our hearts.
As we begin our Advent journey turn our eyes toward your coming
and make us ready to welcome you in every moment of grace.*



**Parish Christmas
HAMPER RAFFLE**


Tickets for the Christmas Hamper Raffle will be on sale at all churches for 3 weekends 15th, 22nd & 29th.
Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn on Thursday 4th 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.
followed by a cuppa



**BURLEIGH PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
2026**
*CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION
AND PENANCE*

Any baptised Catholic child that will be in Yr 4 in 2026 or above wishing to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2026, contact the Parish Office or see parish website for Enrolment Form. Please return to Parish Office by 6th February, 2026.
Contact pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 55580120.




SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2025

Today, our 2025 sacramental group comes together to celebrate and give thanks for the completion of their sacramental journey. We extend our gratitude to all the children and families for their dedication to the Sacramental Program throughout the year. We also offer heartfelt thanks to our volunteers for generously giving their time and support during this process.



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.



PARISH LIBRARY

Our Parish is re-starting the Parish Lending Library.

Come use the small quite 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.



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 – The last luncheon for the year will be the 4th 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 30th 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 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday 4th December
Time: 12.00pm
Venue: Burleigh Sports Club
 111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters



If you would like to attend, Contact Val Litchfield 0423 650 062 by no later than Monday 1 December.

PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY

Advent Reflection Group

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

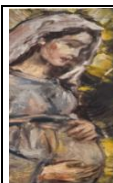
All Day Adoration & Retreat

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) - Mudgeeraba
 9.00am Monday 22 December (no Mass) - Miami



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



**SVDP ANNUAL APPEAL/
GIFTING TREES**

The envelopes for Our Conference annual appeal are available at the various Churches. Any donations that can be made would be much appreciated.

We are proposing to prepare 55 hampers (food, gifts) to be delivered on Christmas Eve to families in need across the Parish area. Gifting trees will be placed in the various Churches on the weekend of 29-30 November. Your assistance with providing gifts via the Gifting Trees over coming weeks will be most welcome.

Thanking all in the Parish for your ongoing support.

Volunteers,
SVDP CONFERENCE BURLEIGH HEADS



GATHERING

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.

O come, desired of nations,
whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come break the captive fetters,
redeem the long lost fold. **(Refrain)**

O come in peace and meekness,
and lowly will your cradle be:
all clothed in human weakness
shall we your God head see. **(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 of justice, Alleluia, Come to dwell here Maranatha!
Word of mercy, Alleluia, Live among us, Maranatha!
Word of power, Alleluia, Live within us, Maranatha!
Word of freedom, Alleluia, Save your people, Maranatha!

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HOLY HOLY

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

As the Deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother,
although you are a King.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything. **(refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

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

O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **(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

