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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

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>6 December – St Nicholas, bishop</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>7 December – (Second 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 (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>8 December - Immaculate Conception of the BVM</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>9 December – St Juan Diego</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>10 December – Our Lady of Loreto</u>
11.00am	Mass - The Terraces, Varsity Lakes
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>11 December – St Damasus I, pope</u>
5.00-5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<u>Friday</u>	<u>12 December – Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>
10.00pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>13 December – St Lucy</u>
** No Mass at Infant Saviour **	
5.00am	Simbang Gabi - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>14 December – (Third 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 (<i>Livestreamed</i>)
11.00am	Mass - Springbrook
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (<i>Livestreamed</i>)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7 December 2025

Year A/2

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

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

Our passage from Isaiah today is one of the most beloved readings of Advent. It is rich in hope and promise, portraying the coming of a new king from David's line: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse."

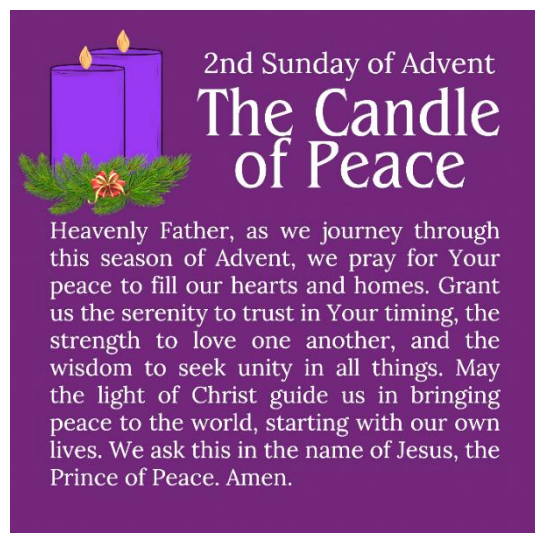
Isaiah's image of a stump might well describe the condition of our world today. A few weeks ago the news reported that 30,000 women and children have been killed in Gaza, and 1.2 million Gazans have become refugees. The "stump" could also describe some part of our own lives – the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, declining health, a broken relationship. A stump is something cut down, lifeless, and seemingly beyond renewal.

Israel must have appeared like such a stump to the prophet. Her monarchy had failed, and her people were in exile. Yet Isaiah speaks of a new shoot springing forth, symbolizing God's power to bring life out of ruin. Could God really do that for Israel? It did not seem possible. Can God bring forth a new shoot from the "stump" of our lives?

That is the Advent hope. We wait for God to bring new life into a weary world – and into our own hearts – even in situations that seem hopeless. God has made a promise, and God is a Promise Keeper. The prophet reminds us that the new ruler will not judge by appearances – the usual measure of the world – but with righteousness, defending the poor and striking down oppression. Ours is not a passive waiting, but a longing for the day when all will live in God's truth and love.

In Advent, the Church becomes both a sign and an instrument of that hope. Advent is a season of waiting – but not idle waiting. Isaiah's vision of the shoot springing from the stump of Jesse reminds us that God is always at work, even when life feels barren. Isaiah sees new life pushing through hard, dry ground. He promises that from Israel's failed kingship, God will raise a new kind of king – one filled with the Spirit, ruling with justice, compassion, and peace.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist cries out in the wilderness, calling people to prepare the way of the Lord: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He demands an immediate response. We must change to make room for God's justice.



John is like a gardener turning the soil so that the new shoot Isaiah saw can grow.

The shoot of Jesse grows quietly, but it transforms everything. God’s reign begins in small acts of repentance, mercy, and reconciliation – in the places where we allow the Spirit, who dwells within us, to soften the hardened ground of our hearts. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

Advent is a season of hope – not the shallow kind that merely wishes things would get better, but a deep and quiet trust that God is working even when we cannot see how. We live in a world, both large and personal, that often feels like a field of stumps – war, animosity, moral confusion, and personal loss. These can leave us disheartened. Picture an Advent banner in the sanctuary reading: “God has not finished with us yet.” From what looks barren, God can raise new life.

Can you hear the familiar voice calling to us this Second Sunday of Advent? It is John the Baptist: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight God’s paths.” His cry is urgent and hopeful, reminding us that God’s coming is not far off or abstract. It is near – very near.

But for God’s new life to take root, something must change within us. Advent is not merely a time for decorations and shopping. As good as those things may be, they can also distract us from what truly matters. We must clear away the clutter of our hearts, focus, and make room for Christ to enter.

Notice where we find John today – in the wilderness. In Scripture, the wilderness is the place where God speaks to a wandering people: freed from slavery, yet unsure where they are going. It is there that they learn to depend on God day by day. The wilderness strips away false securities and distractions, teaching the heart to listen.




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 Prish 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 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.*

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1 ST Prize	Fe Syred
2 ND Prize	Lachie Supple
3 RD Prize	Leonor Stapleton

Thank you to all those who contributed and your support. We raised \$1,140.



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



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

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.

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.

PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY

Advent Reflection Group

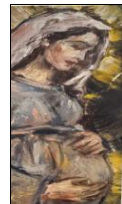
Fridays - 5, 12 & 19 Dec - after 10am Mass

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



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 are placed in the various Churches. 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

There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light,
the voice of one in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,
the winding paths be straightened
and all on earth shall see his face;
prepare the way of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

He is the Lamb of God and you must follow him
Who takes the sin of the world,
for he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord. **(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 healing, Alleluia, Heal our sorrow. Maranatha!
Word of comfort, Alleluia, Bring us hope now. Maranatha!
Word of gladness, Alleluia, Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!
Word of wisdom, Alleluia, Come renew us. Maranatha!

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HOLY HOLY

S An - ctus, * san - ctus, sanctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-
ba-oth. Pleni sunt cæ-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

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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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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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 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 Angela Gatt, Vincent Bugeja, Hal Ward. 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

