

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

14 Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

CALVARY CHURCH

50 Redondo Ave, Miami

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

2 Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 17 January - St Anthony of the Desert

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

Sunday 18 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No 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 19 January

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 20 January – St Fabian, pope

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 21 January – St Agness

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 22 January – St Vincent, deacon

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 23 January

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 24 January – St Francis de Sales, 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 25 January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 January 2026

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Next Week's Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23



Dear Parish Family, My name is **Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil**, a priest of the **Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) Order** in the Syro-Malabar Rite, from India. I come from a traditional Indian Christian family; my parents were farmers, and I am the eldest of six children - three boys and three girls. Two of my sisters are nuns in the Indian Franciscan Order.

I was ordained a priest on 2nd January 1997. Before coming to Australia, I served in various ministries in India, including

Minor Seminary Rector for three years and Catholic School Principal for ten years, alongside parish and pastoral responsibilities.

In March 2013, I arrived in Australia and since then have been blessed to serve in several parishes. Most recently, I have been serving as Parish Priest at St. Edward's Parish, Daisy Hill, since June 2019.

I am deeply grateful for the love and support I have received in each community, and I now look forward with joy to beginning my ministry among you. Please keep me in your prayers as I join your parish family, and together may we continue to grow in faith, unity, and service.

Thank you, and may God bless you all.

Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

Welcome to the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As I celebrate my first weekend Mass with you, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the warmth, kindness, and openness with which you have welcomed me into this parish community. Beginning ministry in a new place is always a moment filled with both humility and hope, and I am deeply grateful to God for the privilege of walking this path with you.

This Sunday's Gospel offers us a powerful and fitting reflection for a moment of new beginnings. We hear John the Baptist point to Jesus and proclaim, *“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”* In these few words, John reveals the heart of his mission: not to draw attention to himself, but to direct others toward Christ. His whole purpose is to help people recognise the presence of God already moving in their midst.

As I join you this weekend, John's example speaks to me in a particular way. A parish priest is not the centre of parish life - Christ is. My hope is that, together, we will continually point one another toward Him, recognising His grace at work in our joys, our struggles, our families, and our wider community. Like John, we are called to witness to the light, to help one another see God's love more clearly, and to prepare the way for Christ to enter more deeply into our lives.

John also reminds us that discipleship begins with recognition. Before we can follow Jesus, we must first see Him. Ordinary Time invites us to notice the extraordinary presence of God in the ordinary rhythms of our days. In the conversations we share, the prayers we offer, the acts of service we extend, Christ is already here, inviting us to draw closer.

As we begin this journey together, I pray that our parish will continue to be a place where Christ is recognised, welcomed, and shared. I look forward to learning your stories, celebrating your faith, and serving alongside you as we grow together in the love of God. May this new chapter be filled with grace, peace, and a renewed sense of mission for us all.

Fr Joseph



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
ENQUIRIES**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey of faith. It is a chance to discover more about the personal relationship of a gracious loving God.

What we will have in common is a search for God. For all that may be good, or true, or beautiful in our lives.

During the current Christmas Season just past, our Parish has received many requests about membership in the Catholic Church. The RCIA Group is the place to start.

With this in mind, this is an open invitation to anyone seeking further information to come along to our first meeting of the New Year held on Wednesday 28 January at 7.00pm in the Parish office Boardroom located at 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.

Alternatively, register your name and telephone number with the Parish Office on 07 5558 0120 so you can be contacted direct for more information.

There is no obligation, just an opportunity for those seeking knowledge of the Catholic Faith. To put it simply we are a Catholic Community, a Body of people, a Family of Faith: Who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We welcome you to come and see how and where we live.

Josee Hill, RCIA Co-ordinator, Burleigh Catholic Parish



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 are also looking for volunteers to help in the library.

Contact Tome Bourke 0407 140 229.

2026 BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY MASS TIMES
Calvary Church, Miami

1st Tuesday of the Month 7.00pm	3rd Sunday of the Month 11.00am
3 March	15 February
7 April	15 March
5 May	19 April
2 June	17 May
7 July	21 June
4 August	19 July
1 September	16 August
6 October	20 September
3 November	18 October
1 December	15 November
	20 December



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 – 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

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, Lyn Hundt, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, 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, 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

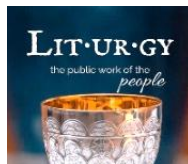
PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Robert Breckell. 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



NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



UPCOMING LAY-LED SUNDAY LITURGIES - Please note due to the availability of the priests, the following upcoming weekend Masses will be replaced by a Lay-Led Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. This is not a Mass but a way to help our local communities to still come together to pray in the absence of a priest. Other Masses are still celebrated in the parish.

Sunday 18 January 7:00am – Burleigh Heads
Sunday 25 January 7:00am – Palm Beach
Sunday 25 January 8.30am – Mudgeeraba

GOANNAS FAMILY GROUP MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 18th January 2026
Time: 11.30am for 12 noon start
Venue: Tony's Chinese Restaurant
Tugun Leagues Club
44 Boyd St, Bilinga
Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362
ALL WELCOME



HAVE A CHATS FAMILY GROUP LUNCH

Date: Sunday 25 January 2026
Time: 11.30am for a 12.00 start
Venue: Treetops Tavern
7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters
RSVP: Elsa Ph: 0428231045
ALL WELCOME



2026 Sacramental Program Applications close 6th FEB

Each year the Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish runs a Sacramental Program for our younger parishioners.

The program runs for the school year and 3 sacraments are made during the program.

- Confirmation
- Penance/Reconciliation
- First Communion



The program costs \$150 per student and is open to all students Year 4 and older. Use the QR to download form.

https://burleighheadscatholic.com.au/sacramental_program_for_children/

- Please return the application form via email to pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au with the attachments
- birth certificate
 - baptism certificate
 - payment
 - the sponsor's Confirmation cert (please carefully read guidelines on forms or online)



This is a Church run Program, for all inquires please contact the Parish Office on 5558 0120 or email pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

GATHERING

I, the Lord of sea and sky
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

COMMUNION

**Take and eat, take and eat:
 this is my body given up for you.
 Take and drink; take and drink:
 this is my blood given up for you.**

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 I am the seed that died to be reborn;
 I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
 I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **(Refrain)**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;
 you are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
 you are my own: your ransom is my blood. **(Refrain)**

I am the light that came into the world;
 I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
 I am the morning star that never sets; lift up your face, in
 you my light will shine. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

**Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
 the God of mercy, the God who saves.
 I shall not fear the dark of night,
 nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
 He will protect me from their wicked hands.
 Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
 to find a dwelling place secure. **(Refrain)**

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side.
 I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
 His faithful love is all the armor that I need
 to wage my battle with the foe.

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Here is the Lamb of God

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 T B J V A L I V E A Z M S I I
 W N P S R K H F S X J A U T N
 N H P P W O R L D L A M B S Z
 G E H I A U Y C E I U L W K Y
 A A U R K A N R C E U R C K T
 D V R I R Y J D Y B J P N W M
 Y E I T I M E G R E A T E R Z
 L N W D O V E R J G X Q J I F
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 S Y A O J Z H E H J B X D D N
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 B A P T I S E R N F C U V D S

Try to find these words:

- alive
- baptise
- dove
- greater
- heaven
- John
- Lamb
- sin
- Son
- Spirit
- water
- world

Gospel
John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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