

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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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAYS – office will close midday 24 December, 2025 and reopen on the 2 January, 2026. In an Emergency, please contact Parish Office.

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)

Monday 22 December – Ores Gentium

9.00am 2nd Rite Reconciliation Liturgy (no Mass) - Miami

Tuesday 23 December – O Emmanuel

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 24 December

5.00pm Mass - Miami
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass (Children's Mass) – Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

12.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads (Midnight Mass)
7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Friday 26 December – St Stephen

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 27 December – St John, apostle

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

Sunday 28 December – The Holy Family

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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 December 2025

Year A/2

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

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Thank you to our many volunteers who contributed so tirelessly during the year and these Christmas celebrations so we could all have such wonderful celebrations! Wishing everyone a happy and holy Christmas season and a very happy and blessed New Year! From Padre and Fr Ravi

The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

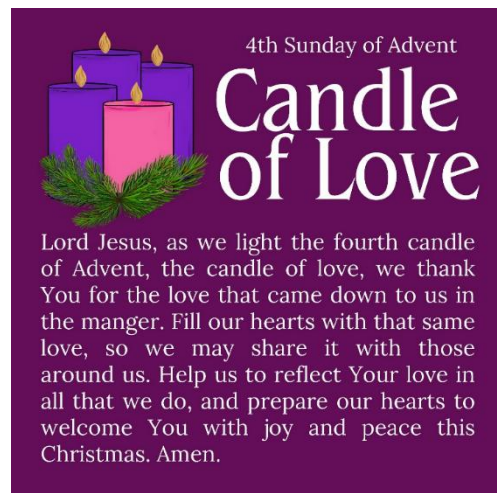
This well-known verse from Isaiah captures the heart of our Advent hope. It was first spoken in a time of political fear and instability – circumstances not unlike our own.

King Ahaz faced powerful enemies and the threat of invasion. The prophet Isaiah urged him to trust in God's protection rather than in military alliances. But Ahaz refused to ask for a sign, unwilling to rely on God. Still, God gave one: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son."

The child was to be a sign of God's enduring faithfulness – a reminder that God is with us even in distress. Over time, this promise took on a deeper meaning. As Matthew's Gospel tells us today, its ultimate fulfillment came in Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary: God-with-us in the flesh.

As we draw close to Christmas, Isaiah's prophecy calls us to the same trust. Like Ahaz, we may be tempted to rely on our own strength or worldly solutions. Yet God invites us to lean instead on divine presence, even when we cannot fully understand. In Jesus, our Emmanuel, God comes quietly and humbly through Mary's faith and the Spirit's power.

Advent is a season of turning – a time to receive "Emmanuel, God-with-us," here and now. We may not see this presence in grand displays, but in quiet assurances: in prayer, in community, and especially in the Eucharist. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth in Bethlehem, we also welcome him into the ordinary moments of our lives.



Isaiah's challenge to Ahaz was to trust that God would not abandon the people. Centuries later, Joseph faced his own moment of fear and uncertainty when he learned that Mary was with child. Like Ahaz, he could have chosen self-protection. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph trusted. He listened to the angel's message that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would save his people from their sins. Through Joseph's obedience, the Word became flesh – Emmanuel truly entered our world.

The readings from Isaiah and Matthew reveal the contrast between hesitation and trust. Ahaz refuses the sign; Joseph receives it. Advent invites us to open our hearts in faith, trusting that God is with us – not only in the warmth and lights of Christmas, but also in times of uncertainty and hardship.

In this final week of Advent, let us make room – in our hearts, homes, and plans – for Emmanuel's quiet coming. The same God who entered the world through Mary's "yes" and Joseph's obedience still desires to be born anew in us. When we say "yes" to God's will, we too become signs of divine presence, living witnesses that God is truly with us.

Isaiah's message to Ahaz came in an age of fear and division. Our world too is filled with anxiety – Bondi Massacre, wars that displace millions, violence in our cities, political and social strife, families under strain, and a planet in distress.

Like Ahaz, we are tempted to seek security in power, wealth, or control. Yet God offers us another sign – not one of strength, but of vulnerability: a child, born of a woman whose very name means "God is with us."

Emmanuel is born anew whenever we choose compassion over cynicism, forgiveness over resentment, peace over division. He is with us when we sit beside the sick, welcome the displaced, stand up for justice, and offer kindness in a world that often forgets it.

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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 Eve
FAMILY MASS
24 DEC | 6PM
MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

The Parish extends an invitation to all Children attending this Family Mass to take part in the Nativity of Jesus by coming dressed as Angels, Shepherds or Wise Men. Together with Mary and Joseph we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, our Infant Saviour.



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.





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/Surnam

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, 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, 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 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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - 24 DECEMBER

- 5.00pm Miami
- 6.00pm Palm Beach
- 6.00pm Burleigh Waters (Children's Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 25 DECEMBER

- 12.00am Burleigh Heads (Midnight Mass)
- 7.00am Burleigh Heads
- 7.00am Palm Beach
- 8.30am Miami
- 8.30am Mudgeeraba
- 10.00am Burleigh Waters
- 5.30pm Burleigh Waters



**New Year's day 2026
Mass Times**

Wednesday 31 Dec 2025

Vigil Mass - Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach

Thursday 1 Jan 2026

10.00am - Mary Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters

5.30pm - St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba



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.

GATHERING

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness, have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

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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

Light of nations, Alleluia, Light in darkness, Maranatha!
Risen Saviour, Alleluia, Lord of Glory. Maranatha!
You we long for, Alleluia, You we thirst for. Maranatha!
Here among us, Alleluia, Living in 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 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

My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
my spirit sings his praise!
He looks on me, he lifts me up,
and gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy,
his gifts he has outpoured;
his little ones he has made great,
I magnify the Lord.

His mercy is for evermore!
His name I praise again!
His strong right arm puts down the proud
and raises lowly men!

He fills the hungry with good things,
the rich he sends away,
the promise made to Abraham
is filled by him each day.

RECESSIONAL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the King of Angels:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

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