

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

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Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

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)

Monday 26 January - Australia Day

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 27 January - St Angela Merici

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas, priest

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 29 January

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 30 January

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 31 January - St John Bosco, priest

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 1 February - 4th 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)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 January 2026

Year A/2

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

Next Week's Readings: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Welcome to the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we gather around the Word of God this weekend, our Gospel from Matthew offers a moment of profound transition and hope. Jesus leaves Nazareth and begins His public ministry in Galilee, a region described as *“a people who sat in darkness.”* Into that darkness, a great light appears. Christ steps forward, calling ordinary people - fishermen at their daily work - to follow Him and become bearers of that same light.

This theme of **light emerging in ordinary places** feels especially meaningful as we also mark **Australia Day** this week. For many, this day is a celebration of the beauty, diversity, and opportunity of our nation. For others, it is a time of reflection, acknowledging the deep wounds carried by First Nations peoples and the complex history that shapes our shared story. As Christians, we hold all these realities in prayer, asking God to guide us toward reconciliation, justice, and unity.



In the Gospel, Jesus calls His first disciples with a simple yet life-changing invitation: *“Follow me.”* They leave their nets - not because they fully understand what lies ahead, but because they sense that Christ's presence brings purpose, healing, and hope. Their response encourages us to consider **the nets we might be asked to leave behind**: habits that limit us, fears that hold us back, or divisions that prevent us from loving more generously.

This week, as a parish and as a nation, we are invited to walk in the light Christ offers. We pray for our country: for its leaders, its families, its workers, its young people, and especially for those who feel overlooked or burdened. We pray, too, for the wisdom to honour the First Peoples of this land and to continue the journey toward deeper understanding and respect.

May this Sunday renew in us the courage of those first disciples - ordinary people called to extraordinary purpose. And may Christ, the great light who shines in every corner of our lives, guide our parish community in faith, compassion, and hope.

Fr Joseph



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

Invitation to Parish Library & Reading Room Opening

In recent weeks, we have been seeking donations of books and promoting this revived parish resource to provide material for anyone interested in learning more about our faith from a global perspective.

You are invited to visit the library this Sunday 25th January after 10am Mass until 12noon where someone will be available to introduce you to the facility. The Library is located downstairs in the Parish Administration Centre near the Columbarium.



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.

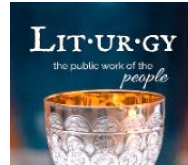
BRAZILIAN MASS (Portuguese language) – First Tuesday of each month, 7.00pm in Calvary Church Miami.

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

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 25 January 7:00am – Palm Beach**
- Sunday 25 January 8.30am – Mudgeeraba**
- Sunday 1 February 7.00am – Burleigh Heads**
- Sunday 8 February 8.30am - Mudgeeraba**

Last few weeks we bid farewell to Padre and Fr Ravi, may God bless them and guide them as they continue His work.



We also welcomed Fr Joseph as he begins his ministry with our parish.



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

The people have seen a great light

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

Try to find these words:

- agree
- argue
- broken
- cross
- fishermen
- Galilee
- good
- heaven
- James
- lake
- light
- Peter




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

You are salt for the earth, O People:
salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the Kingdom of God!

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!***

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the Kingdom of God! ***(Refrain)***

You are the seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! ***(Refrain)***

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation

COMMUNION

***This is the body of Christ,
blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ.***

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life. ***(Refrain)***

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within. ***(Refrain)***

If you would live in my love,
hold my word, my promise in your heart. ***(Refrain)***

Gathered as one in my name,
take my joy, my freedom to the world. ***(Refrain)***

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RECESSIONAL

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. ***(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, 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, 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, Philomena Bugeja, Isabel Little, Alphonse A Gabriel, Vince Karel, Marie Grace Arce, Joe Grioli, Brian Litchfield. 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



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