

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

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

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)
Monday	29 December – 5th Day in Christmas Octave
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	30 December – 6th Day in Christmas Octave
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Wednesday	31 December – 7th Day in Christmas Octave
10.00am	Mass – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	1 January – Mary, Mother of God
10.00am	Mass – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass – Mudgeeraba
Friday	2 January – Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Saturday	3 January – The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	4 January – The Epiphany of the Lord
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)

THE HOLY FAMILY

Year A/2

28 December 2025

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

Next Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Forewarned by an angelic messenger, Mary fled with her child and husband to the land of Egypt. It cannot have been an easy instruction to follow. Are callings from God ever absent of a requirement to abandon our own inhibitions and desire for control? But who better to model willing and humble obedience than Mary whose fiat at the Annunciation models for us the quintessential example of such a disposition? Here again she places her trust in God even though he tells her to run to the place where her ancestors had been enslaved for 430 years (Ex 12:40). St Thomas Aquinas helps us understand that in so doing, she, bearing the Son of God in her arms, brought enlightenment to that place of darkness. For even though the Egyptians angered God when they pursued the children of Israel (yes, God gets angry too sometimes!), he is mindful of his mercy in his anger and granted them this occasion to serve the Lord.



When we embrace the will of God and don't succumb to the temptations of stubbornness or retribution, we more often than not have to choose the path which is the least attractive at the outset. But it is this path that we enter, through the narrow gate (Mt 7:13-14) that offers the greatest rewards if we have the courage to take it. It's a path that requires an alignment of the will to that of the Father, in the way that Jesus models for us on the cross.

We cannot know what it is exactly that the Father wills but we do know that he desires more than anything for our ultimate happiness and he knows that this can only be achieved through complete union with him, which we attain by acting in charity and willing what he wills. Undoubtedly Mary would have set off to Egypt without any concept of why God was sending her back to the place of exile for the Israelites. It was the middle of the night, it was a rapid flee in protection of the one thing she held most dear, and it was away from her home. Yet she had the courage to do so because she trusted in God. In so doing, she allowed for the mercy of God to be made manifest to the Egyptians who were given the opportunity for redemption and to be of service to the infant Christ in an hour of need. By Fiona Bradley

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GATHERING

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!***



Child, for us sinners, poor and in a manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? **(Refrain)**
Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God in the highest: **(Refrain)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

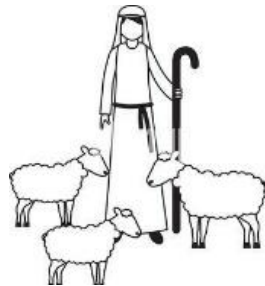
***Happy are those who fear the Lord,
those who walk in his ways.***

COMMUNION HYMN

The first Noel, the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

***Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel***

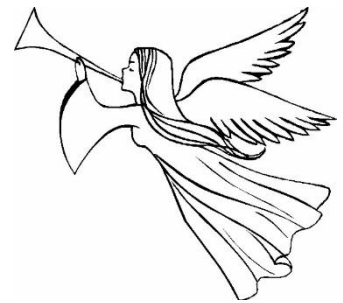
They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and
night.



THANKSGIVING

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
***Christ the child is Lord of all,
Christ the child is Lord of all.***

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
***Christ the child was born for you,
Christ the child was born for you.***



RECESSIONAL

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains;
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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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, 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.

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Contact the Parish Office if the name is no longer required to remain on the list.*

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

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

