

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH

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## CALVARY CHURCH

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## ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

**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)

**Monday 5 January**

9.00am Mass - Miami

**Tuesday 6 January**

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

**Wednesday 7 January – St Raymond of Penyafort**

10.00am Mass – Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

**Thursday 8 January**

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass – Mudgeeraba

**Friday 9 January - St Adrian**

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

**Saturday 10 January**

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

**Sunday 11 January – The Baptism of the Lord**

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

7.00am 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)

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4 January 2026

Year A/2

**This Week's Readings:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
**Next Week's Readings:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



Well 8 years as your parish priest now comes to a close. We brought the relics of St Therese to the parish, survived COVID, renovated buildings and celebrated our Sacramental Life – and so much more. To the Filipino, Brazilian, Chinese, Ukrainian Communities and all parishioners thank you for taking this pilgrimage into hope together. It has been a blessing to celebrate the Eucharist with you and to gather in so many way. My first and last words are “I Love You”. Be blest. Padre

**Today We End the Jubilee Year of Hope** with the closing of the Jubilee Basilica Doors. A reflection on the Jubilee Year of Hope and Epiphany Sunday connects the themes of renewal and reorientation. The Jubilee calls for spiritual growth, reconciliation, and hope, while Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the world, symbolized by the wise one's journey.



A pilgrimage is a journey usually to a holy place. But sometimes in the search for that holy place we may have many twists and turns that are unexpected. Sometimes we may feel we have lost our way and doubt enters our minds. But, then suddenly something happens, a signpost appears before us to confirm that we are still on the right road, and we somehow know.

In the very same way, our mission is to keep our eyes fixed on a certain star as we travel along life's way — lest we become lost. This Sunday as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we too join with the Wise Men from the East following the Star of Bethlehem. It guides us along the way to the place of the Savior's birth. But, then, having paid homage to the newborn babe, our eyes must now remain fixed on Jesus' star, in order for Jesus to count us among those who love Him and follow him in faith and in hope.<sup>1</sup> In today's Gospel we have an example of an epic story delivered in a single sentence. We read, “They saw...” (MT 2:12) <sup>2</sup> The Wise Ones saw the fulfillment of what they searched for and for what they had hoped they would find. This gospel also asks of us, no matter where we are in our lives, healthy or sick, imprisoned, or free, success or unsuccessful - What is it that we have seen or experienced in our lives that gives us hope?

As we stand at the beginning of a new year after the Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope and we begin another year of faith, let us listen to words of Isaiah from our first reading that may we too “Rise up in splendour, Jerusalem! Your light has come the glory of the Lord shines on you.” (Is 60:1). And through the words of St. Paul, may we listen to what God is saying to our pondering hearts about hope. And continue in hope forever.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to Padre's farewell gift. Together, your generosity amounted to a cash gift of **\$3,749.00**, which was presented to Padre.

**GATHERING**

We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain  
following yonder star.

***O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to the perfect Light.***

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*All nations, All nations shall fall prostrate before you,  
O Lord. (repeat)*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Born in the night, Mary's child,  
a long way from your home;  
coming in need, Mary's child,  
born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's child,  
your face lights up our way;  
light of the world, Mary's child,  
dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child,  
you tell us God is good;  
prove it is true, Mary's child,  
go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child,  
you're coming soon to reign;  
King of the earth, Mary's child,  
walk in our streets again.



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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.

*Please ensure you receive permission before placing a name in the prayers list.  
Contact the Parish Office if the name is no longer required to remain on the list.*

**THANKSGIVING**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear  
Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
we hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

**RECESSIONAL**

Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a deity nigh,  
prayer and praising gladly raising,  
worshipping God most high.

***O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to the perfect Light.***

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone cold tomb **(Refrain)**

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Heav'n sings "Alleluia!"  
"Alleluia!" the earth replies. **(Refrain)**



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**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*

