

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

## 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 14 February – Sts Cyril and Methodius

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

### Sunday 15 February - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 16 February

9.00am Mass - Miami

### Tuesday 17 February

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)  
8.30am *Burning of Palm Branches Liturgy* – Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday

7.30am Mass – Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)  
9.00am Mass – Miami  
9.30am Mass – Ozanam Villa  
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

### Thursday 19 February – Ash Thursday

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

### Friday 20 February

9.00-9.50am Adoration & Morning Prayer - Burleigh Waters  
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

### Saturday 21 February – St Peter Damian, 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 22 February – First Sunday of Lent

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads  
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach  
8.30am Mass - Miami  
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba  
10.00am Children's Family Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)  
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters  
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 FEBRUARY 2026

Year A/2

### PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

This Week's Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Next Week's Readings: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



We are pleased to welcome **Fr Sijo Edakkarottu** as our new Associate Pastor at our parish. Fr Sijo is a Syro-Malabar priest and a member of the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS), Zion Province. He was ordained a priest on 29 December 2009. Following ordination, Fr Sijo was an Assistant Priest in Karnataka, then he served in the northeast mission area in for 5 years in Assam and Meghalaya in parish work (Latin Rite), school ministry, social work, and served as a community superior. He later served in Delhi as Parish Priest, Superior of the MCBS house, and associate director of Diocesan Social Work. After 10 years of experience outside Kerala, Fr Sijo returned and was appointed as the superior of MCBS Novitiate House and seminary formator. This led to his most recent appointment as Superior of the MCBS house in Kozhikode, responsible for the care of elderly priests, and manager of the schools. Fr Sijo enjoys playing volleyball, badminton, swimming and listening to music. Fr Sijo has two younger brothers, one of whom is also an MCBS priest and is currently studying in Rome. Let us warmly welcome Fr Sijo and keep him in prayer as he begins his ministry among us.

*O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.*

**This Sunday, our readings invite us to consider God's laws and true wisdom.** Our attitude may depend on whether we respond to God's law of love, or see it only as a legal imposition.

In the First Reading, Ben Sirach underlines how God has given us loving guidelines, but it is entirely up to us as to how we respond. God has also given us the gift of free will. The Psalmist praises God's law: we will experience happiness as we seek God and follow in his ways. St Paul (Second Reading) points out that true wisdom comes from God. Only the Spirit of God can reach the depths of all things.

St Matthew, in the Gospel, describes the relationship between the Law of Moses and the more radical vision of Jesus. Jesus has not come to abolish the Law but to complete it. During this week, as we strive, with God's grace, to follow his law, may we be inspired by the example of so many who surround us.

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

We welcome Anthony Young and the St Laurence's College Choir

**Project Compassion Sunday**  
14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

**Kindly take one envelope for your 6-week Lenten offering**

**UPCOMING EVENT**  

The Wearing of the Green

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** 

**FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026** 

Any monetary donations toward the dinner would be greatly appreciated. Also accepting donations of table snacks, orange juice, soft drinks, wine, champagne or Irish beer. Please bring all donations to the Parish Office.






**Contemplative Women's Group** commences this month with a quiet retreat day walking a sacred path with St Francis of Assisi in this 800<sup>th</sup> year of his Transitus. *Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9am for 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish Community Centre, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.* Please BYO lunch and refreshments. Tea and coffee makings supplied. A donation is invited to cover the cost of supplied resources and for the use of the Community Centre and Mary Mother of Mercy Church. For further information and to register, please contact Sue Thomas [sue@suethomas.net.au](mailto:sue@suethomas.net.au) by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (RSVP essential). The Contemplative Women's Group is an initiative of Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish.

Come, join us as we walk a sacred path in contemplative community.

**RCIT**  
**Sacramental Program**  
**for Teenagers 2026**



A parish program is offered each year for secondary College students to complete any Sacraments of Initiation they may have missed in their primary school years.

The program runs for 8 weeks and dates and times are negotiated with the group.

Closing date for those interested is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, with a meeting Friday, 3.30pm 6<sup>th</sup> March in Mary Mother of Mercy Church to determine dates and times. Parents welcome.



To register your interest, please contact the Parish Office on 5558 0120 or email [pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au)

**BURLEIGH CATHOLIC PARISH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME YOU HAVE TO OFFER, ANY HELP WILL MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE**

**Interested?**

We need volunteers across all five of our churches, for a range of roles. Call us on (07) 5558 0120 or send us an email at [burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au)

**WE NEED HELP WITH:**

- Communion to sick/aged care
- Mass Technology
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Mass Coordinators
- Musicians/Singers
- Readers
- Baptism Helpers
- Piety Store Conveynor

**PARISH READING ROOM NEWS**

Come and browse our growing collection of reading resources. An interesting read is now in the reading room: "who was God in the Bible" - reflections by an active missionary in Papua New Guinea.



The Reading Room is open during Parish Office hours M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm

## 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### GOANNA'S FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

**DATE:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**TIME:** 11.30am for 12 noon start  
**VENUE:** Burleigh Town Hotel  
Tsipura Dr, Burleigh Heads  
Seniors Menu – **ALL WELCOME**  
**CONTACT:** Margaret 0402 834 362.



### HAVE A CHATS FAMILY GROUP LUNCH

**DATE:** Sunday 22 February 2026  
**TIME:** 11.30am for 12 noon start  
**VENUE:** Treetops Tavern  
7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters  
Seniors Menu – **ALL WELCOME**  
**CONTACT:** Val Litchfield 0423 650 062.

**NOTICE:** The after-hours entrance to the **Mary Mother of Mercy Columbarium** is temporarily closed due to maintenance works. The entrance is scheduled to reopen on Sunday, 22 February 2026. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

# ASH WEDNESDAY

We are collecting the old palms from last Palm Sunday for turning into ash for Ash Wednesday. Please leave in baskets at the doors of the churches.

### Burning of Palm Branches Liturgy

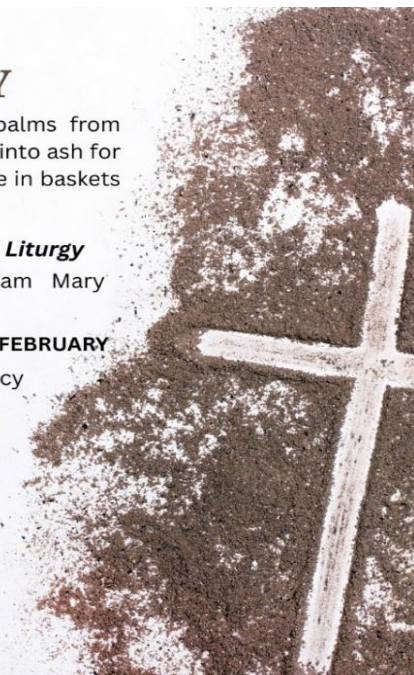
Tuesday 17 February 8.30am Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 18 FEBRUARY

7.30am Mary Mother of Mercy  
9.00am Miami  
9.30am Ozanam Villa  
5.30pm Palm Beach

### ASH THURSDAY

5.30pm Mudgeeraba



### Stations of the Cross

23 February – 25 March  
Mondays 8:30am – Miami  
Wednesdays 5:00pm – Palm Beach  
Thursdays 5:00pm – Mudgeeraba

### Reconciliation Times

Saturdays 4:15pm – Miami  
Saturdays 5:15pm – Palm Beach  
Sundays 5:00pm – Burleigh Waters

### Lenten Reflection Group

10.45am–11.30am Fridays after Mass – February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27  
Mary Mother of Mercy Liturgy Room  
*Archdiocesan Resource Book available \$5.00*

### St Patrick's Day Liturgy and Dinner

Friday 20 March 6.00pm – Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre

### Parish Lenten Retreat – Tuesday 24 March

7.30am **Mass** at Mary Mother of Mercy, followed by **Adoration**, which will conclude with **Benediction** at 11.00am  
*An Adoration roster is available in Mary Mother of Mercy Church. Please add your name if you are interested.*

### Chrism Mass

Thursday 26 March - St Stephens Cathedral  
*(no 5.30pm Mass at Mudgeeraba)*

### 2nd Rite Reconciliation

9.00am Monday 30 March - Miami *(no mass)*  
5:30pm Wednesday 1 April - Palm Beach *(no mass)*

### Holy Thursday

2 April – Mass 7.00pm Mary Mother of Mercy Church  
*(no mass at Mudgeeraba)*

## MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASS

### GATHERING

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace  
eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*(repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse)*

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.*

### COMMUNION

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### RECESSIONAL

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word.  
Lord, and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. **(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, Dianne 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, Frank Giarrusso, Margaret Wilson, 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, Isabel Little, Vincent Bugeja, Godfrey Bull, Peter O'Donnell, Felomena Bertoli, Michael Thompson, Petar Bako, Yolanda Frajsman.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*



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