

# 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

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Springbrook

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

### 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)

### Monday 23 February – St Polycarp

8.30am Stations of the Cross - Miami

9.00am Mass - Miami

### Tuesday 24 February

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

### Wednesday 25 February

5.00pm Stations of the Cross – Palm Beach

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

### Thursday 26 February

5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

### Friday 27 February – St Gregory of Narek

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

### Saturday 28 February

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 March – Second Sunday of Lent

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)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A/2

22 FEBRUARY 2026

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

Next Week's Readings: Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

***Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.***

As we begin the season of Lent, the readings highlight our freedom to make choices. God gives us the freedom, out of love, to make the wrong choices – as did Adam and Eve (First Reading) when they succumbed to the enticing voice of the serpent.

### Matthew 4: 1–11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

### REFLECTION

I settle down to pray in the manner that I know works best for me so as to feel God's presence within me. Perhaps I have a favourite object in my hand, or I focus my gaze on a cross or a candle.

When I have achieved some measure of inner quiet, I read this familiar text. Maybe I recall my praying these temptations in previous years. What happened then? Or perhaps events in my life have given me a different understanding now, and another element of the story strikes me. I read again slowly, and ponder.

In themselves, none of these temptations is sinful, but do they reflect the best course of action? What motivation lies behind them? Perhaps one temptation particularly resonates with me. Why is that? What are my own temptations? How far do I find it difficult to resist offers of personal comfort, greater power, or honours?

I listen to Jesus's replies, and then turn to him, asking for any help I need. When the right time comes, I give thanks to Jesus for being with me in my prayer, and conclude with a heartfelt, slow sign of the cross.

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

**First Sunday of Lent**  
21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**  
this Lent

**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.*



**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 9.30am for 10am 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.

**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.



**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

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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.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



### 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 13 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)

*Come along and kiss the Blarney Stone*

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2026

For a Festival of Irish Culture  
Celebrating the Patron Saint of Ireland

Commencing 6PM in Mary Mother of Mercy Church for a short prayer service, Presider-Fr Joseph, followed by an Irish Bunting/Balloon Parade from the church to the Community Centre for a 3-course meal washed down with soft drink, Guinness, wine or champagne.

A night of music, fun, games and all things Irish.

**TICKETS ON SALE \$25.00 EACH**  
Available in our Parish Churches  
Cash Only Please

Please support our parish raffle helping to keep the catering cost down.

# HOLY WEEK

## 2026 SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY - 2 APRIL**

7PM - MARY MOTHER OF MERCY, BURLEIGH WATERS  
(NO MASS AT MUDGEERABA)

**GOOD FRIDAY - 3 APRIL**

9AM - ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS (WALKING)  
INFANT SAVIOUR, BURLEIGH WATERS

3PM - CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARY MOTHER OF MERCY, BURLEIGH WATERS  
ST BENEDICT'S, MUDGEERABA  
CALVARY CHURCH, MIAMI

**EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY - 4 APRIL**

6PM - MARY MOTHER OF MERCY, BURLEIGH WATERS  
(NO MORNING MASS AT BURLEIGH HEADS)

**EASTER SUNDAY - 5 APRIL**

7AM INFANT SAVIOUR, BURLEIGH HEADS  
7AM LADY OF THE WAY, PALM BEACH  
8.30AM CALVARY CHURCH, MIAMI  
8.30AM ST BENEDICTS, MUDGEERABA  
10AM MARY MOTHER OF MERCY, BURLEIGH WATERS  
5.30PM MARY MOTHER OF MERCY, BURLEIGH WATERS

# MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASS

## GATHERING

Come back to me with all your heart,  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;  
So must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming  
Home to me and living  
deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you  
To your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice  
with tenderness you shall know.

**(Refrain)**

You shall sleep secure with peace;  
Faithfulness will be your joy.

**(Refrain)**

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Em Am Em Cdim B7 Em Am Em

R: Have mer-cy on us, O Lord for we have sinned.

## COMMUNION

I will never forget you my people;  
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.  
I will never forget you; I will not leave you orphaned.  
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?  
Or a woman the child within her womb?  
Yet even if these forget, yes even if these forget,  
I will never forget my own.

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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, Isabel Little, Marie Grace Arce, Mauro Manuel, Felicidad Manuel, Gregoria Tubigon, Joy Epifano, Arturo Manuel, Norma Manuel, Roberto Manuel, Feling Cababat, Marlon Munio, Raymar Ducalas, Brian Barton.

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



## RECESSIONAL

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn,  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

From the dawning of creation,  
you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation,  
make us turn to you alone,  
make us turn to you alone.

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## God is always merciful

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

Try to find these words:

Adam  
desert  
devil  
fig  
forty  
fruit  
middle  
mountain  
Satan  
stones  
tree  
wrong

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, Andrew 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.*