

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 7 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 8 February - 5th 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)

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 9 February

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 10 February - St Scholastica

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 11 February – Our Lady of Lourdes

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 12 February

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 13 February

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

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 - 6th 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)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 FEBRUARY 2026

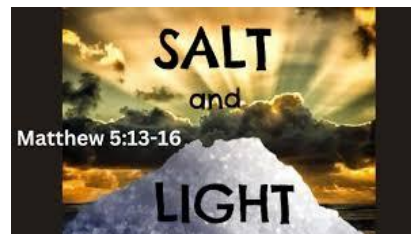
Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

Then shall your light break forth

Today's readings encourage us to be bold in our actions. When we share and welcome those in need, and protect that which builds loving community, we bring God's light into dark places, lifting the gloom of isolation (First Reading). The Psalmist says that those who imitate God's light will be remembered and honoured forever.



For St Paul, knowledge of Christ crucified was everything – it was the light for his way and revealed how the power of the Spirit was at work in the world (Second Reading). The Gospel reminds us that, in service of the Kingdom, our good works cannot and should not be hidden. By our acts of loving service, we live as salt; by our faithful trust in God's love, we live as light. And all so that God might be glorified.

Matthew 5: 13–16

I take some time to enter that disposition of quiet that will help me hear this Gospel text more fully. Then I read it slowly, prayerfully, more than once.

We may have forgotten how precious light and salt were in Jesus' day. Our world is so illuminated that we never have to worry about nightfall, and food is so well processed that we don't even think about salt. Yet we need only to turn on the news to know that many are groping and stumbling their way through the dark. We sometimes struggle to taste and savour what is good for us.

Perhaps this Gospel is encouraging me, firstly, to look to Christ, who was both light and salt for those around him. What would it be like to reveal to him the dark corners of my life and any areas that have lost their taste?

Now, I might ponder the qualities of the one who walks in the light; the fruits of one who brings rich flavour to life. Who is a person of light and salt for me today?

Finally, I might ask, how might I bring colour and taste to my family, my work, my community? In what ways can I heal, nurture growth and preserve what is good? When ready to end, I make a slow sign of the cross.

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



We are delighted to welcome **Fr Akesh** back to our parish. He will be assisting Fr Joseph for the next three weeks. Let us extend a warm and generous welcome to him.



**BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH
(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

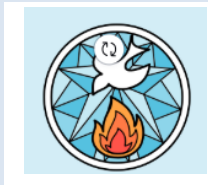
An Invitation for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, for people who have not been baptised and for those baptised in other faith traditions and for Baptised Catholics who have taken time out and wish to reconnect.

When people decide they would like to know more about the Catholic Faith we invite them to *COME AND SEE* by joining the RCIA Group.

The RCIA also called the Catechumenate, is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church

Please telephone the Parish Office - Phone 07 5558 0120 - for further information.

**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 20th February, with a meeting Friday, 3.30pm 6th 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



The SVDP Infant Saviour Conference Burleigh Heads extends thanks and gratitude to the Parish Community, Parish Office, Marymount Schools, local groups and individuals who contributed and assisted with our annual appeal and Christmas Hamper preparation/ delivery.

Hampers (57) were delivered on Christmas Eve and brightened the lives of over 160 community members. Funds raised from the annual appeal will enable visitations and assistance to those in need during 2026.

Thank you all so much.

The Volunteers SVDP Infant Saviour Conference Burleigh Heads



**Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:
How do I use them?**

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.



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

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Communion to sick/aged care
- Mass Technology
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Mass Coordinators
- Musicians/Singers
- Cleaners
- Readers
- plus many other positions
- Baptism Helpers

PARISH LIBRARY/READING ROOM

Thank you to those who attended the recent opening of this parish resource. Currently this facility, situated within the Parish Administration Centre, is open during office hours M-F 8.00am to 4.00pm. For all inquiries contact Tom Bourke 0407 140 229.



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

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

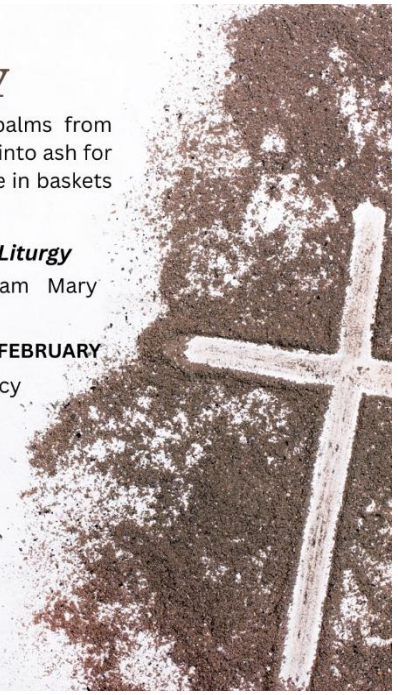
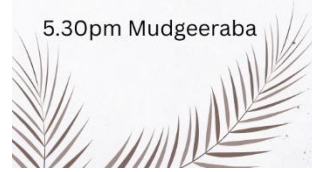
Tuesday 17 February 8.30am Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Children's Family Mass

Would your child like to participate in our next Children's Family Mass? All are welcome!

Sunday 22nd February at 10am

First Sunday in Lent

Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

We are inviting children to perform the following:

- Readings
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Offertory Procession
- Welcome Crew
- Altar Serving
- Choir/Musicians

Contact Stacey in the Parish Office 07 5558 0120
pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au



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



ST LAURENCE COLLEGE CHOIR

Anthony Young and the St Lawrence Choir **10.00am Sunday 15 February**

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, 18 February 2026.

GOANNA'S FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 15th 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.



BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our parish Facebook page! Stay up to date with parish news, inspiring religious content, and other items of interest. Don't forget to 'Like' our page—this way, you'll receive notifications about new posts and help us reach a wider audience.



GATHERING

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away;
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry;
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

COMMUNION

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong! And may you live
strong in faith and built on love, until you know
how high and long, how wide and deep
the fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart
What hope his call now holds for you:
His promise true, to fill your hearts with power to live,
the fullness of God.

Know the way you learned from Christ, to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to Him, let Christ renew
the hope in you, to grow into goodness and truth!
And living so you'll come to know
the fullness of God

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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – A Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

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.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. **(Refrain)**

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Fred Grioli, 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, 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, Isabel Little, Vincent Bugeja, Miriam Licuanan, Michael Dooley, Timoteo Borromeo, Marie Grace Arce, John Kuhnert. 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