

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 16 May

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm *No Reconciliation – Palm Beach*
6.00pm Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Palm Beach

Sunday 17 May – The Ascension of the Lord

7.00am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No 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 18 May – St John I, pope

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 19 May

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 20 May - St Bernardine of Siena, priest

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 21 May - St Christopher Magallanes, priest

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 22 May – St Rita of Cascia

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 23 May

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm *No Reconciliation – Palm Beach*
6.00pm Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Palm Beach

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost Sunday

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 (RCIT – Confirmation and Communion) - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

17 May 2026

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Next Week's Readings: Act 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7; 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascends to heaven. He ascends triumphant to sit at the Father's right hand. For the disciples, their time of formation with him is over. How is their relationship with him altered?

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the Ascension. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit to be with his disciples, to fill them with his power, so that they can witness to him 'to the ends of the earth.' The Psalm emphasises Jesus's triumph in his Ascension, and the whole Church sings in praise of the Lord who reigns over all. The Second Reading also stresses Christ's power. His Father has 'put all things under his feet.' That power is exercised for us, not only in the gifts of his grace, but also in the promise of eternal glories.

Matthew's Gospel account of the Ascension focuses on Jesus' authority and his sending forth of the disciples to witness, baptise and teach. He promises to be with them 'to the end of time.' This week, we pray that all those who are struggling may find peace and know God's presence in their heart.



REFLECTION

I come to my place of prayer and consciously place myself in the loving presence of my God. I slowly read the text. Perhaps the first sentence conveys what I desire in my prayer today? I take the time to sit with this prayer, or with another phrase that has struck me. I may ask the Father to open my heart and the eyes of my mind to his great mystery.

I consider the Father's power which has raised Jesus from the dead and exalted him above all powers to sit at his right hand. I rest here as long as I can. What does this prompt me to speak of to my Lord Jesus Christ? I reflect on Christ, in power and glory, yet filling creation and all time with his presence. I may be moved to adoration, praise or gratitude . . .

I may pray Paul's prayer that others may come to know the glorious hope we are all promised. I end quietly in praise. Glory be to the Father . . .

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



NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE
3 May, 10 May, 17 May & 24 May
2026



Annual Mass attendance will be counted across the Archdiocese of Brisbane this May. Every five years, additional data is collected with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference alongside the national Census. This helps track community engagement across the whole Archdiocese.

We kindly ask for your patience during this period, as on some weekends additional information may be requested (such as age groups and gender). This is collected purely for statistical purposes, and we ask that no offence be taken. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



INVITATION



Care & Concern is hosting **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** on **Friday June 5th at 10:45am** (following the Anointing Mass), in Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre, 3 Sunlight Drive Burleigh Waters. Please bring your friends and help support vital Cancer Research and Patient Care. Lucky door prizes and raffle. **Entry: Gold Coin Donation.**

To assist with catering, please email care.concern.burleigh@gmail.com or phone Parish Office to register numbers attending - 55580120 by **Tuesday 2nd June, 2026.**

Volunteer Needed
Storage Shelf Repairs



Rosies Outreach are seeking a Volunteer to help with the repair work to their storage shelves at Burleigh.

If you have the skills to assist, can you phone Colm on 0490 533 353.

Church Directory

UPDATE



The Parish is currently updating its Service Directory.

If you are involved in any parish group or activity and would like to be included in the directory, please contact the Parish Office.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



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Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL



Help Us To Help Others (those in need). The **SVDP BURLEIGH HEADS CONFERENCE Winter Appeal** is next weekend the 23/24 May. If you are able to donate to the Appeal, please use the

SVDP Appeal envelopes that are available at the Churches in our Parish. The envelopes can be returned via the collection plates over coming weeks.

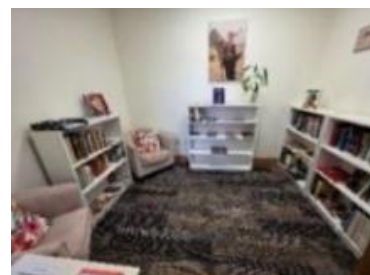
Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by our local conference volunteers and by those that seek and receive our help.



God Bless,
SVDP BURLEIGH HEADS INFANT SAVIOUR CONFERENCE

PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

Pope Leo XIV has recently completed an 11-day apostolic journey to Africa, visiting 11 cities and travelling nearly 18,000km. His journey highlighted peace in conflict-affected regions, interreligious dialogue and support for growing Catholic communities, with Africa, home to over a fifth of the world's Catholics. The April edition of **The Catholic Leader**, now available in the Library, has an article on the Pope's apostolic journey and many more interesting articles, local and worldwide.



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

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI WALK WITH JESUS



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Procession begins at
2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026
CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM



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, Third Sunday of each month, 11.00am 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.

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, Warren Wilson, Dianne Wilson, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Tom Pritchard, John Love, Lyn Hundt, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, 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 Englis, Brenda Ring, Patricia Humphreys, Chris Hacking, Deb Rasmussen, Tonia Desanti, Rosemary Roylance, Pat Stagliano, Jo Litchfield, Pam Provost, John Flaherty. 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.

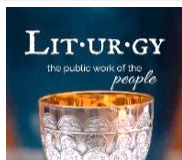
PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Isabel Little, John Meekin, Maureen Meekin, Natalia Abarquez, Ignatius Abarquez, Patricia Harvey, Doreen Coup, Evelyn North, John Gavaghan, Julia Grioli.



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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



UPCOMING LAY-LED SUNDAY LITURGIES

Please note that due to Fr Joseph's absence in May and early June, some upcoming weekend Masses will be replaced by a Lay-Led Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. While this is not a Mass, it provides an opportunity for our community to gather in prayer during this time. Other Masses within the parish will continue as scheduled.

Please note: There will be no reconciliation at Palm Beach during lay-led liturgies.

Saturday 16 May	6.00pm – Palm Beach
Sunday 17 May	7.00am – Burleigh Heads
Saturday 23 May	6.00pm – Palm Beach
Sunday 24 May	8.30am – Mudgeeraba
Sunday 31 May	7.00am – Palm Beach
Sunday 31 May	8.30am – Mudgeeraba
Saturday 6 June	6.00pm – Palm Beach
Sunday 7 June	8.30am – Mudgeeraba

The parish's Filipino community warmly invites everyone to the annual celebration in honour of Our Lady – Flores de Mayo. Please join us for this special celebration on **Saturday, 30 May** at **Mary Mother of Mercy Church**. The celebration will begin with a **Rosary Procession** at **9:00am**, followed by **Mass** at **10:00am**. Lunch will then be shared in the Community Centre. *(Please note: there will be no 8:00am Mass at Infant Saviour that morning.)*



On Sunday **24 May 2026** at 5.30pm Mass at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, the teenagers in the RCIT (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers*) program will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. We congratulate them on this special milestone in their faith journey.

We also sincerely thank Bev Tronc for her dedication and support in guiding the RCIT program.

The children enrolled in this year's **Sacramental Program** will also commence their journey towards receiving the Sacraments, an important step in deepening their faith.



Please keep all these young people and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith and in the life of the Church.

GOANNAS FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 17 May 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12 noon start
VENUE: Dog & Parrot Tavern, 2 Scottsdale Dr, Robina - Seniors Menu available
CONTACT: Margaret 0402 834 362
All Welcome



HAVE A CHATS FAMILY GROUP MONTHLY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 24 May 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12 noon start
VENUE: Treetops Tavern, 7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters Seniors Menu – **ALL WELCOME**
CONTACT: Joan 0418 502 886 – RSVP 20 May 2026.

GATHERING

A hymn of glory let us sing!
 New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Christ, by a road before untrod,
 ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
 upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 And with the virgin mother see
 their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE

God goes up with shouts of joy, sing praise for God, sing praise...
 the Lord ascends with trumpet blasts, sing praise for God, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for Lord.

COMMUNION

I am the Bread of life.
 You who come to me shall not hunger;
 and who believe in me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to me
 unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
 is my flesh for the life of the world,
 and if you eat of this bread,
 you shall live for ever,
 you shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**

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THANKSGIVING

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
 the Holy One, is here;
 come bow before him now
 with reverence and fear:
 in him no sin is found
 we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
 the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
 is shining all around;
 he burns with holy fire,
 with splendour he is crowned;
 how awesome is the sight
 our radiant king of light!
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
 is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
 is moving in this place;
 he comes to cleanse and heal,
 to minister his grace;
 no work too hard for him
 in faith receive from him.
 Be still for the power of the Lord
 is moving in this place.

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RECESSIONAL

To whom the shining angels cry,
 "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia, Alleluia!
 "This is the Saviour!" thus they say,
 "This is his glorious triumph day!" Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Jesus is given all authority in heaven and earth

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Try to find these words:

Galilee
 authority
 doubted
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 eleven
 end
 everything
 heaven
 mountain
 nations
 teach
 worshiped