

# 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 2 May – St Athanasius, 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 3 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 4 May

9.00am Mass - Miami

### Tuesday 5 May

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

### Wednesday 6 May

9.30am Mass – Ozanam Villa

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

### Thursday 7 May

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

### Friday 8 May

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

### Saturday 9 May

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

6.00pm Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Palm Beach

### Sunday 10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A/2

3 May 2026

This Week's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Next Week's Readings: Acts 8:5-8; 14-17 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**As we continue to live through this joyful Eastertide, the readings this week show us the new Christians attempting to organise their community.** After prayer and

discernment, they solve the dispute between the Hebrews and the Hellenists and appoint seven leaders. **(First Reading)**

The **Psalm** celebrates in song the word of the Lord, who is merciful and loves justice and right. The **Second Reading** seeks to reassure us. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Christ is the cornerstone of the building, and all Christians its living stones.



The **Gospel** comes from the Last Supper discourse, where Jesus prepares his friends for his departure. Thomas and Philip find it hard to follow his words, but they will never be alone, for Jesus will be alongside them. He is the way, the truth and the life. This week, we pray for all who are unable to accept Jesus as the cornerstone of their life. As we go about our own lives in the coming days, we might use the response to the psalm: 'May your merciful love be upon me, as I hope in you, O Lord'.

I settle down and try to put aside my worries, my anxieties, my 'to-do' list. This is a time I choose to spend with the Lord. For a few moments I focus on my breathing without changing it.

I may like to take a small stone in my hand, or focus on a rock outside, or simply imagine myself holding a stone. What is that like? I spend a few moments becoming familiar with my stone, whether real or virtual. Then I slowly read the text and pause. Which phrases strike me?

Touching my own stone, I ponder. Who are the people that consider me to be their 'living stone'? I hold them up to the Lord.

Then I reflect on the notion of a cornerstone . . . the stone that holds a building together. How far can I say that Jesus is the cornerstone of my own life? How far do people around me realise this? How do I feel when I consider that I am part of a 'chosen race', a 'holy nation'? Do I relish this exclusive status, or does it make me uneasy . . . perhaps unworthy? Or something quite different? As part of a 'royal priesthood,' what does the Lord expect of me?

I speak to him about this, sharing my thoughts, and listening to what he says to me. I thank him that he has called me 'out of darkness into his marvellous light'. *Glory be...*

Whether I choose to pray this text using my imagination or simply listen to John as he tells me how Jesus was preparing his disciples, I pause. I try to achieve some inner calm, especially if I've come to pray with 'a troubled heart'.

When I'm ready, I may be drawn to reflect on the 'many rooms' in the Father's house. What are they like? Who will I find there? How does that make me feel? Encouraged . . . hopeful . . . fearful . . . full of dread? Or something else?

I then perhaps focus on Thomas and Philip. They have questions for Jesus. What about me? If I have questions to ask, now would be a good time to do so. I listen to the Lord's answer. I conclude my prayer thanking the Lord who is my way, my truth and my life.

*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.



#### FLOCKNOTE – PARISH DATABASE

Flocknote is how we share important parish news, updates about Masses and events, volunteer opportunities, and spiritual resources—directly to your email or phone.

We want to make sure **everyone who wants updates is signed up.**

To Sign up scan the QR Code or use the URL  
<https://burleighheads.flocknote.com/register>



If you do not have access to a phone or computer, a Parish Registration Form will be available in all the churches. Please return the completed form by placing it on the collection plate or directly to the Parish Office.

Staying connected has never been easier—don't miss out!



**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH  
OR VISITING - WELCOME!**

We are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today.

Please leave your details with the Parish Office on 07 5558 0120 or email [burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au) so that our Parish Priest can reach out to you with a formal welcome.

#### PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

"*Mountains - A Place Where Heaven And Earth Meet* and *These Stones*, two novels by Fr Morgan Batt are now available in the Reading Room.



In *Mountains - A Place Where Heaven And Earth Meet*, Fr Morgan

shares stories from his mountain climbing expeditions and his aim to climb the highest geographical peak of every modern nation and territory to celebrate Mass there. *These Stones* is set in the 4th century and follows the quest of a young Egyptian desert father to visit the tombs of the four evangelists".

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



#### PIETY STALL ASSISTANT (Sunday Mornings)

We are looking for a volunteer to assist at the piety stall on Sunday mornings at Mary Mother of Mercy.

#### ASSIST WITH BAPTISM PREPARATION (Sunday Mornings)

We are seeking volunteers to assist with preparing the church for Baptisms each Sunday before and after the 10:00am Mass at Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

If you're interested in volunteering for either of these roles, please contact the parish office to apply.



#### Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.*

**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, 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 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 Englis, Brenda Ring, Patricia Humphreys, Chris Hacking, Deb Rasmussen, Irene Cooper, Tonia Desanti, Rosemary Roylance. 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.*

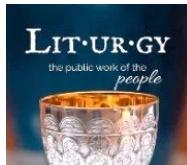
**PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Isabel Little, Joe Tea Gabriel.

*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*

<b>Saturday 9 May</b>	<b>6.00pm – Palm Beach</b>
<b>Saturday 16 May</b>	<b>6.00pm – Palm Beach</b>
<b>Sunday 17 May</b>	<b>7.00am – Burleigh Heads</b>
<b>Saturday 23 May</b>	<b>6.00pm – Palm Beach</b>
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>8.30am – Mudgeeraba</b>
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	<b>7.00am – Palm Beach</b>
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	<b>8.30am – Mudgeeraba</b>
<b>Saturday 6 June</b>	<b>6.00pm – Palm Beach</b>
<b>Sunday 7 June</b>	<b>8.30am – Mudgeeraba</b>

**PARISH LUNCHEON**

**DATE:** Thursday 7 May 2026  
**TIME:** 11.30am for 12.00 noon start  
**VENUE:** Burleigh Sports Club  
 111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters  
**CONTACT:** Val Litchfield 0423 650 062  
*All Welcome*



**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*



**FUNERAL MASS** for Jean McDonald will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11.00am at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters.

*rest in peace*

**Don't be worried, have faith**

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

Try to find these words:

- believe
- faith
- Father
- house
- life
- Philip
- prepare
- rooms
- true
- truth
- way
- worried

**GATHERING**

***Church of God, chosen people,  
sing your praise to God,  
who has called you out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.***

Come, people of God, with joyful song,  
praise God the Father of all.  
Baptised in Christ, reborn in him,  
our hearts are filled with joy.  
He cleanses our sin, renewing our lives. **(Refrain)**

The Church is built with living stones  
with Christ as cornerstone.  
In him we trust who make us one,  
uniting us in love.  
We build on the rock of faith in Christ. **(Refrain)**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.***

OR

***Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.***

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.  
His love can never be measured.  
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in him. **(Refrain)**

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
His love can never grow weary.  
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in him. **(Refrain)**

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.  
His love can never grow weary.  
His will seek and save the lost until we all return,  
so let us place our trust in him. **(Refrain)**

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**COMMUNION**

***Take and eat, take and eat:  
this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink:  
this is my blood given up for you.***

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **(Refrain)**

I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the morning star that never sets; lift up your face,  
in you my light will shine. **(Refrain)**

I am the first and last, the Living One;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the bridge – groom, this my wedding song;  
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

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**THANKSGIVING**

Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy one.  
Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now, let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give Thanks!

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**RECESSIONAL**

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia!**

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At **Marymount College**, new signage has been installed around the



Rosary Tree on the Franciscan Lawn following a positive response to recent community interest. The installation invites students, staff, and families to pause, reflect, and pray as they walk the path and learn more

about its significance. The space has been created as a simple, shared place of prayer and reflection for the school community