

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 1 August – St Alphonsus Liguori

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation – Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 2 August - 18th 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)

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 3 August – St Dominic, priest

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 4 August – St John Vianney, priest

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 5 August – Ded. of Basilica of St Mary Major

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 7 August – St Sixtus II, pope

10.00am Anointing Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 8 August – St Mary of the Cross

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation – Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 9 August - 19th 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)

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

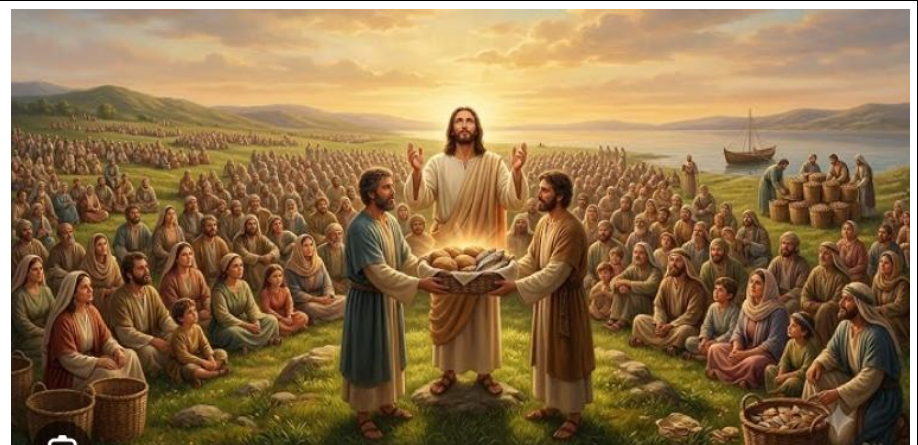
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VOCATION WEEK

This Week's Readings: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



This week the readings focus mostly on food, and more particularly on people eating together: a symbol of fellowship and togetherness, and a reminder of God's covenant with his people.

Isaiah (**First Reading**) issues an invitation to such a meal: 'Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price . . . I will make with you an everlasting covenant.' The **Psalm**, traditionally sung at mealtimes by the Israelites, praises the Lord for giving them fulfilling food. Even when he is tired and grieving the loss of John the Baptist, Jesus still shows compassion for the crowds who follow him (**Gospel**). He ensures that they can be fed, transforming the little that the disciples bring him into great abundance. This blessing and sharing of the loaves and fish by Jesus prefigures the meal we share in the Eucharist.

Great comfort and support will be gained when we fully appreciate that nothing whatsoever can separate us from the love of God through Christ our Lord. (**Second Reading**).

Aware that nothing we do or think can make God love us less or more, we pray this week for all who do not know or accept Jesus as their Lord. We also keep in our prayers those who are in desperate need of food, whether physical or spiritual.

GOSPEL Matthew 14: 13-21 REFLECTION

Today, like Jesus in this well-known gospel passage, I may need to find a quiet spot where I can lay down any demands made on me. Whether indoors or outdoors, I try to put aside all noise, whether internal or external. I cherish these moments of respite and then read the text several times until I am very familiar with it.

In my imagination, I may like to become part of the scene, whether as one of the disciples . . . or the five thousand men . . . or the women and children . . . or as Jesus himself, feeling compassion for the crowd. I can move freely from one to the other as my prayer unfolds.

What do I perceive to be their main needs? Are they hoping for some peace and quiet, to be healed, to be fed, to see this intriguing man Jesus in person? What is my own main need? Maybe I can recall a time when I needed to be fed, whether physically or spiritually, and someone unexpectedly came to me with the food I wanted. I give thanks for my helper. How far did it encourage me to cater for the needs of others, whether around me or further afield?

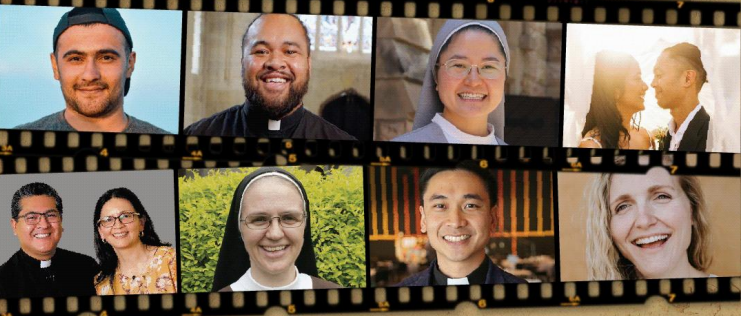
As I conclude my prayer, I pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven . . . give us this day our daily bread . . .'

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

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026





SCAN TO DISCERN YOUR CALL



This week we pray for more people to answer God's call to serve the Church as priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers. May we support and encourage those who are listening to God's call in their lives.



22-23 August 2026



Help Rebuild Lives

Your generosity helps to protect some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Through Centacare, you provide safe refuge, practical support and hope to families and individuals at the moment they need our care most.



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PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

The Catholic Leader reports on an interview with the newly elected patriarch of the Chaldean Church, Patriarch Paul III Nona. Patriarch Nona served as bishop of the Chaldean Eparchy in Mosul, Iraq, until the city fell under the control of ISIS. He accompanied his displaced parishioners and continued serving them in towns and villages where they sought refuge. In 2015 he was appointed by the Chaldean Synod to serve the Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand where he served until his election as Patriarch in April 2026. Read about his faith and hopes for the future of the Church in the Middle East.



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

OZANAM VILLA AGED CARE BURLEIGH HEADS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ozanam Villa holds liturgies every Wednesday in its Chapel. They are seeking to grow their dedicated group of parish volunteers who bring wheelchaired residents from their rooms each week to the Chapel.

Please contact the Parish Office ph: 555 80120 if you would like to assist the residents in this way.



TRAINING
AUGUST

LITURGIES
EVERY WEDNESDAY

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. Due to limited seating, please confirm your attendance with Val Litchfield on **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, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Tom Pritchard, John Love, Lyn Hundt, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Suzanne Fullarton, Marnia Ryan Raison, Tony Calleja, Nikki Valdez Castillo, Luka Gabriel, Matthew Crook, Frank Giarrusso, Margaret Wilson, Wendy Riley, Rita Cruice, Dick Cruice, Ian McGuire, Matthew Englis, Brenda Ring, Patricia Humphreys, Chris Hacking, Deb Rasmussen, Tonia Desanti, Rosemary Roylance, Pat Stagliano, Jo Litchfield, Pam Provost, John Flaherty, Miguel Macasaet, Hale Azucera, Renato Borromeo, Joseph Penny, Philip (PC) Wilson, Allan Watkins, Heath Smith, Geraldine Dyer 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, Violet Crasto, Timoteo Borromeo Jr, Renato Borromeo, Angela Gatt.

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



NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY RECONCILIATION TIME

Due to the increasing number of parishioners for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are pleased to announce an additional regular time for Confession.



Reconciliation will now also be available every 3rd Friday of the month, following Adoration and Morning Prayer until 9.45am.

We invite everyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to make use of this additional opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming you.



BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

An Invitation for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

RCIA is for:

- Those who have never been baptised.
- Those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and are interested in becoming Catholic.
- Baptised Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like to reconnect with their faith.

If you are curious about the Catholic faith or are considering becoming part of the Catholic Church, we warmly invite you to Come and See by joining our RCIA group. **Everyone is welcome.**

Fortnightly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, beginning in August, at the Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre. For further information, please telephone the Parish Office on 5558 0120.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



Planned Giving envelopes are now available at all church entrances. Contact the Parish Office if you cannot locate your envelopes or you wish to stop receiving them. We also encourage direct debit or credit as a simple, reliable way to support the parish. We thank all parishioners for their continued generosity, which sustains our mission and community.

Blessings Parish Finance Council.

PARISH LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday 6 August 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12.00 noon start
VENUE: Burleigh Sports Club
111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters
CONTACT: Due to limited seating, please confirm attendance with **Val Litchfield** 0423 650 062.



60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We joyfully congratulate **Victor** and **Margaret Grima** on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them with health, happiness, and the grace of many more years together.



GATHERING

***Come to the water you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!***

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy;
goodness and peace in your heart! **(Refrain)**

Just as the heavens are high above earth:
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers
all our needs.***

COMMUNION

***Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.***

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. **(Refrain)**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **(Refrain)**

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day. **(Refrain)**

Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever. **(Refrain)**

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. **(Refrain)**

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**RECESSIONAL**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.

***Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God,
the love of God with you as you go.***

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.
(Refrain)

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They ate all they wanted

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Try to find these words:

baskets	late
boat	loaves
crowd	sick
disciples	thousand
fish	towns
Galilee	twelve