

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH

14 Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

CALVARY CHURCH

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ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

2 Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 25 July - St James

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 26 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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)

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 27 July

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 28 July

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 29 July – Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 30 July – St Peter Chrysologus

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

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)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

26 July 2026

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLEY

This Week's Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

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

The readings for this Sunday invite us to think about what we truly value. They show the importance of wisdom, encouraging us to trust God's plan, and to value the kingdom of heaven above all else.

Solomon responds humbly when, in a dream, God asks him, 'what shall I give you?' Solomon seeks an 'understanding mind . . . to discern between good and evil in governing God's people'. Putting others' needs before his own pleases God, who gifts Solomon with wisdom. **(First Reading)**



The **Gospel** also talks about choosing what is most important. Jesus tells two parables describing the value of the kingdom of heaven. We hear how coming across treasure brings someone great joy, while finding the one pearl of great price impels a merchant to buy and keep it. The Psalmist describes God's word as more important than the finest gold: it is true treasure, offering lasting wisdom, comfort and delight.

St Paul **(Second Reading)** assures us that God already has a plan in place for all who love God. Even when life is difficult, God is guiding and shaping us to be like Jesus.

This week, we pray to live each day with the wisdom to know what truly matters, and to let go of anything that holds us back. 'Lord, help us to share the joy of following you, wherever and however we can.'

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-46 REFLECTION

Making sure I'm comfortable yet attentive, again I settle into stillness. In time, I read the passage slowly and carefully, at least twice. I ponder any word, line or image that particularly stands out for me. What is its significance? How is it speaking to me?

Maybe I picture myself in the crowd, listening to Jesus. What do I notice about the tone of his voice . . . the expression on his face? How do I feel as Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps joyful, nervous, challenged . . . ?

In the first parable, the treasure seems to have been stumbled upon, whereas in the second, the pearl has been hard sought. Maybe I sense the joy of finding and recognising the treasure, no matter how long it may have taken.

I reflect on what knowing and loving Jesus, the true treasure, means to me. I ponder the riches he offers. Perhaps there is something I'm clinging on to that I need to let go of so that I can follow him more closely? I pause for a few moments, thanking God for my faith: this sheer gift, given through God's boundless love for me.

I ponder how I can try to make the values of Jesus my own . . . in my life, my community, the world. In what way can I share these values with others? How am I being challenged to be a better disciple? Knowing that I can be totally honest with Jesus, and speaking from my heart, I ask for whatever I need. I end by thanking God for this time of prayer. *Our Father* . . .

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

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY



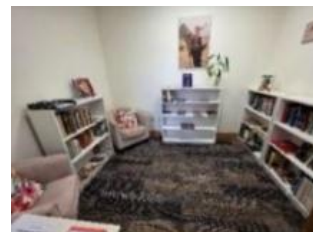
This year Pope Leo XIV shares the comforting message: *"I will never forget you"* (Is 49:15). He reminds us that God lovingly holds each of us close, especially those who feel lonely or overlooked. The Pope invites all of us—young and old—to renew the beautiful tradition of visiting grandparents, elders, and those who have no one to visit them, bringing them the closeness and affection of Christ and His Church.

Prayer

Lord, you are the source of all love and tenderness. Look with kindness on grandparents and all elderly people. Surround them with your care, comfort them with your promise: "I will never forget you." Strengthen them in faith, protect them from loneliness, and make their lives a blessing for the Church and the world. Inspire families and communities to draw close to them with affection, gratitude, and respect. May their prayer and wisdom help bring peace to our world. Amen.

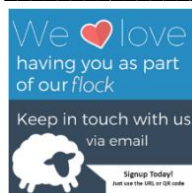
PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

Lots of interesting reading in the July's issue of the **Catholic Leader**. Recently, Fr Jack Ho visited Rome with a small group of parishioners from Childers and had the opportunity for a brief meeting with Pope Leo XIV. Read about the background to their extraordinary meeting. Articles on Brisbane's "Walk with Jesus" through the city's CBD led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and highlights from Pope Leo's recent visit to Spain make for interesting reading as well as updates on events within our Archdiocese and internationally.



As we celebrate **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, we value your presence, wisdom and faith in our parish community.

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



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.

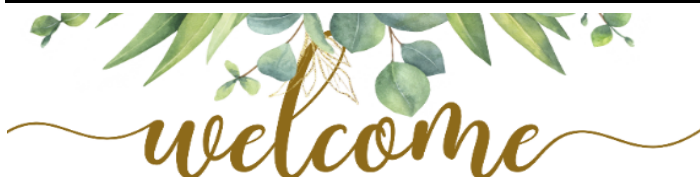
We want to make sure **everyone who wants updates is signed up**.

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 so that our Parish Priest can reach out to you with a formal welcome.

STOPLine Service

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Information can be shared anonymously.

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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 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.

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 the entrances of all our parish churches. If you cannot find your envelope, please check with the Parish Office, as it may have been placed at another church within the parish. If you no longer wish to receive Planned Giving envelopes, please let us know.

We also encourage parishioners to consider direct debit or direct credit as a convenient and reliable way of supporting the parish through regular contributions.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your support over the years through Planned Giving, whether by envelopes, direct debit or credit card. Your faithful generosity enables our parish to continue serving our community, nurturing faith, and building a strong foundation for future generations.

Blessings Parish Finance Council.

HAVE-A-CHATS FAMILY GROUP LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 26 July 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12.00 noon start
VENUE: Treetops Tavern,
7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters
CONTACT: Tricia 5535 7616



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

SPOKEN:

Lord, I love your commands.

SUNG:

Lord, I love your commands, love your commands.

COMMUNION

***Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. ***(Refrain)***

O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. ***(Refrain)***

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. ***(Refrain)***

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RECESSIONAL

Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word 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.***

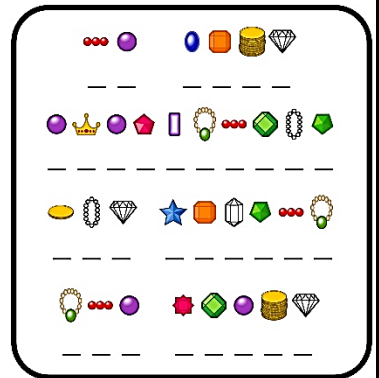
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(Refrain)

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What did the man do after he found the treasure hidden in the field? Use the key below to decipher the code.

**Finding the hidden treasure**

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