

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

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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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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 4 July - St Elizabeth of Portugal

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 5 July - 14th 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 6 July - St Maria Goretti

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 7 July - St Peter To Rot

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 8 July

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 9 July - St Augustine Zhao Rong

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 10 July

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 11 July - St Benedict

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 12 July - 15th 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)

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 July 2026

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Next Week's Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Praise to God, and joy in God's merciful love, justice and peace, are themes which run through the readings for this Sunday. The **First Reading** from Zechariah

describes how God will defeat his enemies and establish himself as king – not through war and aggression, but with humility and peace. The **Psalm** is a great hymn of praise, central to the Jewish faith. It speaks of God's kindness and compassion to all, and offers us the reassurance that the Lord will always be faithful and loving, ready to support and raise us up when we fall.



In the **Second Reading**, Paul reminds the Romans, and ourselves, of what the suffering and death of Jesus has achieved for us. He speaks of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In today's **Gospel**, through his own prayer to his Father in heaven, Jesus reminds us that he is the one who will reveal God to us. Humility and gentleness are the virtues he emphasises; rest and freedom from burdens are the gifts he promises.

GOSPEL Matthew 11: 25–30 REFLECTION

I settle where I have chosen to pray today, and take time to notice how I am feeling. Perhaps I can readily identify with being 'heavy laden', and relish this time for quiet prayer? Taking all the time I need, I come to stillness, aware of God's loving welcome.

As I read slowly through the text a number of times, I notice my response to Jesus's prayer. Perhaps I'm puzzled, or struggling to understand? In what ways do I feel like one of the 'little children' Jesus speaks of? What might Jesus be revealing to me about his Father here? I ponder.

If I am feeling overburdened, perhaps it might help to visualise the things that weigh me down, and bring them with me as Jesus turns to invite me to come to him. He makes a place for me to sit down beside him.

I lay my burdens on the ground, and we look at them together. I listen. What does Jesus say to me about all that I am carrying? What do I most need to learn from him at this moment? I speak freely and honestly with him – as one friend to another.

In time, I prepare to leave the place where I am sitting with Jesus. Perhaps there are some burdens he invites me to leave behind? Or maybe they just feel lighter knowing that Jesus is always there to share the load. I close with a prayer of gratitude and thanks for the Lord's presence here with me today.

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

THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY:

“An itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times.” – St. John Paul II

In the early 60s, Francisco Argüello (Kiko), a Spanish painter underwent a deep existential crisis, realising that his life had no meaning. Eventually, he found his answer in the suffering of the innocent, which is the mystery of Christ Crucified. This experience led him to abandon everything and, following in the footsteps of Charles de Foucauld, he went to live among the poorest of the poor in the Palomeras Altas shanty town.

There the Holy Spirit inspired him to “make Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity and praise where the other is Christ.”

Kiko met Carmen Hernandez in Palomeras, and it was there the first communities were born, founded on the tripod of the Word of God, the Liturgy and Community. Carmen, who studied Theology, had direct contact with the renewal of the Church brought about by the Second Vatican Council. John Paul II recognised these communities as a ‘fruit of the Council’.

The Neocatechumenal Way extended gradually in other archdioceses of Spain, and of Italy and eventually the whole world.

The Way – whose itinerary is lived in the parishes, in small communities – gradually leads the faithful to rediscover the richness of their baptism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly tells us that baptised infants must be given a post-baptismal catechumenate in order to bring the grace of the sacrament to fruition in the life of the person” (article 1231).

We invite you to hear our experience of this charism of the Catholic Church which has been enriching the lives of many for the last 50 years and was described by St John Paul II as ‘an itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times’. May the Virgin Mary who inspired this Way intercede for us, that humility, simplicity and praise may appear among us. Let us all pray that this gift to the parish may bear fruit, fruit that will last!

The catechesis will start at the parish on **Monday 13 July** in **Mary Mother of Mercy, Community Centre**. They will consist of a series of talks that will be held on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from **7 to 8pm**. We hope to see you there to listen to the announcement of the Love of God.

More info about the Neocatechumenal Way at:
<https://neocatechumenaleiter.org/en/>



Catechesis for the Youth and Adults
Mary, Mother of Mercy Church
Mondays and Thursdays 7-8 PM
Starting on the 13th of July in the Church Hall
For more information call Carlo on 0478 727 769

MEDAL OF MERIT TIMOR LESTE

A heartfelt congratulations to two of our brightest, **Bren** and **Sue Milsom**, who were both awarded the Medal of Merit in Timor Leste on 12th June 2026. This award was presented in recognition of their 13year ministry supporting Timor Leste,



Ossu Parish new Church

particularly our "sister-parish" Ossu Parish, Bacau Diocese. Bren and Sue's grandson Zachary received Sue's award on her behalf.

We thank Bren and Sue for their many years of faithful, proactive and productive service in our Burleigh Parish and in Timor Leste. The wonders of what God can do when we keep taking little steps in His direction!



Bren receiving the Medal of Merit



Zachary (on Sue's behalf)

ST CARLO ACUTIS

AUSTRALIA TO HOST
MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC



DISCOVER ST CARLO'S 5 STEPS TO HOLINESS

MONDAY 6TH JULY

SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLEAR ISLAND WATERS

9:00AM MASS W/ MSGR ANTHONY FIGUEIREDO

9:45AM VENERATION OF PERICARDIUM RELIC

10:30AM MORNING TEA

11:00AM ROSARY W/ REFLECTIONS FROM ST CARLO

12:30AM BBQ

1:30AM-4:00PM TALK FOLLOWED BY ADORATION & CONFESSION

9:00AM-4:00PM ST CARLO'S EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Please be advised that the relic will be available for veneration throughout the full duration of the program.

To be transformed into love through the Eucharist



MAP & EVENT DETAILS: STCARLOAUSTRALIA.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, 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 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, Marie Hunt, Julia Grioli, Necita Hickman.

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



NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY invites us as a church to honour First Peoples, give thanks for their deep spiritual connection to Country, and acknowledge their strength and resilience.

This year we also mark 40 years since Saint Pope John Paul II stood on Country in Alice Springs, speaking words of dignity, hope, and truth that still resonate today. As followers of Christ, we commit ourselves to walking together in respect, truth, and reconciliation.



Mass Schedule Change – No MASS Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23 July

Please note there will be no Mass on **Wednesday 22nd July at Palm Beach** and **Thursday 23rd July at Mudgeeraba**. Fr Joseph and Fr Sijo will be attending the **Clergy Convocation**, joining their fellow priests for a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal in their ministry. We appreciate your understanding during this time.



RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT

DATE: Wednesday 15th July 2026
TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm
VENUE: Mary Mother of Mercy Church, **Liturg Room**, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters

The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*), also called the Catechumenate, is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Roman Catholic Church.

An invitation for anyone to attend 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 been 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.

RCIA NEWS

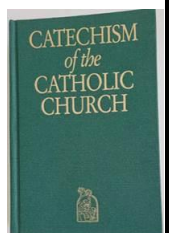
Blessings and a warm welcome to **Denise McCauley** as she entered fully into the Catholic Church through Confirmation at Mary, Mother of Mercy on 3 July 2026.



The **RCIA journey** gently forms hearts in faith, guiding candidates through prayer, community, and learning as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. It strengthens their relationship with Christ and helps them become fully part of the Church's life.

PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

Many of us will fondly remember, from our years at primary school, the little Catechism book from which we learned the fundamentals of our faith. Our library has just received a donation of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, 2nd edition, revised in accordance with the official Latin text promulgated by Pope John Paul II. Now available to borrow from our Parish Library.



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

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASS

GATHERING

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SPOKEN:

*I will praise your name for ever,
my King and my God.*

SUNG:

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

COMMUNION

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord
the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *(Refrain)*

Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf,
declare our oneness in the Lord? *(Refrain)*

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *(Refrain)*

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RECESSIONAL

**Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
the God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
to find a dwelling place secure.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side.
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armor that I need
to wage my battle with the foe.

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ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH MUDGEERABA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER



Question... — ?
who would like to have
a night with great food,
couple of drinks, live
music and a dance or two
with friends?

Join us at the Scortechini Room, under
St. Benedicts Church, Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba
for a night of food, drinks, live music and dance...
and maybe a bottle of French champagne
for the best dancer.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE
2026 CHRISTMAS PARTY

*If you thought,
yes that's me,
then keep reading.*

EVENT DETAILS

BUFFET STYLE FOOD TO SUIT EVERYONE
Pizza, chicken & chips, quiche, salads,
served straight away with live music
from Mike Walsh & Darryl Greer.

BYO BOOZE
Water, tea & coffee
available on the night.

RAFFLE
RAFFLE WITH DONATED PRIZES
\$500 worth of health food products,
bottles of wine, \$100 fuel voucher
Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

**LIVE MUSIC PROVIDED BY
MIKE WALSH & DARRYL GREER**
Free autographs are
available upon request.

OPEN DANCEFLOOR
To be filled with all
you lovely people.

THE COST
\$25
TO BE PAID BY
05/07/2026

Over
\$500
in prizes
to be won!

So, it's time to get those
GLAD RAGS ON,
slip into your **DANCING SHOES**
and listen to some great live music
from your very own parishioner's!

If this sounds like a fun Saturday night out, write your name
and any others who would like to join you, on the list at
St Benedicts Church, Mudgeeraba
or contact Jay on ☎ 0418 254 315,
to add your name(s) to the list for the event.

St. Benedicts Music & Dance Night Out
GOOD FOOD ♥ GREAT MUSIC ♥ FANTASTIC COMPANY ♥ PLENTY OF FUN!

GOANNA'S FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 19 July 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.



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