

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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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 15 August – The Assumption of the BVM

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Miami

5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation – Palm Beach

6.00pm Vigil Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 16 August - Ordinary Time 20

7.00am 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

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 17 August

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 18 August

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 19 August – St John Eudes

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 20 August- St Bernard

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 21 August – St Pius X, pope

9.00-9.50am Adoration, Morning Prayer & Reconciliation – Burleigh Waters

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 22 August – The Queenship of the BVM

8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Vigil Mass - Miami

5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation – Palm Beach

6.00pm Vigil Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 23 August - Ordinary Time 21

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)

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

16 AUGUST 2026

This Week's Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Next Week's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



God's love, mercy and salvation are for everyone. Although the Israelites were known as God's chosen people, the story of their beginning, their time in exile, slavery and rejection is also a story of God's love for the whole of humanity. Each of our readings this Sunday approaches this truth from a different perspective.

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) exhorts us to act with justice and integrity. He foresees a time when anyone who loves and follows the way of the Lord will be part of the salvation covenant. The **Psalm** is a song of praise ringing with this truth, telling of a time when all nations will share in the loving light of God. Paul, writing to the early Gentile church in Rome, describes his conviction that their personal conversion and belief in God will help to fulfil God's promise to bring salvation to everyone, and not just to the chosen people. (**Second Reading**)

Today's **Gospel** presents an uncharacteristically abrupt Jesus initially rejecting the pleas of a desperate Canaanite woman. And yet it is this woman's determined faith and sense of humour that challenges Jesus to step beyond the boundaries of his initial mission, thus revealing the truth that his salvation and healing is for all people – no exceptions.

Let us pray that we will be able to recognise and have the courage to respond to faith expressed in surprising places. We ask too that we will each play our part in revealing God's love to the world.

GOSPEL Matthew 15: 21–28 REFLECTION

As I settle to pray, I reflect back on how my day or week has been. What needs do I have that I want to place before the Lord? Gently I become still as I prepare to read slowly through the Gospel text. After reading the passage a few times, I may like to imagine myself as a bystander, witnessing Jesus as a stranger coming to my town.

What do I see and hear? What do I notice about how Jesus and his disciples relate to this woman who is treated with disdain and rejection? How would I feel in her shoes, hoping desperately for help for my child? How do I feel when I see her pleading on her knees and being dismissed by Jesus? Am I shocked by his initial hurtful response?

I ponder whether I myself or my faith community ever reject people in need. Do I ever notice faithfulness and the love of God expressed in people of other faiths, or of none? How do I respond to that? I share my pondering with the Lord, and imagine praying with him, 'Our Father ...'

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

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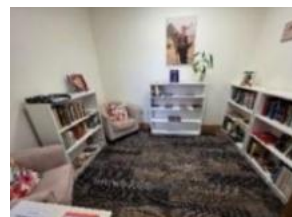
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PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

Lots of interesting reading in the August edition of the *Catholic Leader*, now available in the Parish Reading Room. This month features an article on author Carrie Lock's new book looking at the life of St Mary MacKillop entitled "*Mary MacKillop and the Path of the Foundress*" *launched on her feast day, the 8th August. Also, an interesting book review by Barbara Flynn on "*Pope Leo XIV, A Shepherd for Our Times*" * by Fr (Dr Sajith Cyria SSP which offers insight into the Holy Father's vision for the Church. Read about the support for our homeless provided by Emmanuel City Mission's Night Sanctuary, which will now be able to expand this vital service in the South Brisbane area as a result of committed long-term funding by the Queensland Government. This month we also celebrate the wonderful work of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese, including an article on our own Marymount College. *Both books are available from St Paul's Book Centre, Elizabeth Street Brisbane or email to bookcentre@stpauls.com.au



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

GOANNAS FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 16th August 2026
Time: 11.30am for 12 noon start
Venue: Palm Beach Soccer Club
81 Nineteenth Ave, Palm Beach
Contact: Margaret 0402 834 362

ALL WELCOME



FLOCKNOTE – PARISH DATABASE

Flocknote delivers key parish news, Mass updates, events, and resources straight to your email or phone, with sign-up available via QR code, URL or paper form in all churches.

<https://burleighheads.flocknote.com/register>



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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!



ANOIDTING 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.** These details can only be used through internet banking and cannot be set up in-branch or used for cash deposits. For help with setting up a direct debit, please contact the Parish Office.



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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

On **Sunday, 24 August**, a number of children from our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time.

We ask all parishioners to keep these children and their families in your prayers during the coming weeks. May they come to know God's loving mercy, forgiveness, and peace, and grow ever closer to Jesus through this beautiful sacrament.

"Lord, help these children to trust in Your love and to experience the joy of Your forgiveness."

Thank you for supporting our young parishioners with your prayers and encouragement.

Contemplative Women's Group meets next Saturday 22nd August 1.30pm – 3.30pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. This month, we walk a sacred path with Ruth. Dipping into the writings of Joan Chittister, as well as Páidraig Ó Tauma and Glenn Jordan, plus the artwork of John August Swanson, we will explore the relationship between Ruth and Naomi, and the continuing call to offer hospitality and home to The Other. Please email sue@suethomas.net.au for more information and to RSVP by Thursday 20th August. Join us as we create community in contemplative practices.

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, Bryce Caughey, Kerry Mumby-Faulkner 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, Timoteo Borromeo Jr, Renato Borromeo, Frances Gauci, Milan Cohilj, Miranda Cohilj, Philomena Bugeja, Kilmeny Molloy.

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



GATHERING

*Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name!" **(Refrain)**

Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
Bless God's holy name! **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

COMMUNION

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **(Refrain)**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **(Refrain)**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **(Refrain)**

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**RECESSIONAL**

*All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.*

Break in to song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age. **(Refrain)**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord. **(Refrain)**

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The woman had much faith

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**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.