

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

ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY

Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

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*)

Monday 24 August - St Bartholomew

9.00am Mass - Miami

6.00pm *Sacramental Program* - 2nd Rite of
Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

Tuesday 25 August - St Louis

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 26 August

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 27 August - St Monica

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 28 August - St Augustine

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist

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 30 August - Ordinary Time 22

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*)

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

23 AUGUST 2026

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

Next Week's Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

The prophet Isaiah (today's First Reading) reminds us that God's will is always accomplished. And as we are reminded in the words of the Entrance Antiphon, 'Save the servant who trusts in you', it is God's will that the lowly servant, trusting in God, is to be given the place of honour and authority.



The Psalm might be the voice of that same lowly servant, praising God's wisdom and knowledge for its depth and richness (Second Reading). Though God is beyond all, the servant's call is always answered. God looks to the lowly with faithful and merciful love.

This inscrutable wisdom of God becomes apparent in the Gospel. Jesus chooses Peter, who, despite his human failings, is nevertheless to be a rock and custodian of the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray, this week, that we might trust the unfathomable wisdom of God. We ask that this wisdom, though from on high, might even look to each one of us, with our own fragilities – and that we ourselves might be God's choice to spread the joy of the kingdom here and now.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13–20 RELECTION

It might be helpful to pray this well-known text as an imaginative contemplation. First, I spend a few moments settling myself, becoming quiet and still, and asking for the help of the Spirit who will open my heart to Christ's Word, alive and active and at work in me now.

I read the text to familiarise myself with it. Then I begin, in my mind's eye, to compose the scene. I picture the outskirts of the city of Caesarea Philippi, near the headwaters of the Jordan. Mount Hermon towers in the background. Perhaps I see myself gathered with the disciples in the cool of the evening. We have eaten and are warming ourselves by the fire. A few are in conversation. How am I feeling? What is it like to be here?

There is a lull in the conversations and Jesus takes this opportunity to ask his question. I listen as some give their answers and look to Jesus for his reaction. What am I noticing?

Jesus asks the question again, but this time of the disciples. There is an uneasy silence this time, until Peter gives his response. Again, I look to Jesus's reaction to Peter's confession. How do I feel toward Peter? Toward Jesus?

There follow another few moments of quiet before Jesus turns to catch my eye. 'What about you?' he says. 'Who do you say I am?' What will I say to this? How will I answer? Who is Jesus for me? How do I imagine Jesus reacts to what I say?

I spend some moments of quiet, with Jesus. We are alone now and we look into the embers of the fire. When ready, I close with a word of thanks and with a sign of the cross.

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

PARISH CLERGY APPOINTMENTS AND FARWELL

Appointment of Fr Joseph as Parish Priest



The Archbishop has appointed Fr Joseph as the new Parish Priest of our parish. Fr Joseph has faithfully served our community as Parish Administrator, and we are grateful that he will continue to guide and support our parish in this new role. We congratulate him on his appointment and assure him of our prayers as he begins this next chapter of ministry.

Farewell to Fr Sijo

Fr Sijo has been appointed Associate Pastor to Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish and will be leaving our parish on Monday, 21 September, following his final Mass at Calvary Church, Miami. We thank Fr Sijo sincerely for his dedication, kindness, and service during his time with us. His presence has been a blessing to our community, and we wish him every grace as he continues his priestly ministry.



Appointment of Fr Michael Tran as Associate Pastor



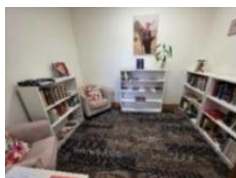
We are pleased that the Archbishop has appointed **Fr Michael Tran** as Associate Pastor to our parish. Fr Michael has been serving at the Cathedral since June 2024, where he has contributed faithfully to the liturgical and pastoral life of the community.

Fr Michael will commence his ministry with us on 21 September 2026. We look forward to welcoming him into our parish and assure him of our prayers as he begins this new appointment. His ministry experience and devotion will be a meaningful addition to our clergy team.

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.**



This weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign, bringing together parishes across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to support local ministries and people in need.

Your generosity helps support our future priests, retired priests, children needing a Catholic education, and those experiencing physical or emotional hardship.

Please take a giving envelope with you today. You can return it next week, place your gift in the collection today, or scan the QR code to give online.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

22-23 August 2026

Empower a child to dream

Your gift to the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund means the world to a child in need. Your gift helps struggling families and ensures children can access a holistic Catholic Education.



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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 wheelchair 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 AND RECONCILIATION – 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 **Monday 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.

HAVE-A-CHATS FAMILY - GROUP LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 23 August 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12.00 noon start
VENUE: Treetops Tavern,
7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters
CONTACT: Tricia 5535 7616



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, Humardani Briosio, Marie Grace Arce, Wally van Peperstraten, Ian Besomo, Wonita Oxenham.

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

FUNERAL MASS for Wonita Oxenham will be held on Monday 24th August 2026 at 1.00pm at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters.

rest in peace

GATHERING

***Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God, who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **(Refrain)**

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of
your hands.***

COMMUNION

***We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come, in your glory, Lord,
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.***

Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people,
and hold them to your heart. **(Refrain)**

Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
the Presence of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart;
Peace beyond all telling,
and freedom from all fear. **(Refrain)**

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everyone's
responsibility.**

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Zero tolerance.
No excuse for abuse.

RECESSIONAL

You are salt for the earth, O People:
salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the Kingdom of God!

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!***

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the Kingdom of God! **(Refrain)**

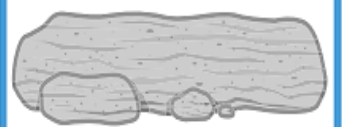
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Who do you say Jesus is?
Write some words which describe Jesus.

Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock on which I will build my Church." Draw your church on the rock below.



What makes strong foundations for the church?
Write your answers on the rock.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

Mt 16:13-20

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