

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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Springbrook

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 12 September

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 13 September - Ordinary Time 24

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 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 16 September – Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 17 September – St Robert Bellarmine

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 18 September

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

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 19 September – St Januarius

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 20 September - Ordinary Time 25

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)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

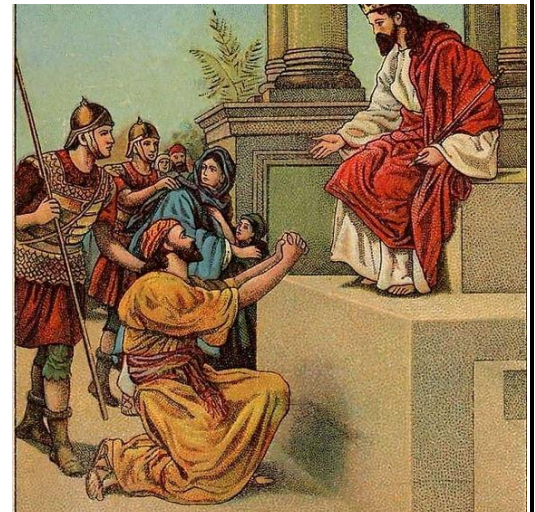
13 SEPTEMBER 2026

This Week's Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Next Week's Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

This Sunday's readings focus on forgiveness, reminding us that there is no limit to God's mercy and unconditional love. We cannot repay God's forgiveness, but we can imitate God's free, unearned mercy by forgiving others with patience and compassion.

The **First Reading** warns against anger, telling us to not keep a record of grudges. Letting go of anger restores peace to ourselves. We are to live by the commandments, overlooking errors and forgiving our neighbour. The **Psalmist** praises the depth of the Lord's compassion and mercy, telling of God's care for us. There is no end to his forgiveness nor love.



St Paul (**Second Reading**) explains that we belong to the Lord both in life and death. Christ died and rose because of his great love for us. We, too, are called to live not for ourselves but for others, showing love and mercy.

Jesus (**Gospel**) teaches about forgiveness through the parable of a servant forgiven a large debt by a merciful king; the servant then refuses to forgive a much smaller debt. Jesus warns that people should not expect mercy from God if they do not show mercy to others. We are called always to forgive others wholeheartedly.

This week, we pray for one another and ask for the grace to forgive, welcoming the healing and reconciliation forgiveness brings. We remember too those who are unable to forgive, and all who are affected by war, violence and unrest throughout the world.

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 21–35 REFLECTION

I give myself time to settle before God, and then read and re-read the Gospel. Perhaps in my mind's eye I talk with each character: the forgiven and unforgiving servant; the fellow servant who did not receive forgiveness; the king; Peter; the other disciples; Jesus himself . . .

How does Jesus's teaching on forgiveness make me feel? How have I felt in the past when I've received forgiveness myself? Perhaps lighter, healed, grateful, restored, joyful . . .?

Jesus implies that there should be no limit on our willingness to forgive. Are there times when I've struggled to forgive others or to show compassion? I share this with the Lord and I listen to what he may say.

I may find it helpful to repeat these words from today's Psalm: It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. Thanking God for these gifts of love and forgiveness, I close with an 'Our Father'.

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

Farewell and Thank You

As we prepare to farewell Fr Sijo, the parish is coordinating a gift as a gesture of our appreciation. Contribution envelopes marked "Fr Sijo's Farewell Collection" are available in all churches and may be returned via the collection plate. This is now the final week to hand them in, so please return envelopes by this **Sunday, 13 September**.

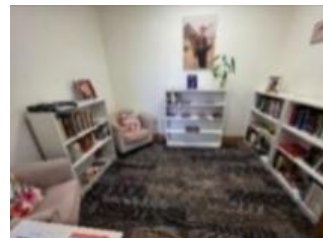


Thank you sincerely for your generous support.

PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

The September issue of *The Catholic Leader* has a comprehensive article on the implications of changes to the Federal Government's immigration policy resulting in international priests falling to the bottom of the visa processing queue. Will Redmond, Brisbane Archdiocese Government Relations Acting Director, "told the Joint Standing Committee on Migration that nearly a quarter of priests serving local parishes were on sponsored visas". * What does this mean for our parish communities?

With a return to very warm weather in recent days, it is a timely reminder to note Pope Leo's prayer intention for September – **For the care of water** – to use this gift wisely and sustainably.



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

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
27-IX-2026

"Even just one of these children"

"Whoever welcomes
one such child in my name
welcomes me"
(Mt 18:5)

EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN

112TH
WORLD DAY
OF MIGRANTS
AND REFUGEES

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026



ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE

Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

WARMLY INVITES COUPLES
WHO ARE CELEBRATING

50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND ABOVE
TO THE ANNUAL

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Cathedral of St Stephen
Saturday, 26th September 2026
11:30am

Family and friends are welcome to attend

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FOR YOUR DISCERNMENT JOURNEY TOWARDS PRIESTHOOD



To arrange a chat scan our
QR code, visit our website at
vocationbrisbane.com or call
us on 1300 133 544



Discernment through Ministry and Formation

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 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

MULTICULTURAL MASS
27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
10.00AM
MARY MOTHER OF MERCY
BURLEIGH WATERS
NATIONAL DRESS ENCOURAGED
**CELEBRATE YOUR NATIVE TONGUE PASSING ON THE
SIGN OF THE PEACE**
**YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR CULTURAL FOOD TO
SHARE
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AFTER MASS.**
ALL ARE WELCOME **BRING YOUR FAMILIES
TO CELEBRATE**

GOANNAS FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 20 September 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12 noon start
VENUE: Tuk Tuk Thai, Easy T Centre
11/514 Christine Ave, Robina
CONTACT: Margaret 0402 834 362
NEW FACES WELCOME



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 Caghey, Kerry Mumby-Faulkner, Bob Peacock, Margaret Fletcher, 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, Ray Dove, Joseph and Violet Deguara, Jim and Carmella Alexiou Deguara, Joey and Margaret Deguara, Judith (Judy) Pignolet.

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



NOTICE: The after-hours entrance to the **Mary Mother of Mercy Columbarium** is temporarily closed due to maintenance works. A notice will be posted when it reopens. We apologise for any inconvenience.

GATHERING

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast'.

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright'.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger
and rich in compassion.*

COMMUNION

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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RECESSIONAL

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **(Refrain)**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **(Refrain)**

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Forgive and forget

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

Try to find
these words:

angry
died
forgive
friends
king
live
money
official
owed
pity
rose
seventy

GOSPEL FOCUS**How many times?**

Peter says, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.