

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

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*)

Monday 21 September – St Matthew

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 22 September

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 24 September

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 25 September

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 26 September – Sts Cosmas and Damian

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 27 September - Ordinary Time 26

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

7.00am Mass - Palm Beach

8.30am Mass - Miami

8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba

10.00am Multicultural Mass - Burleigh Waters

(*Livestreamed*)

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Next Week's Readings: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



As I prepare to leave Burleigh Parish and begin my ministry at Surfers Paradise Parish, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your kindness, support, and friendship throughout my time here. Burleigh Parish was my first pastoral assignment in Australia, and it will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly and making me feel at home from the very beginning.

I offer my sincere thanks to Fr. Joseph, our Parish Priest, for his guidance, encouragement, and support. I am also deeply grateful to all our office staff members and the many volunteers whose dedication, generosity, and hard work make this parish such a vibrant and welcoming faith community. It has been a privilege and a blessing to serve among you.

Although I am moving to Surfers Paradise Parish, I am not going very far, so I hope our paths will cross again. I will always cherish the pastoral experiences, treasured memories, and friendships that I have gained here. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will always remember you in mine.

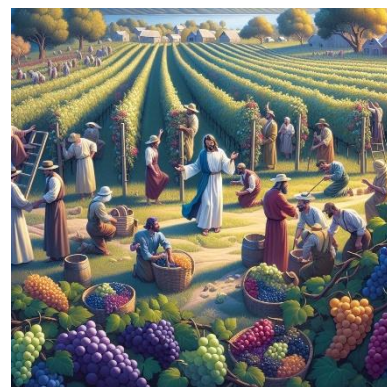
Thank you for everything. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Fr Sijo

This week, the readings focus on God's generosity, even if it is sometimes difficult for us to accept that God's ways are not our ways. In the **First Reading**, Isaiah encourages the people of Israel to seek the Lord and turn to him, so that they can experience his forgiveness and compassion. The **Psalm** promises kindness and mercy to all who call on the Lord.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) speaks of his dilemma. He wants to be with Christ, but also realises that he is needed on earth to continue to preach the Gospel around him. Of two good things, he chooses the better: that is, to remain alive for the sake of the new Christians.

The **Gospel** further illustrates that God's ways are not our ways, and that God's generosity is without bounds. Here, Jesus tells the parable of the vine workers: all will be paid the same amount, regardless of the number of hours they have spent in the field. This story helps us understand that in God's eyes, those who turned to God later in life are worth just as much as those who have followed him from the beginning.



In our prayer this week, we may like to meditate further on God’s unconditional love and generosity for us all, and remind ourselves that his ways are not our ways.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1–16 REFLECTION

Before looking at this challenging parable, I quieten my thoughts, taking my time. Getting in the right frame of mind is a prayer in itself. When ready, I begin to read. I perhaps imagine that I am one of the labourers. I can choose to be a worker of the first or the eleventh hour, or move from one to the other. Perhaps questions arise: Why were they looking for work? Why did some of them arrive later, or were not chosen in the first place? Why did the master keep going back for more workers? There are no right or wrong answers.

I may find parallels to this situation in my own workplace or community, or simply in the media. I spend some time considering how I feel about this. Then I turn to the Lord and speak with him. Maybe I ask him to answer the questions that came to me earlier. I listen to him.

As I reflect, I may come to see the vineyard as a representation of the kingdom of God, and the master of the house as God himself. How does that affect me? Conscious that God’s generous love for me cannot be ‘earned’, I quietly conclude my prayer with my own words of thanks, love and praise.

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

Farewell and Thank You



Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to **Fr Sijo's Farewell Collection**. All donations have now been received, and a monetary gift has been presented to Fr Sijo as a token of our gratitude for his ministry among us. Your generosity and support are sincerely appreciated as we join together in thanking him and wishing him well in his new appointment.

PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

Sydney based, Jacqui Redmond from the Australian Catholic University has been appointed by Pope Leo XIV as an adviser to the Vatican’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Jacqui is an integral ecology expert and is the only Australian member of the team of 12 consultants appointed for a 5-year term. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development was established by Pope Francis in 2016 “to promote peace, migration, economy, health and ecology” * by focusing on our systems of economy, education, health, finance, and transport as well as ecosystems. Read more about the work of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development as well as the many issues and news from local parish communities in September’s edition of **The Catholic Leader**, now available in the Parish Reading Room.

*The Catholic Leader, September 2026, Issue 5705 pg 9



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



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



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

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.



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

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, Margaret Fletcher, Win Rowan, Noreen Andersen, 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, Alphonse Akesa Gabriel, Brian Pocock, Maureen Pocock, Ronaldo Saraza, Bob Peacock.

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** has now reopened following recent maintenance works. We apologise for any inconvenience.

GATHERING

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SPOKEN:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SUNG:

***The Lord is near to all who call him,
near to all who call!***

COMMUNION

***O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me,
in ways everlasting.***

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. **(Refrain)**

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find your there. **(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. **(Refrain)**

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. **(Refrain)**

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The Lord is near to those who call

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Try to find these words:

forgive	money
found	near
generous	return
jealous	turn
market	vineyard
merciful	workers