

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 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)

Monday 31 August

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 1 September

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 2 September

9.30am Mass - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 3 September – St Gregory The Great, pope

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 4 September

10.00am Anointing Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 5 September – St Teresa of Calcutta

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 6 September - Ordinary Time 23

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)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

30 AUGUST 2026

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

Next Week's Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

LET THEM TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME



Today's readings remind us that while we may find ourselves caught between the values of God's kingdom and those of the world around us, we will always have the love of God to protect and uphold us.

Jeremiah laments that answering God's call has led to him being mocked and derided (**First Reading**). Yet despite this, he can still sense a burning desire to speak God's words. The Psalmist, wandering in the desert, thirsts for God's presence, just as he thirsts for water. Recognising the Lord's loving mercy, he is able to raise his hands in praise and thanksgiving.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) reminds the Romans that the life we take on through baptism becomes the inspiration for how we live. Paul encourages them to resist the temptation to conform to the demands of the world as they seek to respond to God.

In the **Gospel**, we see Peter's struggle to embrace fully the reality of Jesus's Way. Soon after being named 'the rock' on which the Church will be built, Peter is still holding on to the values of the world, and struggling to accept what Jesus tells him about the suffering that lies ahead.

This week we pray for those taking up their cross in the service of Christ and his Church around the world. We ask the Lord to keep them safe 'in the shadow of his wings'.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 21–27 REFLECTION

Taking all the time I need, I come to stillness, aware of God’s loving gaze on me. When I am ready, I may like to read the Gospel several times, then set the text aside and enter into the scene in my imagination. Perhaps I watch from a distance . . . or maybe I find the courage to stand in Peter’s shoes, as Jesus rebukes him – and perhaps rebukes me for all the times I, too, have failed to recognise God’s ways . . . the times I’ve relied on my own human reasoning.

What do I see in Jesus? Is he angry . . . saddened . . . frustrated . . . ? If I’m not sure, perhaps I can just ask him to help me understand. I watch now as Jesus turns to the rest of the disciples. How do they react to what Jesus says? How do I feel about what might be in front of me if I choose to truly follow him?

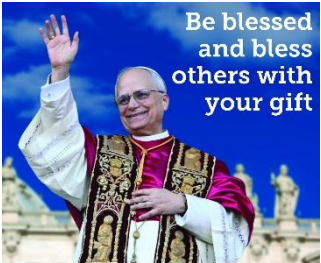
I may recall painful times when I have already been asked to deny myself, and pick up my cross. What was that like? Who, or what helped me through the toughest times? As I draw my time of prayer to a close, I turn again to Jesus and ask him to grant me the grace and confidence to trust him and to follow where he leads. I end with the prayer he himself gave us, ‘Our Father . . .’

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

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 Last weekend, our parish held an appeal for the **Annual Catholic Campaign** in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Shane’s call for support.

If you didn’t get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au.



Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic ministries in our local community.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity.



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The Cathedral of St Stephen
— WARMLY INVITES COUPLES —
who are celebrating 50 years of marriage
and above to the annual

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

 **SATURDAY,
26TH SEPTEMBER 2026**  **11:30AM**

 **THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane**

 *Family and friends
are welcome to attend*



2026
**SEASON OF
CREATION**

EVENTS

ECUMENICAL LITURGY	TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER	11AM	Lychee Garden Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
REFLECTION ONLINE WORKSHOPS	TUESDAY’S 1 SEPTEMBER – 29 SEPTEMBER	9AM	Zoom
SEASON OF CREATION MASS	9 SEPTEMBER	12:30PM	St Stephen’s Cathedral
ART EXHIBITION DIANNE MINNAAR <i>Days of Creation</i>	3RD – 8TH OCTOBER	8:30am– 4:00pm	St Stephen’s Cathedral Precinct



2026
**SEASON OF
CREATION**
Immersion in Living Water
2024-2026

Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/SeasonOfCreation26
for info and to register.
Presented by Archdiocesan Ministries



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.**

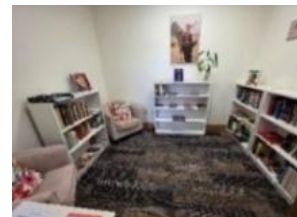
Fortnightly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, beginning in August, at the Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre. For further information, please telephone the Parish Office on 5558 0120.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

Thomas Keating OCSO, author, teacher and monk of the Cistercian Order in the Benedictine tradition, has spent over 50 years in sustained practice and devotion to the spiritual life. The results of his many years' experience are summarized in his book, **"Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit"**. To quote Fr Keating, *"the spiritual journey is a gradual process of enlarging our emotional, mental, and physical relationship with the divine reality that is present in us...."* This publication is now available to borrow from our Parish Reading Room/Library.

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



PARISH LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday 3 September 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12.00 noon start
VENUE: Burleigh Sports Club
 111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters
CONTACT: Due to limited seating, please confirm attendance with **Val Litchfield 0423 650 062**.



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 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, Hendrika Toorenburg, June Dwyer, Ray Dove, Maria Hartnett.

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



GATHERING

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known.
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found,
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*****COMMUNION**

Will you give me your life for ever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Will you love me as I have loved you?***Will you live with me the darkness as I die?******For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.***

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world? **(Refrain)**

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire? **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow 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!***

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! **(Refrain)**

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My soul is thirsting for God

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

Try to find
these words:

cross
fire
good
holy
Jeremiah
Jerusalem
Peter
quiet
rise
sacrifice
Satan
three

