

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH
14 Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach

CALVARY CHURCH
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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

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*)

Monday 28 September - St Wenceslaus

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 30 September - St Jerome

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus

5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 3 October

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 4 October - Ordinary Time 27

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*)

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A/2

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Next Week's Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



My name is **Fr Michael Tran**, and I am very happy to introduce myself to you.

I grew up in a family of five children in Vietnam, and I am the eldest. I also have a sister who is a nun with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation.

The idea of becoming a priest came to me quite early, when I was only seven years old. At that time, I never imagined that one day I would become a priest overseas. But, as we often say, God's plan is not always our plan!

I arrived in Australia in 2017 at the invitation of Archbishop Mark to discern my vocation. From that time, I began learning English and preparing myself for life and ministry in Australia. In 2018, I entered Holy Spirit Seminary.

On 7 June 2024, I was ordained a priest at St Stephen's Cathedral. I have been serving at the Cathedral since my ordination, until the Archbishop Shane appointed me to serve in your parish.

Outside of ministry, I love soccer, I love singing and enjoy going for a walk every day. Now that I am moving to your area, I think I will also need to learn more about fishing, swimming, and surfing—so I hope you will be patient with me and perhaps teach me a few things!

I am very much looking forward to being part of your parish community, getting to know you, sharing our faith together, and serving the parish in whatever ways I can.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Peace,
Fr Michael Tran

The readings this week invite us to reflect on where we put our energies. They remind us that we can only serve our own, deep needs by responding to God's call to love and serve others.

In the First Reading the prophet, Ezekiel, tells us that we will only ever experience the fullness of life if we reject wickedness and pursue what is right and just. The Psalm offers words of great encouragement, reminding us of God's constant guidance and salvation for those humble enough to receive it. We are reassured of his mercy and compassion, should we stray from his path. The Second Reading continues in the same vein, inviting us to reject selfish ambition and pride in favour of humility, sympathy and generosity towards others.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the familiar parable of the two sons to illustrate the difference between mere words and concrete action. He emphasises how status, power and religion mean nothing unless they are used in ways that serve others in God's love.

This week, may we remain mindful of how we might respond to God's call to live a full and meaningful life through service and kindness to others.

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 28–32 REFLECTION

When I have become still, I read the Gospel slowly. I become aware of the vineyards in which God may be calling me to do his work today: in my family, my community, my work, the Church, or other places. I spend some time in conversation with the Lord about where I tend to put my energies; how my everyday actions and priorities respond to his call.

Perhaps there are areas in which I am like the first son, who is reticent or unwilling to say 'yes'. I reflect on what might be driving that response: fear?; cynicism?; cost?; tiredness?; uncertainty?; anger?; or other priorities? I share these reasons openly with the Lord. Then, in quiet, for as long as I need, I listen to his response.

Mindful of the second son, I confront situations in which I have failed to live up to my own commitments, responsibilities or promises. Confident in God's tender love and forgiveness, I reflect on how this has impacted on others and on myself.

Where might God be encouraging me to shift and respond more generously to his invitation to serve him by serving those around me? I turn to the actions of others, giving thanks for those who have supported and helped me, often in quiet unexpected ways. I pray that others, particularly those in positions of authority, carry out their obligations in a spirit of generosity, love, justice and care.

I end with a prayer that the Lord may inspire in me the necessary change, in mind and heart, to serve him more faithfully and humbly this week.

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



Bishop Michael Putney MEMORIAL EVENT

Why Christian Unity matters more than ever.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

DETAILS | 6pm to 9pm | The Hanly Room,
Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St
(Parking available)

COST | \$30 (includes dinner)

MODERATOR | Rev David Busch,
UCA minister at New Farm and former host
of ABC Radio Sunday night Religion Program

PANELLISTS |

- Archbishop Shane Mackinlay
- Bishop Bartholomew
- Ms Kym Korbe
- Major Mark Everitt



Scan code or visit tinyurl.com/BMPMemorialEvent26
for more information and to register.

RSVP MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

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
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27TH SEPTEMBER 2026



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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

"Sunday 27th September marks the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees and Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish acknowledges this day with the celebration of our annual Multicultural Mass. It is a time to give thanks for the contributions of our many parishioners who have come from other lands, often under difficult circumstances, to find a home within our parish. The theme of the day is **"Even just one of these children" (Mt 18:10)**. Pope Leo's message for the 2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, focuses on young people and minors, the most vulnerable group, who, through forced displacement, are caught up in migration which often results in exploitation and trafficking as they make their perilous journeys in the hope of finding safety and belonging. **"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me" (Mt 18:15)**



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

HAVE-A-CHATS FAMILY - GROUP LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 27 September 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12.00 noon start
VENUE: Treetops Tavern,
7 Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters
CONTACT: Tricia 5535 7616

PARISH LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday 1 October 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.



Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for **Morning Tea** every Sunday following the **Mary Mother of Mercy 10:00am Mass** in the **Community Centre**. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, refreshments, and the opportunity to share friendship, fellowship, and conversation with fellow parishioners and visitors. **We look forward to seeing you there.**

GATHERING

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SPOKEN:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Repeat)

SUNG:

**Remember your mercies, O Lord,
Your mercies, O Lord.**

COMMUNION

**We are many parts,
we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share,
may the Spirit of Love make us One indeed,
One, the Love that we share,
One, our Hope in despair,
One, the Cross that we bear.**

God of all, we look to you,
we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world. **(Refrain)**

So my pain is pain for you,
in your joy is my joy, too,
all is brought together in the Lord. **(Refrain)**

All you seekers great and small,
seek the greatest gift of all,
if you love, then you will know the Lord. **(Refrain)**

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RECESSIONAL

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness, have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

**For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free. **(Refrain)**

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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

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