BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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CALVARY CHURCH
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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 14 November
8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 15 November – Ordinary Time 33
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 16 November – St Margaret of Scotland
9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 17 November – St Elizabeth of Hungary
7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 18 November – Ded. of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 19 November
5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 20 November
9.00-9.50am Adoration, Morning Prayer & Reconciliation – Burleigh Waters
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters *(Livestreamed)*

Saturday 21 November – The Presentation of BVM
8.00am Mass – Burleigh Heads

4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15-5.45pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 22 November – Christ the King
7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Installation Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)
5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters *(Livestreamed)*

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15 NOVEMBER 2026

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
Next Week's Readings: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

Dear friends,

Have you ever noticed that when the priest asks for volunteers, suddenly everyone becomes very interested in the ceiling, the floor, or the person sitting next to them? Some people even become experts at looking busy when a job needs doing! And there is always that familiar response: "Father, I'd love to help, but I'm very busy at the moment. Maybe next time!"

Well, this Sunday's Gospel might make us think twice about that excuse!
Jesus tells us the Parable of the Talents. A master entrusts his servants with different amounts of money. Two servants put their talents to work and double what they receive. The third, however, decides to play it safe and buries his talent in the ground. Perhaps he was afraid of making a mistake, or perhaps he simply didn't want the responsibility!

Sometimes, we can be like the third servant. God has given us gifts, but we keep them hidden. We might think, "I'm not good enough", "Someone else can do it", or "I'll volunteer next time!" And somehow, next time never comes!

Our parish is not built by the priest alone. It is built by everyone who is willing to contribute. We need people to proclaim the readings, serve at the altar, sing in the choir, welcome people with a smile at the church entrance, help with hospitality, prepare the church and assist with the many little things that make our community alive.

You don't have to be an expert. You don't need a beautiful singing voice to welcome someone! Sometimes, a warm smile and a friendly "Good morning" can make someone's Sunday.

So, perhaps this weekend is a good opportunity to ask ourselves: What talent have I been given, and how can I use it to serve God and our parish community?

Please consider volunteering. Don't wait until someone asks you three or four times! Come forward, offer your time and share your gifts.

Remember, God doesn't ask us how much we have compared with others. He asks what we have done with what He has given us.

Let's not bury our talents. Let's put them to work! We already have so many gifts in this parish. Now let's put those gifts into action and make our parish an even more welcoming, vibrant and faith-filled community.

Have a nice week,
Fr Michael

ST VINCENT de PAUL BURLEIGH HEADS
CONFERENCE REPORT 2026

The Annual Appeal for the works of our local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference commences this weekend. Envelopes will be available today and over the coming weeks to enable much-needed contributions to our Conference. Envelopes/donations can be placed in the collection plates or forwarded to the address listed on the appeal envelopes (PO Box 128, Burleigh Heads, Qld 4220). Donations via credit card can be made by completing the credit card section of the envelopes. Please indicate if you require a tax-deductible receipt and provide a return address (including email). You can also make electronic deposits to SVDP BURLEIGH HEADS via BSB: 064-786 ACCOUNT: 100025901. Should you use this option, please put your surname as a reference and send an email to is4220@svdpqld.org.au indicating how we can forward a receipt for your donation.

During 2025–26, our local Conference undertook 523 visitations to people in need. This involved assistance to 707 adults and 439 children, with $88,090 in expenditure.

Home visitations to assist the needy remain the core mission of the Infant Saviour Conference at Burleigh Heads. Visits are always made in pairs, and more volunteers are needed. If you have some time to spare during weekdays, please speak with our Conference members and enquire further. You would be most welcome and may find the few hours spent each week giving the needy a hand up most fulfilling and rewarding.

Support for our annual appeal will enable the Burleigh Heads Conference to continue to provide food parcels, food vouchers, health care vouchers, fuel assistance, utility cost assistance, help with education costs, furniture and household goods, clothing and accommodation assistance to those who request a hand up. Our Conference deals with a wide range of pressures, challenges and circumstances that people are facing, and we hope to continue this "work" on behalf of the Parish.

This year, we will again prepare Christmas hampers (including food and gifts) for families finding it hard to make ends meet. Our Conference covers a wide area: Burleigh Heads, Burleigh Waters, Varsity Lakes, Mudgeeraba, Reedy Creek, Bonogin, Palm Beach, Miami, Robina and parts of Elanora, Currumbin, Currumbin Waters, Tallebudgera, Merrimac, Mermaid Beach and Mermaid Waters. Giving trees will be placed in Parish churches at the end of November.

We are very thankful for the past support from the Parish and its community. Without that support, the SVDP volunteer members would not be able to give those in need a Hand Up. Through the Parish Office, we receive continued support for our operations (including operational and meeting space).

We are grateful to the Ruben Pelerman Fund for its financial support and also to both Marymount School communities for their most generous contributions of baskets of food, health packs, financial donations and Christmas gifts for inclusion with the Christmas hampers. The school donations are not included in the dollar value of the assistance given above. Nor are the costs of the clothing from the Vinnies Shops at Palm Beach, Burleigh Waters and Mudgeeraba.

We thank you all most sincerely for any support of our Annual Appeal and for doing your part to help those in need. Your prayerful and practical support is much appreciated.

God bless you all.
SVDP **Infant Saviour Conference Burleigh Heads**



PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

The November issue of ***The Catholic Leader*** is now available in the Library with lots of interesting reading including an article on the opening and blessing of Philermos House by Archbishop Shane Mackinley. Philermos House was established in partnership between Southport Parish and the Order of Malta to serve the needs of the homeless in our community.

Australian De La Salle Brother Mark McKeon, from Bethlehem University, speaks of the increasing hardships faced by students who face restricted movement, economic pressures and violence in Bethlehem and the West Bank.

Pope Leo's prayer intentions for November: "For the proper use of wealth".



The Library/Reading Room is open during Parish Office hours M-F 8:30am to 3:00pm.

CARE AND CONCERN END OF YEAR CELEBRATION MORNING TEA

Care and Concern will hold their last morning tea for the year on **Friday 27 November** following the 10.00am Mass. We hope you will join us in the Community Centre at Mary Mother of Mercy.

GOANNAS FAMILY GROUP - MONTHLY LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday 15 November 2026
TIME: 11.30am for 12 noon start
VENUE: Dog and Parrot Tavern
2 Scottsdale Drive, Robina
Lunch Menu – **ALL WELCOME**
CONTACT: Margaret 0402 834 362



DON'T FORGET!



ANOINTING MASS – First Friday of each month, 10am Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. All Welcome. There will be no Care and Concern Morning Tea in December, and no Anointing Mass in January.



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. 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.

ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY MASS MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH



Additional parking is available on Sundays for Mass, located on the left-hand side as you drive up the hill.

Entrance: Please look for the sign marked "**STOP STAFF ACCESS ONLY**."

Please note that both the access road and parking area are unsealed gravel surfaces.

CALLING ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Our priests are updating parish records for everyone involved in our various ministries.

We kindly ask all volunteers to provide their name, email, phone number and ministry role(s) (e.g. Reader, Communion Minister, Musician, Sacristan).

Clipboards are available in each church to record your details. Alternatively, you may contact the Parish Office privately on (07) 5558 0120 or pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish community!

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY

Advent Reflection Group

Fridays - 4, 11 & 18 Dec - after 10am Mass

Adoration and Reflection

Tuesday 15 December
7.30am Mass, 8.00-9.30am Adoration, Reflection & Benediction;
5.00pm Carols followed by Parish Christmas Party
Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre
(feel free to bring a plate to share)

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service

5.30pm Thursday 10 December (no Mass) - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Wednesday 16 December (no Mass) - Palm Beach
9.00am Monday 21 December (no Mass) - Miami



MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASS

GATHERING

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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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Spoken:
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Sung:
Happy are those who fear the Lord,
Those who walk in his ways.

COMMUNION

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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RECESSIONAL

Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name!" ***(Refrain)***

Listen now, all you servants of God,
as I tell of these great works.
Blessed be the Lord of my life,
whose love shall endure! ***(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, 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, Patricia Cruzado, Suzanne Fullarton, Marnia Ryan Raison, Tony Calleja, Nikki Valdez Castillo, Luka Gabriel, Matthew Crook, 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, Joseph Penny, Heath Smith, Geraldine Dyer, Bryce Caughey, Kerry Mumby-Faulkner, Margaret Fletcher, Win Rowan, Noreen Andersen, Fernando Cruz, Anderson Phan Huong 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.

To keep our Sick and Special Needs list current, names will be included for a maximum of three months. From January 2027, we will begin removing names unless we are advised they need to remain on the list.

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, Pascual Tantengco Jnr, Margaret Graham.

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



If you are a Parish Volunteer or working in the parish the onus is on you to comply with all Archdiocesan policies. Safeguarding training and registration is available online -www.safeguardingaob.com.au If you see any unsafe practice or reportable occurrence, please contact the Parish Office or STOPline Service - 1300 304 550. The Parish takes no responsible for any accidents in the church carpark.