BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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CALVARY CHURCH
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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 7 November
*** No 8.00am Mass Infant Saviour ****
8.00am All Soul's Day Mass – Tallebudgera Cemetery

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

Sunday 8 November – Ordinary Time 32

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 9 November – The Ded. of the Lateran Basilica
9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 10 November – St Leo the Great
7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 11 November – St Martin of Tours
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 12 November – St Josaphat
5.00-5.15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 13 November
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters *(Livestreamed)*

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 32

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)*

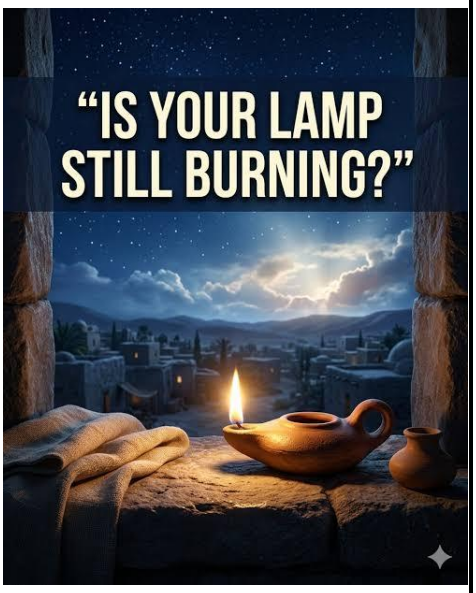
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 NOVEMBER 2026

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
Next Week's Readings: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Keep Your Lamps Burning – Are We Ready?

Dear friends,



November is a special month in the life of the Church. It is the Month of the Holy Souls, a time when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. We visit their graves, light candles, offer Masses and pray for them.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13), Jesus tells us the story of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish and forgot to prepare. When the bridegroom finally arrived, the foolish ones had to rush off to buy oil. Unfortunately, when they returned, the door was already closed!

I wonder what those five foolish bridesmaids were thinking! Perhaps they said, "There is still plenty of time. We can do it later!" Doesn't that sound a little like us? We often say, "I'll pray tomorrow," "I'll forgive that person one day," or "I'll visit my family when I have more time." And before we know it, tomorrow becomes next week, next week becomes next month, and sometimes we never get around to doing it!

Jesus reminds us that being ready for God is not something we can leave until the last minute. We cannot borrow someone else's faith or someone else's good deeds. Each of us must keep our own lamp burning through prayer, love, forgiveness and good works.

The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom (6:12–16) reminds us that true wisdom is always available to those who seek it. Wisdom is not simply about being clever or knowing many things. It is about knowing what really matters in life: loving God, caring for others and living according to our faith.

The Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18) is especially meaningful during this Month of the Holy Souls. St Paul reminds us not to grieve like those who have no hope, because we believe that Jesus died and rose again. Through His Resurrection, death is not the end. We believe that our departed loved ones are in God's hands, and we look forward to the day when we will be reunited with them.

So, dear friends, let us take Jesus' words seriously: **"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** This doesn't mean we should walk around worrying about when we are going to die! It simply means we should live each day well. Don't wait until Christmas to become generous, until Lent to become prayerful, or until someone is in hospital before telling them we love them!

Let us keep our lamps burning brightly through faith, prayer and love. And may the Lord find us ready, with hearts full of love and lamps full of oil. After all, we don't want to be caught saying, "Lord, just give me five more minutes. I haven't prepared yet!"

Have a blessed week,
Fr Michael





Our priests are seeking to update the parish records of everyone involved in the various ministries within our parish.

We kindly ask all volunteers to provide their **name**, **contact email**, **phone number** and the **ministry roles** they undertake (e.g. Reader, Communion Minister, Musician, Sacristan, etc.).

Clipboards are available in each church for you to add your details.

If you prefer to provide your information privately, please contact the Parish Office on (07) 5558 0120 or email **pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au.**

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

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.



COPIES ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

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.

PARISH READING ROOM NEWS

We are grateful for recent donations of reading material to our Parish Library. Our Library has a wide selection of material to assist us in understanding our faith better and bring us to a deeper relationship with our loving God.



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

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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Spoken:
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Sung:
For you my soul is thirsting, thirsting for you,
O God my God.

COMMUNION

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone, may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything. ***(Refrain)***

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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)***

Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
Bless God's holy name! ***(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, 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, Joseph Penny, Heath Smith, Geraldine Dyer, Bryce Caughey, Kerry Mumby-Faulkner, Margaret Fletcher, Win Rowan, Noreen Andersen, Fernando Cruz 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, Ronald James Cale, Bruce Molloy, Patricia Ann Black, Thomas Hill, Allan Watkins, Roland Cramer, Pat Freebody, Paul Tonna, John Gauci, Lewis Pirotta.

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.