

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 20 January – St Sebastian
8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 21 January – Ordinary 3
7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)
5:00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Monday 22 January – St Vincent
9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 23 January
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Wednesday 24 January – St Francis de Sales
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 25 January – Conversion of St Paul
5:15pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 26 January – Australia Day
10:00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

Saturday 27 January – Sts Timothy & Titus
8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 28 January – Ordinary 5
7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami
8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)
5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (*Livestreamed*)

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year B/2

21 January 2024

This Week's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Next Week's Readings: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Jesus spent the first 30 years of his earthly life in relative obscurity. That's a bit curious considering his purpose was one of eternal proportions. The ratio seems off: just over 10 percent of his time spent on the main goal, the other 90 percent in childhood, adolescence, losing his parents when he snuck off to the temple, and an apprenticeship in carpentry.



While that approach is hard to wrap our heads around, when he began that final 10 percent of his life, his focus on and preparation for gathering his team was deliberate and intentional. Perhaps knowing that his ratio of ministry time to lifetime was limited drove him to prayerful consideration and an intentional care in choosing his disciples, in whose hands the future of this movement would be placed.

Imagine my surprise when, reading Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, I saw in those first chapters a picture of Jesus walking down the street, glancing at seemingly random people, and saying "you ... and you and, well, okay you too." Matthew records, "As Jesus was walking ... he saw two brothers" and said, "Come, follow me." Mark, Luke, and John pretty much tell the same story. Either I misunderstood the stories I was told in childhood or I was sold a saccharine story with little resemblance to reality.

The narrative in the first chapter of Mark and John, and in the fourth and fifth chapters of Matthew and Luke respectively, is not Jesus going to job fairs of the Ivy League rabbinical schools, but to the contrary, walking the streets to converse with fishermen mending their nets and tax collectors—men who had been passed over when it came to graduate religious training.

And at least in these chapters, there is no record of periods of prayer or clarity coming in the form of names magically given by God. Just a story, in each of the Gospels, of Jesus walking, glancing, pointing, and calling.

Putting aside the flannelgraph fantasy, let's consider the question "What Did Jesus Do?"

Maybe Jesus selected a group of ordinary, unremarkable people, so that their transformation, because of him, would be undeniable.

Perhaps Jesus, understanding that everyone would expect him to develop his team out of the cream of the crop, was trying to help us understand that his gospel transforms everyone.

Years later, in an attempt to explain the remarkable power, courage, and preaching effectiveness of Peter and John, Luke writes in Acts 4, "People were astonished because these were unschooled, ordinary men."

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Maybe Jesus selected a group of ordinary, unremarkable people, so that their transformation, because of him, would be undeniable. What are we to make of this approach to team selection? Don't underestimate anyone.

While no one would suggest that you ignore talent and competency and character, the Bible is full of ordinary people doing extraordinary things because of what God did through them. The common denominator is not their abilities; it's their relationship with God. Acts 4:13 goes on to say, "People were astonished because these were unschooled, ordinary men who had been with Jesus." We are blinded and misled by the outer trappings of success: resumes, bank accounts, job titles, and physical appearance. But those are not the filters Jesus used to choose.

Jesus did something else remarkable in the selection of his team. Something that flies in the face of the much-touted mentality, "I've been doing ministry too long to work with anyone that I don't have great chemistry with!"

Really? Jesus, on purpose, put these people on his team: Brothers. Relatives? Many leaders today would balk. But Jesus had two sets of brothers on the team. First, Peter and Andrew. Andrew saw Jesus first. He told Peter about Jesus, and yet pretty quickly, Peter eclipses Andrew in terms of attention and "air time" in the Gospels. Second, James and John. They were not just brothers, but brothers with the nickname "Sons of Thunder"—a nice way of saying they had anger management issues.

Thomas. Referred to early on as one who was plagued with doubts and a sceptical nature, he brought a kind of negativity with him. Simon. He was a zealot, of a political party that was determined to see the overthrow of the Roman Empire and the re-establishment of Israel as an independent nation. Most likely he joined the group with the belief that Jesus' mission was similar to his.

Matthew. Sure, the tax collector would be listed right next to the zealot. These guys would not have liked each other. Their political views could not have been more divergent. They no doubt had great disdain and mistrust between them. They probably hated each other. And then there was Judas. Conniving. Conspiratorial. More concerned about money than Jesus' mission.

This was not a team that, at first glance, would inspire confidence. Peter failed—a lot. And very publicly. Jesus seemed to constantly reprimand him. There was rivalry between Peter and John. Matthew and Simon were diametrically opposed politically and, most likely, temperamentally. We're talking oil and water, gas and flame. And these were the people Jesus picked ... on purpose.

Team is a spiritual formation endeavour. Why in the world did Jesus not pick more mature people? I'll let you answer that. I'll let you consider: if your name had been on Jesus' list, what character flaw would you bring to the table? Jesus used teaching, conflict, and difficult conversations to spiritually form his team. He was relentless in shaping them, getting to the root issues under their sin and stretching them into the future leaders of the kingdom of God.

Discipleship, not behaviour modification, is our call as leaders of teams. As a team leader, do you spend more time wishing something was different in each of your people, wishing you had different people, or do you really engage in the difficult, humbling, and long-term work of disciple-making? Jesus made choices that would form a team of disparate people who could barely get along. Maybe that's oddly comforting to you as you look at your team.

This approach moves us away from both a passive posture toward difficult people on our team and the frustration that our people have infuriating and frustrating issues to deal with. We do not overlook their flaws but rather, like Jesus, engage. Team leaders will start deep conversations, allow grace and truth to do their work over time, lean in to conflict, take breaks in between to allow the Holy Spirit to do what only he can do, and re-engage. Discipleship, not behaviour modification, is our call as leaders of teams.

I'd encourage you to take 20 minutes this week to write down the names of each of your team members. Next to each name, list the difficult conversation you have been avoiding. Work to build trust with them, and move toward that conversation, over time, with the humility that realizes this is a two-way street.

Team is the only way to solve issues of great complexity. In years past, many of the greatest advances in physics were made by individuals. Marie Curie and Albert Einstein, for instance, made historical contributions through their work, largely on an individual level. The 2013 confirmation of the Higgs boson particle, however, was the result of a team effort over many years. The complexity at this level necessitated a kind of learning synergy that is only possible when a group of people bring a brilliantly coordinated effort to bear.

So let's go back to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Jesus was clear on the eternal implications of his final three and a half years. Inaugurating the kingdom of God on earth was a complex task indeed, and one of the very first things he did was to gather a team. If anyone could say, "I could do this a lot better if I just did it myself," that would be Jesus, right? Instead he walked and glanced and pointed and called.

Apparently the work of leadership in the kingdom of God is orchestrating a team of disparate, immature people who don't get along, and catalysing that team beyond the skills of any one person. That leads to a kind of disproportionate impact in the world that is worthy of the gospel of Jesus.

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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. There will be no Mass in January, the next one will be 2 February, 2024.

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 – 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.

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.

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.

Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish Ethnic Ministry Groups

Brazilian: 6:45pm every Tuesday - Miami Church
Chinese: 3:00pm every 2nd Sunday of the Month - MMM Community Centre
Filipino: As advertised in the parish newsletter



NEW MEMBER OF THE PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION TEAM! We welcome Madonna Bechaz to the team in the parish office. You will see Madonna at the front desk and she will be instrumental in assisting our administration tasks of this busy parish! Come and say hello to Madonna!

HAVE A CHAT is one of the Family Groups in the Parish to encourage social opportunities and support for parishioners. Parishioners are invited to the next Have a Chat Luncheon at 12pm on Sunday 28 January at Treetops Tavern, Burleigh Waters. New members welcome. RSVP Hans 0410 120 550.

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit the Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish Facebook page! You will receive updates on what's happening within the parish, religious articles and content of interest. 'Like' our Facebook page will keep you notified of new posts and help to promote the Parish page to more viewers.



NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

10AM SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH
BURLEIGH WATERS

Farewell Mass

FOR FR JACK



BURLEIGH PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

Calling all baptised Catholic **children in Year 4** (in 2024) or above wishing to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program this year! Over the course of this year you will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance and First Communion.

Registration Form and information is available from the Parish Office. Please contact pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5576 6466. Registration closes on Friday, 2 February.



BRING YOUR PALMS!! Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is early this year – 14 February! Please bring in your blessed palms and palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday **by Sunday 4 February** and give to the sacristan at Mass who will collect them and return them to the Parish Office. We will burn these palms and palm crosses to make ashes to celebrate Ash Wednesday.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Sue Mulholland, Therese Baggaley, Stella Brown, William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Katrina Kerkow-Hill, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Ron Cale, Kai Colless, Peter Flynn, Anthony Metzen, Hannes Rieck, Quetta Mace, Doreen Kennedy, Bernard Clark, Irene Garland, Caitlin Ibbotson, Edward Tudor, Dick O'Halloran, Lynne Nunan, Petrina Stewart, John Christopher, Deirdre Irwin, Linda Ledbrook, Paul Holford, Leah Bolland, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, John Faye, Chris Grioli the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time, Betty Georgiou, Isabel Little, Mary Cavallo, Margaret Devic, Noel Bugler, Marion McCabe, Daniel McDonald, Annette Carlsh, Karl Nielsen, Vince Karel, Ann Smith, Brian Litchfield. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

GATHERING

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

Shout with gladness, dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **(Refrain)**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make me know your ways. Make me know your ways.
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COMMUNION HYMN

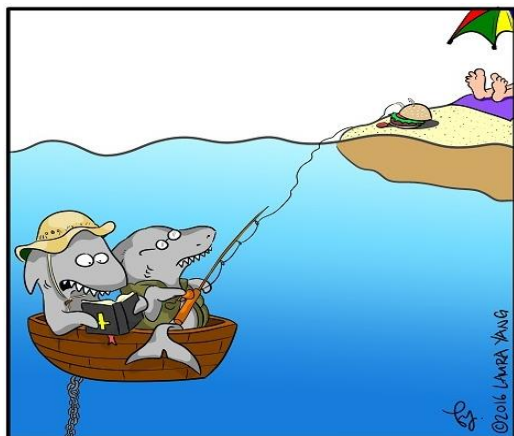
Will you give me your life for ever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

*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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"Somewhere in here Jesus says he'll make us fishers of men."

RECESSIONAL

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?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK
10AM - NEXT SUNDAY 28 JAN

As our school community returns this week, Fr Jack will be blessing all the school bags and backpacks at the 10am Mass next Sunday.

Bring your bags along and begin the new year with blessings!

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The Gospel in a hurry

One of the features of this week's gospel is the immediate response that Jesus inspires from the fishermen as they give up all that they previously knew to follow him. We will see throughout this year of readings that this is characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. This gospel is sometimes referred to as the gospel in a hurry as the writer uses a lot of language that implies haste - "straight away"; "immediately"; "that day"; "at once". Such language is used to describe the movement of Jesus around Galilee but it is also used to describe the powerful reactions people have to him.

Living the gospel

The Good News is here

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: "The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

Believe the good news

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

Try to find these words:

- Andrew
- believe
- boat
- father
- fishermen
- Galilee
- James
- lake
- net
- news
- time
- went