

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	<u>27 January – Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</u>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	<u>28 January – Ordinary Time 4</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
Monday	<u>29 January</u>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	<u>30 January</u>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
Wednesday	<u>31 January – St John Bosco</u>
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	<u>1<sup>st</sup> February – St Brigid</u>
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
Friday	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> February – Presentation of the Lord</u>
10:00am	Anointing Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
Saturday	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> February – St Blaise</u>
8.00am	Mass & Blessing of Throats - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	<u>4<sup>th</sup> February – Ordinary Time 5</u>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

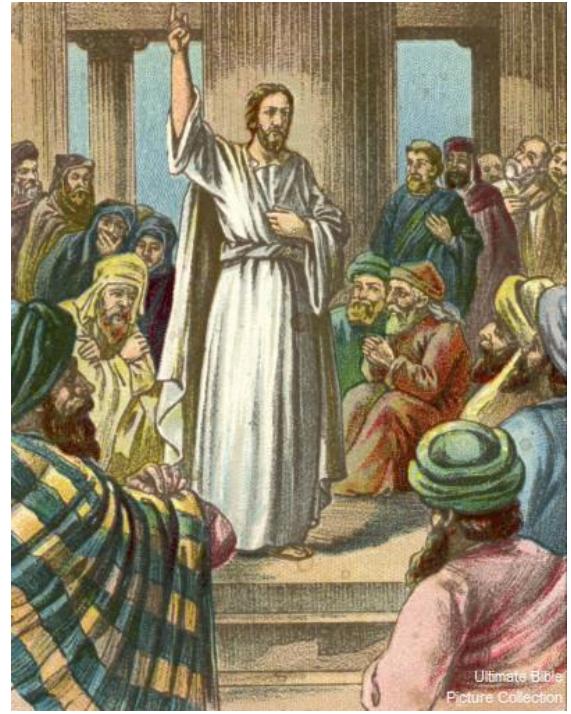
**28 January 2024**

**Year B/2**

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

**Next Week's Readings:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run-of-the-mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.



Ultimate Bible Picture Collection

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with.

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**MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH**  
3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

**INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH**  
4 Park Ave, Burleigh Heads

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

**CALVARY CHURCH**  
Redondo Ave, Miami

**ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH**  
Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba  
**ST TERESA'S COMMUNITY**  
Springbrook

Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make-up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

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#### AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma.

We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

*God of all peoples, Lord of the journey  
who always walk with us,  
in this land you have blessed us  
with the first inhabitants of the land  
who have loved it through the ages:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the settlers  
who made this land their home,  
and forged a nation with their toil:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the many peoples  
of different languages and cultures  
who have found a new home here:  
for them we give you thanks.  
We ask that you make a home among us,  
so that justice and truth may flourish here  
and all Australians may walk together  
into the future you are preparing:  
for that we give you thanks.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



**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.

**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.



## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK

10AM - THIS 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 this Sunday at Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

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

**FAREWELL MASS & MORNING TEA FOR FR JACK** – Parishioners are invited to Fr Jack's Farewell Mass and Morning Tea at 10am next Sunday 4 February at Mary Mother of Mercy Church. Fr Jack leaves us on 6 February to take up his new role as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish serving the communities of Childers, Gin Gin, Mt Perry, Biggenden and Woodgate Beach.

10 AM SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH  
BURLEIGH WATERS

*Farewell Mass*

FOR FR JACK



**BURLEIGH PARISH SCRAMENTAL 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](mailto:pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 5576 6466. Registration closes next Friday, 2 February.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Therese Baggaley, Stella Brown, William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Katrina Kerkow-Hill, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, 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, Des Stuckey, Mary Ann Rogers. 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, Vince Karel, Ann Smith, Brian Litchfield, Philomena Bugeja, Vincent Bugeja, Owen Heffernan, Miriam Licuanan, Bernard Larkin. 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.

## MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASS

### GATHERING

*Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;  
you are the Word who leads us into light;  
you are the Word who brings us through the desert;  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (*Refrain*)

You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;  
you are the one who speaks to us today;  
you are the one who leads us to our future:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (*Refrain*)

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### COMMUNION HYMN

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see has been given to me,  
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment  
has been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

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### THANKSGIVING

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,  
how can I love thee as I ought?  
And how revere this wondrous gift,  
so far surpassing hope or thought?

*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.*

Had I but Mary's sinless heart  
to love thee with, my dearest King,  
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise  
thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing. (*Refrain*)

Thy body, soul, and Godhead all,  
myst'ry of love in bread and wine;  
and in our sharing we are fed,  
guests of God's banquet feast divine. (*Refrain*)

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### RECESSIONAL

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast'.  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live'.  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

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