

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3 February – St Blaise</b>
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
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 February – Ordinary Time 5</b>
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Fr Jack's Farewell Mass & Morning Tea - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5 February – St Agatha</b>
9.00am	Mass - Miami
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6 February – St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7 February</b>
5.30pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8 February</b>
5:15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9 February – St Jerome Emiliani</b>
10:00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10 February – St Scholastica</b>
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11 February – Ordinary Time 6</b>
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> )
11.00am	Mass - Springbrook
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters ( <i>Livestreamed</i> )

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

Year B/2

4 February 2024

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

Next Week's Readings: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

## Fr Jack's Farewell Message



Dear Parish Family,

As I write these words and prepare to bid farewell to Burleigh Parish, a myriad of emotions fills my heart. Even though my time here has been relatively brief, it has been an incredible two and a half years, or more precisely, 934 days.

During this time, it has been an honour and a privilege to journey alongside each of you through the various moments of life. Together, we've celebrated the beautiful moments of new life through birth and baptisms, the joyful moments of marriage, the comforting touch and words during the Anointing of the Sick and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We've also shared in the tender moments of goodbye as we pray for those who have entered into God's embrace. And above all, the ordinary events of ordinary lives that are so much part of the fabric of Burleigh.

Throughout my time here, our two schools – Marymount Primary School and Marymount College, as well as our two cultural communities – Brazilians and the Chinese, have had a special place in my heart and in my ministry. I thank the many people that have played a part in my life in Burleigh, especially to our young people who have opened me to new experiences of life and ministry within your context. I will certainly remember fondly the many encounters, be it deeply spiritual or through those famous 'chicken nuggets' that seems to be so much my identity these days!

I also thank Padre who has been a great companion in ministry and a brother in priestly life. You have shared so much and provided opportunities for me to experience every facet of parish life and the freedom to discover my identity, gifts and talents as a priest and to contribute to the life of the parish in my own unique ways.

As I prepare to bid farewell to this community, I carry with me the many memories created here, they will long be cherished. I have given all that I have. And if my human weakness failed me, then I ask for your pardon. I am excited of the new adventure as I journey to Childers, Gin Gin, Mt Perry, Biggenden and Woodgate Beach. In the vastness of this country parish, new experiences await. And God continues to call me to follow him and continue to uncover the wonders of God's handiwork. Our journey continues, so let us keep each other in our prayers.

Blessings,  
Fr Jack

**And rising very early in the morning while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” (Mark 1:35)**



Many biblical characters spent time in the desolate places or wilderness. Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sainai with Lord without eating food and drinking water while writing down the ten commandments on the stone tablets (Ex 34:28). King David on learning about the impending coup by his son Absalom, who wished to become King, he withdrew to the wilderness and spent many years praying and meditating on God’s goodness (1 Sam 22:1). Prophet Elijah flew into the wilderness crying out to God in anguish because of the death-threats of evil queen Jezebel spending 40 days and nights isolated on Mount Horeb (1 Kg 19:9). The time they spent in the wilderness in isolation helped them to develop a thirst for God. There were no people around, which allowed them to develop their personal relationship with God.

Jesus had a regular, disciplined time to be alone with his Father each day when he spiritually recharged by finding a "desolate place" to spend quiet time with God the Father. His quiet time with his Father was intentional; it was a priority on important moments of his public ministry.

There are various reasons narrated in the Gospel for Jesus’s choice of ‘desolated place’ or isolation, namely;

- to prepare for a major task like the beginning of public ministry (Lk 4:1-2, 14-15),
- to recharge after a hectic day healings and preaching (Mk 6:30-32),
- to work through grief over painful events (Mt 14:1-13),
- before making important decisions like choosing of 12 apostles (Lk 6:12-13),
- on moment of distress before being sentenced to death (Lk 22:39-44),
- to converse with Heavenly Father (Lk 5:16).


A certain quality time and quite space to be with the Lord is very important for a Christian spiritual living. To know and to do the will of God we need to cross-check with God in prayer distancing ourselves from distractions of daily life. Amen.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS	PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES
<p>William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Katrina Kerkow-Hill, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William &amp; 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, Joan Morson, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God’s healing Spirit.</p>	<p>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, Valerie Murphy, Patricia Moy. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested. Etsernal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>

**Jesus is the Good News**

B X E M D V V K I W I U K O F  
 U S H V V C C G A L I L E E E    Try to find these words:  
 L Y O F U H X Z C F Z S O A V  
 W N U S M L G S D P M I M C E    alone  
 H F S R K Q R B Y Q I M W N R    diseases  
 B U E E S I C K Y T Q O Z D L    door  
 Y W P T R H A L O N E N Q O T    fever  
 A J H P X P R A Y H G O O D M    Galilee  
 M Q A E T U N S C S O H M K T    gather  
 G W N D F G Z F C W O R D J B    good  
 Y P Z L E P S G N K R H O J S    house  
 Z O I D I S E A S E S C O Q L    meal  
 U G A T H E R U M K Z F R K C    pray  
 N A O U U D S E D F O C Q V P    sick  
 M E A L T T A F N T C V H E N    Simon



**Have you thought?  
Simon’s Wife?**

*In this week’s reading, it is Simon’s mother-in-law who is healed. This obviously means that Simon is married. However, there is no mention whatsoever about his wife. Is she alive or dead? Do they have children? We have no indication. It is not until the writings of Paul (1 Cor 9:5) that we learn Simon Peter was indeed married and that his wife accompanied him on his travels. Perhaps this visit to his family home was to announce to his wife and family that he had decided to follow Jesus and give up fishing.*

**LIVING THE GOSPEL**

**Prayer**

*In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was ‘long before dawn’ that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.*

## 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



**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.



### BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

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## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**FAREWELL MASS & MORNING TEA FOR FR JACK** – Parishioners are invited to Fr Jack's Farewell Mass and Morning Tea at 10am THIS 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.



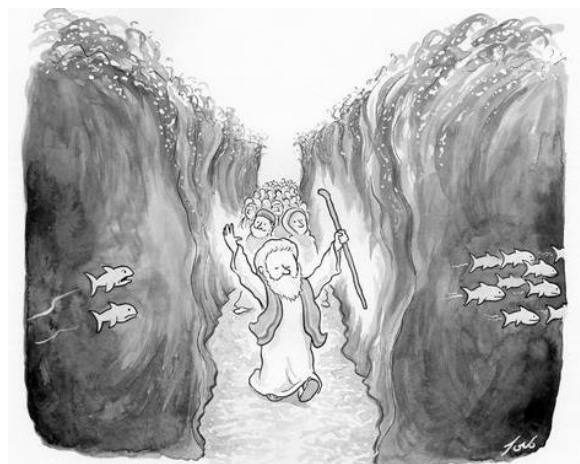
**BURLEIGH PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024** - Calling all baptised Catholic **children in Year 4** (in 2024) or above wishing to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program this year! Over the course of this year you will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance and First Communion. Registration Form and information is available from the Parish Office. Please contact [pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 5576 6466. Registration closing soon.



**LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS & FESTIVAL** – Our Parish Chinese Pastoral Group would like to invite everyone to the 2024 Lunar New Year Festival on **Friday 16 February** at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, commencing at 6:30pm.

Beginning with Mass and followed by a food festival and lion dance performance, it is promised to be another great celebration!

**The Multifaith Advisory Action Group (MAAG)** will meet on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm at the Scortichini Room, St Benedict's Church in Mudgeeraba. MAAG strives to promote understanding and fellowship with other local faith communities. Following a very successful 2023, we warmly welcome all interested parishioners to join us on this occasion. To assist with catering, please contact Parish Office 5576 6466 or Tom & Jocelyn Bourke 0407 140 229.



"Oh, great. Now I'll be late for work."

**GATHERING**

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away;  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry;  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord  
the bread of life to eat.***

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. **(Refrain)**

With joyful lips we sing to you  
our praise and gratitude,  
that you should count us worthy, Lord,  
to share this heav'nly food. **(Refrain)**

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell. **(Refrain)**

You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity. **(Refrain)**

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**THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,  
blessed are the gentle  
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,  
that hunger and thirst after justice.  
Blessed are they  
that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted,  
blessed are the clean of heart  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are you  
when they revile and harm you,  
and speak all evil  
against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful  
for mercy they will find,  
blessed are the peace makers  
for they shall be called God's children.

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**RECESSIONAL**

Take the word of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.

***Go in peace to serve the world,  
in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God,  
the love of God with you as you go.***

Take the peace of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.  
**(Refrain)**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.  
**(Refrain)**

Take the love of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.  
**(Refrain)**

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