

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday	13 April – St Martin I
8.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm	Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm	Mass - Miami
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Sunday	14 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter
7.00am	Mass - Burleigh Heads
7.00am	Mass - Palm Beach
8.30am	Mass - Miami
8.30am	Mass - Mudgeeraba
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
3.00pm	Mass (Chinese) - Burleigh Waters
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Monday	15 April
9.00am	Mass - Miami
Tuesday	16 April
7.30am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Wednesday	17 April
6.00pm	Mass - Palm Beach
Thursday	18 April
5.15pm	Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm	Mass - Mudgeeraba
Friday	19 April
9.00am	Adoration&Morning Prayer - Burleigh Waters
10.00am	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)
Saturday	20 April
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 April – 4th Sunday of Easter
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
5.00pm	Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm	Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 April 2024

Year B/2

This Week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



The gospel opens with the two disciples, who met the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus, recounting their experience: how they recognized Jesus when he broke the bread. Today's scene takes place in Jerusalem. For Luke the gospel began when the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in the Jerusalem Temple. Now Luke's gospel is ending with Jesus' appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem and later their blessing God in the temple (24: 52-23).

For Luke the resurrection fulfills the Scriptures. He stresses that the reality of the risen Jesus was not an illusion, or just a spirit. In the gospel the disciples are trying to make sense of what happened. Jesus' death was a big letdown for those who had hoped he would set Israel free. But then, like the two disciples in the opening verses of today's gospel, his followers began to spread the news that he was alive.

While the two disciples were speaking, Jesus appeared in their midst. He invited them to touch and see that it was truly him. Even more, he ate with them. Pure spirits, or phantoms, cannot be touched, nor do they eat. Luke is emphasizing that Jesus rose in his body. To help their understanding Jesus invites the disciples to recall the Scriptures (e.g. Psalm 22; Isaiah 53, etc.) and the words he previously spoke to them and to see that he had fulfilled their promise.

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There is the lead in for us: the Scriptures can help us come to the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus opens the Scriptures to us too: when we turn to them with grateful hearts and prayers of thanks; when we are startled and afraid; when we come up against roadblocks life puts in front of us; when we have met a dead end and stumble in our faith; when we need our minds open to God and God's ways; when we need our faith bolstered to believe Jesus is risen; when we need to witness to others by our words and the way we live. Christ is risen from the dead and is with us now. For this and more, Jesus opens the Scriptures to us.

Here is something to ponder: what if we didn't have Easter? What if we didn't believe in the resurrection? We would not be Christian. If we were, it would be more like belonging to a social club with like-minded folks. There would be no saints present, or past, to imitate, admire and pray through. Death would be the end, a tragic conclusion to our lives. Whatever good we did would mostly dissolve when we died. Without the resurrection what kind of moral system would we have? What about our principles concerning the dignity of each person and our responsibility to care for the least and voiceless in our society - read the Vatican's latest document on human dignity.

But Christ did rise from the dead and all things are not as they first appear, because God is at work in our world, even if we do not always understand how and where. Believing in the resurrection sustains our faith and increases our love of God. Our hope for what we do not yet see sustains our patience and empowers the particular works we do for the reign of God. The violence and darkness in our world seems to contradict our faith. But we have Easter and we believe God has overcome sin and death and Christ is alive working in powerful, if sometimes unrecognizable ways. Our hope yields to patience in the ways of our loving God.

We try to be optimistic in the face of suffering and loss. People attempt to comfort us saying, "Don't worry things will get better. But it is not a matter of optimism, or trying harder. Resurrection is unnatural, it is sheer grace as was the way God created out of nothing.

Resurrection calls us to believe in a God who makes possible what is impossible; not for the sake of show or spectacle, but to save us. We have done nothing, nor can we do anything, to save ourselves. Eternal life is sheer gift.

Saint Luke didn't write this story for those first disciples. The "word of God in the flesh" was right there in front of them: visible, explaining, giving courage, guiding and comforting, asking, "Why are you troubled?" This is the closing scene in Luke's gospel. he was writing for his community of believers in the year 80 or 90; years after this event and Jesus' departure.

Like us, Luke's community had not seen the risen Christ in the flesh, neither had Luke. Like us, they need reassurance that Christ had truly risen from the dead and was among them. Like us, life sometimes overwhelmed them, leaving them with questions, confusion and doubts. Luke needed to show his contemporaries how their faith could be strengthened; how Jesus wasn't a past tense phenomenon, merely a great historical figure, now long gone.

There in the Scriptures, guided by the Spirit, we discover our Easter God, who transforms frightened disciples into bold witnesses, willing to die for their Lord. just as he instructed those first disciples. Through the Scriptures the Spirit, who raised Jesus to new life and instructed the first disciples, beckons us to leave the safety of the tried and true and trust in Christ's invitation to proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins to all the nations.

Have we considered turning to the Scriptures during this Easter season to deepen our faith in the resurrected Christ? No historical "proof" is going to convince us that through Jesus' death and resurrection God has fulfilled God's promises. Luke tells us that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." We pray for his Spirit to do the same for us so that we, like the first disciples, can become "witnesses of these things."



Join us for our **RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) Networking workshops – Truth telling, Where to, From Now**, for Parishes and Communities across the Archdiocese.

As we navigate post referendum, these workshops will provide an opportunity for Parishes and Communities to recommit to Reconciliation.

It is a chance to come together and work on a way forward to chart a path to deliver meaningful results through our RAP by:

- Supporting RAP initiatives that promote truth-telling and reconciliation.
- Engaging in actions that build bridges and true reconciliation, respect and unity.
- Sharing ideas, resources, and tools to engage with parishes and communities to action the RAP deliverables and developing a support network.

With special Guest Speaker, **Cheryl Buchanan – Proud Guwamu Woman** from Southwest Queensland. Cheryl is a renowned publisher, playwright, author, speaker, director, teacher, lecturer and traditional dancer.

Date: Saturday 04th May 202

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Calvary Church Atrium, Burleigh Heads Parish, Cnr Santa Monica and Redondo Drv, Miami.

Cost: Gold coin donation on the day – all proceeds will go towards supporting Cherbourg Catholic Community.

Morning tea, afternoon tea and a light lunch will be provided.

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 – 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



AN INVITATION TO MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR CONSECRATED LIFE. The promotion of vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to religious life is essential for the Church's present and future. To offer some encouragement to young men and women on their journey of

discernment, the Archbishop is hosting dinner on two evenings in April and May.

Any single men and women in our Parish who would be open to an invitation, please contact Padre at the Parish Office.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

Do you have a connection to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen?
Have you or your family celebrated Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion in the Cathedral?
Were you part of our Rite of Election this year?

You are invited to Celebrate 150 Years of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen

**Sunday 21 April 2024
@ 10:00am Mass
Cathedral of St Stephen**

rsop: Thursday 18 April 2024
e: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
t: 3324 3030



PARISH AGED CARE MINISTRY



We are seeking volunteers to join our parish team to visit nursing homes in our parish – take communion and to visit.

We will also run our Aged Care Ministry Course in May 2024. Please let the parish office know if you can spare a few hours per week and share in this wonderful ministry.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

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, Chris Grioli, Des Stuckey, Mary Ann Rogers, Joan Morson, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie 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, Viviane Haddad, Teresa Borg, Jack McGrath, Phyllis Byrne, Alice & Patrick Shannon, Margaret Kennedy, Dorothy Anna Young, Brian Dunlea, Lilia Santos, Barbara Willoughby, Jim Robertson, Maria Pirotta, Darryl Towell. 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrows now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with your evermore"?

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.***

COMMUNION HYMN

This is my body, take now and share.
Deep in the memory of my own prayer.

This is my blood, come drink and live.
In all completeness this power I give.

You are my people, my chosen friends,
come share the Spirit my Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,
my peaceful presence, gift of my heart.

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THANKSGIVING

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace;
no work too hard for him
in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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RECESSIONAL

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

***Dance, then, wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.***

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John,
they came with me and the dance went on. **(Refrain)**

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