

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 23 November – St Clement I, pope

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 24 November – Christ the King

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 25 November – St Catherine of Alexandria

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 26 November – St John Berchmans

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 27 November – St Virgil

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 28 November

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba
5.30pm Mass – Mudgeeraba

Friday 29 November

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 30 November – St Andrew

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads
4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami
5.00pm Mass - Miami
5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach
6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 1 December - First Sunday of Advent

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)

Blessings to our First Communion Class 2024

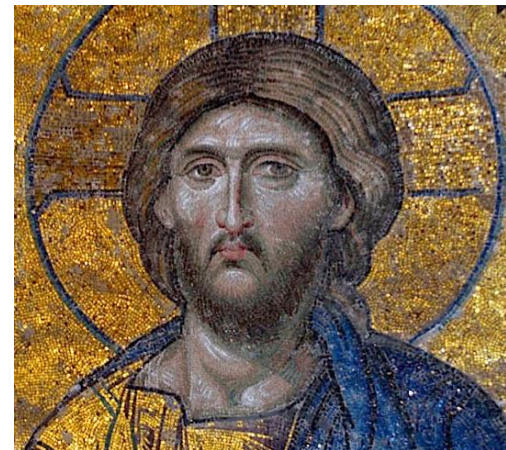
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

24 November 2024

This Week's Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Next Week's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Today's first reading, from Daniel, is from a section of visions in chapters 7-12. In ancient times, as well as our own, people in crisis need hope. Scriptural writers offered that hope in various forms and, as we noted last week, one form is apocalyptic writing. It is a form of literature that, in a large, flamboyant language of dreams, visions and symbols, communicates the hope that goodness will finally overcome evil and that the faithful, despite current struggles and persecutions, will be vindicated by God.



Daniel may be narrating a "vision," but he is not merely sharing a dream he had the previous night with a friend over a cup of coffee. Instead, he is speaking words of hope to his contemporaries. He wrote almost two centuries before Christ to encourage his people not to give in to the Greek tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes IV, who was persecuting the Jews for their faith. Besides the torture and death threatened by Antiochus, there were Jews who were attracted by the allure of the pagan Greek world's philosophy, culture and science. These Jews were not so much in danger of punishment for their faith, as they were in danger of losing their faith by adopting the ways and religions of the pagans.

The pagan world around them looked very attractive and so they were drawn to the gods who seemed to be the reason for the power, splendour and success of the dominant Greeks. Each age has its power and attractions to draw believers away from the faith – especially if the believers are among a vulnerable and defeated minority. Why not go over to the "other side," join the winners and be successful? It makes sense, doesn't it?

I saw my first Christmas display Woolies about two months ago—it was early October. I stared at what was, the first wave of a soon-to-be tsunami of Christmas displays and advertisements. There will be no escape, I thought – stores, t.v., the malls, magazines, internet pop-ups, etc. We may not be under the thumb of the Greek tyrant Antiochus, but commercialism and the materialism it fosters, are oppressive nevertheless, especially for our susceptible youth. They will see and hear ads for the latest and expensive "got-to-haves." Parents will feel the pressures to please their children and so lay out lots of money to satisfy them. But it's not just the kids who will be tantalized by the allure. We adults will be too. And we will put ourselves into debt to worship this pagan deity of the season.

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There are pagan gods all around us that promise us happiness and success – in one form or another. Daniel’s concern for his bewildered and suffering people applies to us as well. Who is going to win this struggle for the hearts and souls of people? Will evil, or the world’s more subtle seduction of our spirits, win out in the end? Daniel doesn’t think so, as he assures us today in his vision of “...one like the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven.” In the court of “the Ancient One” this Son of Man is given “dominion, glory and kingship” over the whole earth. The Son of Man figure will be more powerful than any and all evil earthly rulers. He comes from God’s courts and has God’s dominion and glory. This good rule will not pass the way earthly rule does, but will last forever. Imagine...goodness being universal and lasting forever! Daniel speaks to all who grow weary trying to resist the persistent worldly foes who are against who we are and what we believe.

The early church believed Jesus was this Son of Man. He called himself by that title and referred to his sufferings using that name for himself – “the Son of Man will suffer.” He is also the One who will return on the clouds from heaven. Those for whom Daniel wrote and the early Christians, suffered at the hands of the hostile world. But they were also attracted by its power and allure. It looked like Jesus wasn’t returning right away – if at all – so why not go over to the victorious side? It’s a question we modern believers must answer as well.

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next week, with Advent, a new year and a new cycle of readings begin. Today the readings have an integrity all their own; they are prepared for today. But, I think, today’s feast also starts us thinking about next week and the start of a new church year. As with the civic calendar, the old year is tucked away and we look forward to the one that is coming with hope and anticipation. Maybe I’ll grow spiritually this coming year. Maybe I’ll let go of some debilitating patterns in my life and experience more freedom. Maybe I’ll finally make some resolutions that I will keep! We make new year resolutions at the beginning of January. Perhaps we can make some resolutions for next week’s new liturgical year. We have a week to consider what they will be—something other than going on a diet, or getting more exercise! Save those for January 1st. Choose resolutions that will nourish our spirits, or change a detrimental habit. We’ll bring them here next week, for we know we don’t have to make any changes on our own. When we grow in Christ, we are assured we will have Christ to accompany and strengthen us.

Today’s feast helps our thinking about putting away the past and turning to new life. Today Christ issues again his invitation to us to “...belong to the truth.” He is suggesting to us at this time and place to choose him as the sovereign voice we listen to and that guides our path. Who has had dominion over us this past year? Whose voice or voices did we listen to and follow? Are we better off, more peaceful and reconciled with ourselves and others because we followed those other voices? Better we listen to Jesus today who says to Pilate and us, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Jesus is the fulfillment of Daniel’s vision. He is the Son of Man [or, the Son of Humanity] who reveals God to us, speaks the truth about the world’s misguided values and choices. He does not choose the ways of the world – might, material goods and the flashing lights that attract us. Instead, he says, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Remember that John frequently uses “the world” to refer to those who reject God and who prefer darkness to light. This “world” does not give life, but death; does not choose the truth, but lies. Jesus rules because he speaks the truth and those who search for what is true and good will find and accept him. Jesus is standing before Pilate, but is very unlike him. He does not have an army to summon and fight for him. Instead, those of us who hear his voice and accept his truth belong to his kingdom—where God rules, not by might, but by love.

The liturgical year ends inviting us to once again choose and recommit ourselves to Jesus and his rule in our lives. He reminds us that his voice will lead us to truth and membership into a kingdom of life. The choice is ours—will we serve him, our king, or the world that lies and leads to death?

Dear Parishioners

Here is an email for our **Sister Parish in Timor** from their Parish Priest Fr Jose – we have raised \$AUD7000 of the \$AUD8000 needed:

Greeting in Christ! I hope this message finds you both well. Please extended my heartfelt thanks to Father Morgan Batt, Father Jerry Joseph MCBS, Father Akesh Xalxo MSCC, and all the parishioners of Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish for your continued prayers, friendship, and solidarity. I am deeply touched by your generous support. We are Incredibly grateful for the collection held in honour of the feast of St. Therese and the funds raised to assist with the much-needed repairs to St. Therese Junior high School and the church. We need \$ 5000 (Five Thousand American Dollars) to repairs all of things. Your commitment to our Community strengthens our bond and brings hope to many. Regarding the repairs, I will Promptly obtain a quote for replacing the missing glass panes (Louvre blades) and installing the security bars for the school windows.

Please pass on our gratitude to everyone at Burleigh Heads, and we look forward to hearing mor about the upcoming fundraising event planned for May next year. We keep you all in our prayers, Thanking God for the Blessings of your generosity and friendship.

With prayers and blessings,
 Father José Gonzaga
 St. Therese Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Michael Onn, Jason Hill, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, 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, Warren Wilson, Doug Tronc, Evelyn North, Margaret Russell, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Tom Pritchard, Lee Capri, John Love, Noah Page, Graeme Delaney, Neville Fullarton, Lyn Hundt, Therese Baggaley, Sister Eleanor Marie, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Marcia Tudor, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, Magdalena Gitau, Peter Gannon, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God’s healing Spirit.

*Please ensure you receive permission before placing a name in the prayers list.
 Contact the Parish Office if the name is no longer required 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, Olive Querruell, Joe & Lalotea Gabriel, Charlie and Teresa Borg, Paul Tonna, Bakoivana Bako Petar, John Gauci, Lewis Pirotta, Paul Bonner, Des Stuckey, Fred & Daisy Simons, Beryl, Frank & Ross Gaudry. 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



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.

BRAZILIAN MASS (Portuguese language) – First Tuesday of each month, 7.00pm in Calvary Church Miami.

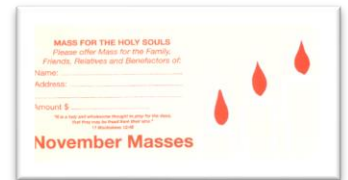
FILIPINO COMMUNITY – As advertised in the parish newsletter.

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.

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

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

There will be **envelopes** available in the churches for you to use if you wish to offer a Mass for any deceased persons.



Simply fill out the envelope and leave it in the collection basket and the priests will schedule these Masses.

PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)

6.00pm Fridays 6, 13 & 20 December - Burleigh Heads

All Day Adoration & Retreat

17 December - All day Adoration; 6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm Retreat, 7.00pm Benediction
Mary Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service

9.00am Monday 16 December - Miami
5.30pm Wednesday 18 December - Palm Beach
5.30pm Thursday 19 December - Mudgeeraba



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Hamper raffle will be on sale this weekend and next weekend at all churches.

*Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be drawn on **Thursday 5th December 2024.***

*Thank you
Val*



HAVE A CHAT GROUP – LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 24th November
Time: 11:30 for Midday start
Venue: Treetops Tavern
ALL WELCOME – Trisha 55 357 616

GOANNA'S FAMILY GROUP

Christmas Breakup
Date: Sunday 8th December
Time: 11.30am for 12 noon start
Venue: Tuk Tuk Thai
Easy T Centre, Christine Ave Robina. **ALL WELCOME**
Enquiries, please Contact Margaret 0402 834 362



Q: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER FOR BURLEIGH HEADS PARISH?

A: YES 😊

Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email Burleighcompliance@bne.catholic.net.au and we can assist you with fulfilling the necessary volunteer safeguarding accreditation requirements and introduce you to a rewarding and satisfying pastoral experience. Thank you.

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.



GATHERING

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
 Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
 King, whose reign shall never cease,
 Prince of everlasting peace.

**Angels, saints and nations, sing:
 "Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary".**

King, whose name creation thrills,
 rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
 till in peace each nation rings
 with thy praises, King of kings. **(Refrain)**

King most holy, King of truth,
 guide the lowly guide the youth;
 Christ, thou King of glory bright,
 be to us eternal light.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is King, the Lord is King,
 the Lord is King with majesty enrobed.**

COMMUNION HYMN

We place upon your table
 A humble loaf of bread
 The gift of field and hillside
 The grain by which we're fed
 We come to taste the presence
 Of him on whom we feed
 To strengthen and connect us
 To challenge and correct us
 To love in word and deed

**We come to your feast
 We come to your feast
 The young and the old
 The frightened, the bold
 The greatest and the least
 We come to your feast
 We come to your feast
 With the fruit of our lands
 And the work of our hands
 We come to your feast**

We place upon your table
 A simple cup of wine
 The fruit of human labour
 The gift of sun and vine
 We come to taste the presence
 Of him we claim as Lord
 His dying and his living
 His leading and his giving
 His love in cup out poured **(Refrain)**

We gather 'round your table
 We pause within our quest
 We stand beside our neighbours
 We name the stranger guest
 The feast is spread before us
 You bid us come and dine
 In blessing, we'll uncover
 In sharing, we'll discover
 Your substance and your sign **(Refrain)**

Musixmatch, Michael Joncas

RECESSIONAL

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
 in the midst of the darkness, shining;
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 Shine on me, shine on me,

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
 fill this land with the Father's glory;
 blaze, Spirit blaze,
 set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow,
 flood the nations with grace and mercy;
 send forth your Word.
 Lord, and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
 from the shadows into your radiance;
 by the blood I may enter your brightness,
 search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
 Shine on me, shine on me, **(Refrain)**

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Marymount Primary School **CAROLS ON THE GREEN**

- THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
- 5PM START
- GRASS BETWEEN DOYLE CENTRE AND POOL
- FOOD AVAILABLE

MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS

- \$5 A TICKET
- 100 PRIZES
- OVER \$12,000 IN VALUE
- HOLIDAYS PHOTO SHOOT/ RESTAURANT/PILATES VOUCHERS & HEAPS MORE
- USE QR CODE TO BUY