

# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **BURLEIGH WATERS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters**
- **BURLEIGH HEADS - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads**
- **PALM BEACH - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach**
- **MIAMI - CALVARY CHURCH - Santa Monica Rd, Miami**
- **MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**



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## Second Sunday of Lent 12 March, 2017

Year A: Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

### A day of rejoicing

It is hard to believe that the Apostolic Nuncio laid the foundation stone on March 6 last year, and twelve months later, after almost 14 months of building, we have arrived at the long awaited dedication of the new central church of this Parish. Words cannot describe the spirit of anticipation that I have experienced in this time, as this long held dream has finally come to fruition.

I vividly remember concelebrating the final Mass at Infant Saviour on 15 August 1999. This church had stood as the centre of the Burleigh Heads Parish since the beginning of the Parish in 1956. There was much sadness on that day and many still bear regret at the decisions that were made at that time. The intervening years have had their difficulties to say the least. However, two new churches were born in that time and now, after years of doubt and questioning, we have arrived at a new day that heralds a new future for our local Church community.

Faith always leads us, and the long days and nights of despondency have passed and God's pilgrim people are able to walk into a new future. This is always the pattern for those who believe, that as we walk by faith, God's promises are always renewed and confidence is reborn.

Last weekend we farewelled the home of the Burleigh Waters community for the past 17+ years. It is a testament to the dedicated band of parishioners who have kept the community "buzzing" throughout all these years of expectation for the building of a church at Marymount. Again, we say a heartfelt "thank-you" to all who have 'set-up' and 'taken-down' the worship space for all these years.

Today, with the Dedication liturgy still vividly in our minds and hearts, we must thank so many people who have brought us to this moment in time. Thank you first of all to our Design Committee, chaired by Chris Kennedy who has met over the years for 60+ times. Thank you to all of the members of that committee for your determination to see the project completed. Our thanks to those who oversaw the sale of the land at Marymount, especially Jim Littlefield and those who assisted him, for without this sale there would be no church. The Parish Finance Council is also to be thanked for their guidance and sage advice to Fr Pat Molony and myself.

Our church building stands now as a result of the creativity and vision of our architect Peter Gardiner and his team from Peddle Thorp. Our builders – Stokes Wheeler have rendered us marvellous service and have had a deep commitment to the project. The various consultants have all given of their skill and advice to ensure we have a quality product. Archdiocesan Services, Property and Building, have assisted us at all stages of the project and we thank David Friend for his support. To every trade who has worked on the building, we thank you and we hope that having been involved in this unique building, you have a sense of pride in what you have offered. To all our artists who have added beauty and depth to the church, thank you for your ingenuity and imagination.

Finally, thank you to you, the parishioners of this large and diverse Parish, for not losing faith in what has turned out to be a rather lengthy process with many stop/starts along the way. Thank you to all who have generously

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 13 March

8.30am Stations of the Cross - Miami  
9.00am **Mass** - Miami  
5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer - Burleigh Heads

### Tuesday, 14 March

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### Wednesday, 15 March

7.00am **Mass** - Miami  
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa  
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 16 March

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
5.15pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 17 March

6.30am Stations of the Cross - Palm Beach  
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach  
9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital  
12 noon **Mass** - Miami  
- followed by Adoration of Blessed  
Sacrament until 2pm  
7.00pm Stations of the Cross - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 18 March

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
11.00am Sacrament of Penance - Miami  
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach  
5.15pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 18 March

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami  
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach  
Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 19 March

#### Third Sunday of Lent

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach  
8.30am **Mass** - Miami  
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba  
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters  
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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supported our furnishing campaign. This generosity has enabled our new church to look complete and with a depth of beauty that should accompany a place for divine worship. Thanks also to our fund-raising committee, chaired by Bren Milsom, who have achieved so much.

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, model and inspiration for us on our pilgrim journey of faith, pray for us, as with God's grace we walk forward, ever with confidence and hope.

*Fr Ken Howell*

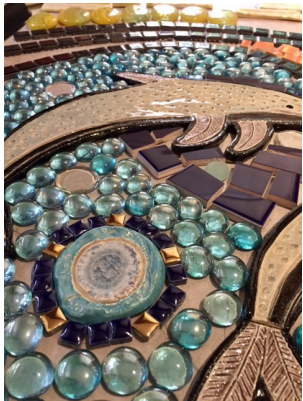
*[A very happy and grateful Parish Priest!]*

The design of Mary, Mother of Mercy Church is a lightweight, transparent nave cradled within an earthy concrete lower structure, itself founded directly upon the rock deep within this site. The nave roof, supported by and bound to the earth by a massive pair of concrete portals, is based around the careful and deliberate placement of the key liturgical elements along a strong central axis. This axis connects the narthex (entry) with the nave (main church space) and the Eucharist (tabernacle) Chapel; architecturally this axis is defined by the two massive roof beams with a skylight between. The light filters through glass inserts in the nave floor to the Columbarium in the basement under the nave; this is both practical and symbolic; a connection from the Columbarium through the nave to the sky speaks of the connection of the living and the dead to heaven above.



*The church was placed upon the steepest most difficult part of the site to preserve the rest of the site for carparking, community centre etc. The location addresses the central open spine between the primary and secondary schools. It was deliberate in the design to place the church squarely within the daily journey between setdown area and schools. It is the most visible part of the site and its location allowed for the parish offices to be located beneath the Church; it also yielded the opportunity to locate the Columbarium beneath the church. The interplay between Church, office and Columbarium became central to the design.*

Peter Gardiner - Architect, Peddle Thorp



### First Nations' Artwork:

The inspiration for this artwork represents the poetic narrative that Pope St John Paul II wrote about our First Nations Peoples.

His revelation of us as indigenous peoples and our spiritual closeness to our land that is intrinsically knit into our connection with God is one of the most profound descriptions of who we are as First Nations Peoples and our divine purpose, chosen to be blessed and placed into our Country and our Islands.

Our stories spoken and shared in families are preserved within the links between our ancestors and us living today – the passing down of knowledge and stories from one generation to the next.

Woven into this work is the local 'Story of Gowonda'. Gowonda, a mighty ancestral being, had striking white hair and was a great hunter – always providing food for his people. Legends spoken say when Gowonda passed on he turned into a dolphin and can be recognised by his white fin. He taught the other dolphins to gather the fish into the beach, so that his people can catch the fish in their nets. It is believed that among every pod of dolphin is a leader with a white fin believed to be a descendant of Gowonda.

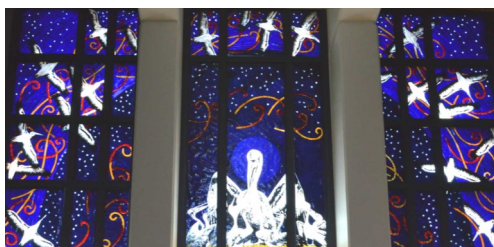
Lisa Sorbie Martin

### Tabernacle Window

An ancient Christian symbol for the sacrifice of Christ is the pelican tearing it's breast and feeding it's young.

This image is a strong reminder of our Lord who suffered and died through his Love for us so we too may have immortal life and by His Passion and death we are redeemed. With the window situated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the pelican symbolizes Jesus who nourishes us in the celebration of the Eucharist.

In the window the vault of starry skies represents God the Creator from Genesis 1:3-5, and the lower half the light of day in the act of the first separation of the elements. The circle of swirling golden bands symbolizes the energy and force of the Holy Spirit, the movement of prayer and song cycling throughout creation.



Circling with those golden bands is a flock of pelicans. This was inspired by the sight of pelicans high overhead riding the thermals above the Maroochy River. With effortless grace and serenity, they circled for half an hour without a single wing beat. In this window they have become a metaphor for the heavenly sphere.

The strong horizontal division reminds us that we are a people who live by the sea and are ever conscious of the meeting of sky and water at the horizon line.

Christopher John



# Parish News and Happenings

- **THANK YOU** to those who have donated chairs for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Unfortunately they haven't arrived in time for the Dedication. Hopefully they will arrive soon.
- **SUNG EVENING PRAYER** during Lent commences 5.30pm, Monday 6 March. Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads. The season of Lent is a time of repentance and spiritual renewal and preparation for celebrating the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum. It is a time of self-denial, turning away from sin and believing the good news.
- The monthly meeting of the **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be held in Infant Saviour meeting room on Monday 13 March at 10am.
- The Burleigh Heads Parish Pastoral Council has organised a **RAFFLE to support the furnishing of Mary, Mother of Mercy Church**. 1st prize is five nights accommodation for up to four people at QT Port Douglas, including return airport transfers from Cairns Airport to the resort and return. 2nd prize is two nights accommodation at Hilton Surfers Paradise for two people, including breakfast, sunset canapes and drinks. 3rd prize is \$100 gift voucher for Coles Myer. Tickets \$2 each, available at all churches. Drawn Wednesday 29 March.
- **CHRISM MASS** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April commencing at 7pm. All welcome.
- **MARYMOUNT COLLEGE MEMORABILIA** - Have you got old photos, or perhaps an article of old style uniform packed away somewhere? Marymount College celebrates 50 years in 2018 and we'd love the opportunity to share as much of our history as possible. Items can be dropped in to the College marked 'Attention: 50 year Anniversary' and clearly labelled with your name and phone number for safe return.
- **A QUIET DAY** - presented by the Australian Christian Meditation community. All welcome. Theme - *Living Fully*. Saturday 25 March, 9.30am - 2.30pm. BYO lunch. The Fort, 199-219 Fort Rd, Oxley. Suggest donation - \$10 - \$15. Please bring a mug/cup for own use. Enquiries Johanna Lawrence - johanna1@optusnet.com.au 3314 1404.

- **Sending people can be more important than sending money** - Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes vital to reducing poverty. If you are an experienced professional, business or tradesperson please consider volunteering. Communities need sustainable development, so prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for twelve months. Information Session: Saturday 18 March, 11.15am, Brisbane Square Library (266 George St). rsvp to joey@palms.org.au or call 02 95605333.
- **THE CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE Team** requires committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. Training Course will be held at Fortitude Valley each Wednesday from 3 May - 22 November from 9am - 3.30pm. A voluntary commitment of eight hours per week is required on completion and graduation of the course. Final date for applications is 21 April. Post to Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, 58 Morgan St, Fortitude Valley, 4006. 3252 5461. cppo@bne.catholic.net.au
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Catholic advocates say Australia's State of the Environment report echoes Pope Francis' call for action on climate change ... Priest says tensions over new Islamic centre fuelled by 'unreal fears' ... Canossian Sister inspiring women across the world.
- **CRAZY WHIST** - If you enjoy a friendly game of cards, Crazy Whist is played in the Infant Saviour meeting room on Tuesdays at 9.30am. All welcome.

## PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;  
☺ = good;  
☺ = hangin' in there;  
☺ = help!

Planned Giving roster this week: Palm Beach

## Family Groups

**Goannas** Sunday 26 March  
12 noon, South Tweed Sports Club,  
4 Minjungbal Dr, Tweed Heads.  
rsvp by 22/3 to David or Heather - 5526 1128.

**Have A Chat** Sunday 26 March  
12 noon, Club Burleigh, 1640 Gold Coast H'way.  
rsvp by 22/3 - Margaret 5520 0286 -  
crowe.margaret@gmail.com

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Kai Thomas Hourigan, Marley James Roy (*Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads*) who were baptised last week.

## FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Leatrice Hazel Harvey who has died in Christ. Let us remember her family and friends in our prayers this week.

*God will raise you up on eagle's wings*

## SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Deanne Allul, Gail Andrews, Ngoc Diep Armstrong, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, John Beattie, Demosthenes Baldovino, Leigh Boulcher, John Boyes, Bruce Brew, Sylvia Brewer, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Deborah Campani, Annette Castle, Madeline Church, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Joan Dale, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Vikki Dwyer, Roger Evans, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Rita Formosa, Des Fox, Lance Fry, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Viviane Haddad, Soakimi Halavatau, Hazel Harvey, Robert Harvey, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Norman Ingle, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Paul Mason, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Patrick McMahon, Betty Murdoch, Jacquie Murphy, June Newdick, Mary Nutter, Heather Oakes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Phil O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Maureen O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Lucky Papas, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Danny Ricciuti, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Dennis Samson, Lito Santos, Helene Scarff, Lina Schembri, Bernie Seeto, William Sheehan, Max Smales, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teeffey, Nemcio Toledo, Lena and Frank Usaj, Gerald Vanrongen, John Walker, Marie Walker, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zandler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

## DECEASED

**Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Barney & Leila O'Rourke, Neville & Alice Burstow, Sidney & Mary Hambleton, John Burge, Pauline McCallum, Philip Ayson, Joe Galea, deceased members of Xuereb & Vella families.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...  
May you find eternal life.*



In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.



# Liturgical Music for Second Sunday of Lent

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

### **Gathering:**

#### **A New Heart For A New World**

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
- we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you - promising hope, promising truth.

Restless, the hearts who yearn for your peace  
in this land. Deepen the dream  
justice brings life, justice redeems.

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## **LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

### **Psalm Response:**

#### **A Trusting Psalm**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,  
this love can never be measured.  
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in God.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God,  
whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in God.

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong  
and love can never grow weary.  
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,  
so let us place our trust in God.

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### **Gospel Acclamation:**

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!

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## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:**

### **Acclamation:**

We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.



### **Communion:**

#### **Come And Eat This Living Bread**

Come and eat this living bread.  
Take and drink this wine.  
Come, be nourished, healed and fed,  
shaped into God's sign.  
Gathered 'round as family  
many are made one.  
Forming love's community  
one we now become.

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### **I Have Loved You**

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you - and you are mine;  
I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you - and you are mine.*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
he will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
he will bring you his care and his love.

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## **CONCLUDING RITES**

### **Dismissal:**

*Please remain standing and in silence  
until the procession has left the church.*



Next week's readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Care & Concern 5576 6318

C W L 5535 8487

Choir 5520 2591

Christian Meditation 5593 3794

Family Groups 0412 606492

Ladies' Dinner 5576 2623

Ladies' Lunch 5576 2623

Marymount Primary 5535 1803

Marymount College 5586 1000

menALIVE Group 0412 270828

Men's Dinner 5576 2623

Ozanam Villa 5507 0800

St Vincent de Paul 5561 4702

TEAMS Married Couples 5522 4880