

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **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**
- **BURLEIGH HEADS COMMUNITIES**
 - **Burleigh Heads - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, Park Av, Burleigh Heads**
 - **Burleigh Waters - Marymount College, Reedy Creek Rd, Burleigh Waters**



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 February, 2017

Year A: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect

One day, a man was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a young person reaching down to the sand, picking up something and very gently throwing it back into the sea. As he got closer, he called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?" The young person paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish into the sea." "Why are you throwing starfish into the sea?" the old man asked. "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in they'll die." "But, don't you realize that there are miles of beach here with starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!" The young person listened politely. Then knelt down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said..."It made a difference to this one."

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of His Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbour, even those who cause us grief and harm.

The motto of the Extraordinary Holy Year was Merciful as the Father. The complete expression is: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful". It is not a slogan for effect, but a commitment for life. To understand this expression well, we can compare it with the parallel one in today's Gospel, where Jesus says: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect". In the so-called Sermon on the Mount, which opens with the Beatitudes, the Lord teaches that perfection is expressed through love, the fulfilment of all the precepts of the Law. From this same perspective, St. Luke specifies that perfection is merciful love: to be perfect means to be merciful. Is a person who is not merciful perfect? No! Goodness and perfection are rooted in mercy. God is certainly perfect. However, if we consider Him in that way, it becomes impossible for people to strive to that absolute perfection. Instead, having Him before our eyes as merciful enables us to understand better what His perfection consists of and it compels us to be like Him, full of love, of understanding and of mercy.

This passage plainly teaches that our attitudes toward other people must be the same as those of our merciful Father. If not, we have no right to claim to be His children. It impresses upon us the necessity of conforming our lives to the qualities and standards of divinity. If we are able to conduct ourselves in a proper manner toward our fellow-man, we need to have the proper attitudes including the desire to love even our enemies.

The Christian way of Life is dynamic not static. It is a call to continual conversion, a call to the perfection of charity. We try to fulfil our purpose; we strive for perfection, by carrying on His life of merciful love and loving even those who do not love us. We also continue His great work of Redemption which He will complete upon His return. Then, the entire creation will be reconstituted by love, made perfect, and handed back to the Father as a perfect gift of love. Let us hear this invitation with living faith: "Be perfect" and learn to walk with Jesus, along the way of Love.

Many blessings,

Fr Dantus Thottathil.

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 20 February

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday, 21 February

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

Wednesday, 22 February

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

Thursday, 23 February

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

Friday, 24 February

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
12 noon **Mass** - Miami
- followed by Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament until 2pm

Saturday, 25 February

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

Saturday, 26 February

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, 27 February

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Doyle Centre, Marymount
5.30pm **Mass** - Doyle Centre, Marymount

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the Universal Church practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the chalice. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host into the chalice if this is your custom.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

re: Royal Commission's final hearings into the Catholic Church

Dear sisters and brothers,

We've come to the second week of the Royal Commission's Catholic wrap-up where the focus has been on seminary training, the ongoing formation and support of clergy and the culture and practices of our agencies – education and social welfare in particular. The week had its ups and downs, but on balance it was positive. It offered a picture of the Church in action today, with the presence of some strong lay leaders who impressed with their command of the issues and their commitment to the Church. They and many like them are a source of real hope for the future.

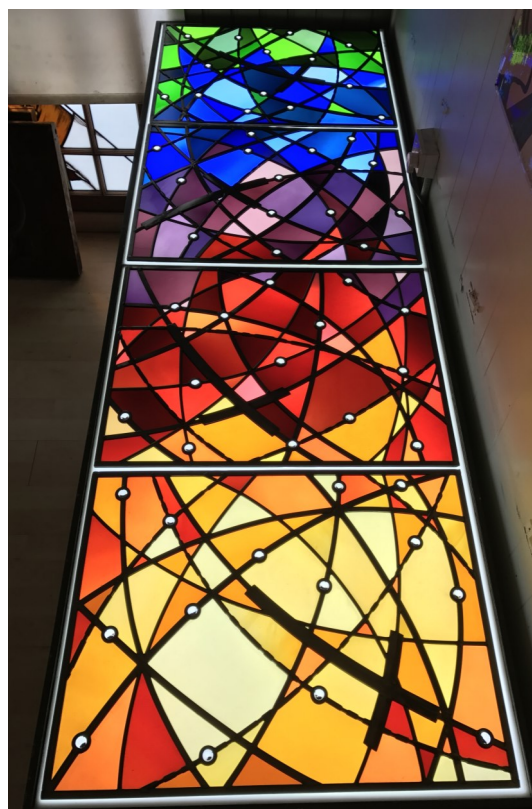
It became clear that efforts have been made to strengthen and improve seminary training, including the screening of candidates. But it was also clear that we still have a long way to go in that area and that there are real inconsistencies between seminaries around the county. Perhaps we have too many seminaries, perhaps the seminary is no longer the privileged place for training that it has been. We also have a long way to go in the area of clergy support and supervision and lifelong training, and here we may need to learn from other walks of life where professional supervision and lifelong training are required and where sanctions apply if the requirements are not met. We have talked about this for a long time, but this week suggests we now need to act. The Royal Commission may help us work how best to act.

We look now to the third and final week when we will consider again what's happening now and what needs to happen in the future. Important questions of Church culture that have emerged in the first two weeks will be explored further, and the Royal Commission will seek to hone the more practical proposals that are likely to come from its long and complex work. Many of you have said that you are praying for me and all involved in the final hearing. That's a crucial part of the mix that will never be found in a Royal Commission transcript but without which our full story cannot be told. The Royal Commission doesn't do God but we do. Grace and peace to you all in Jesus Christ.

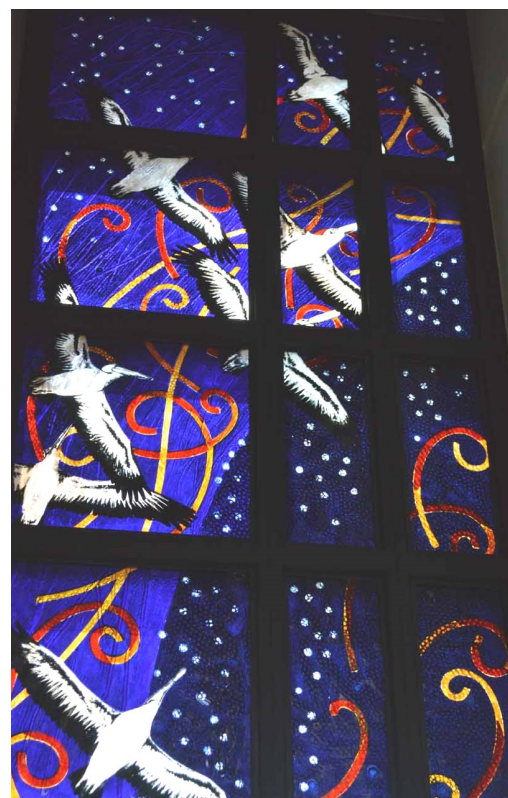
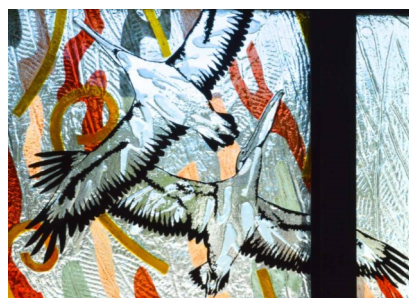
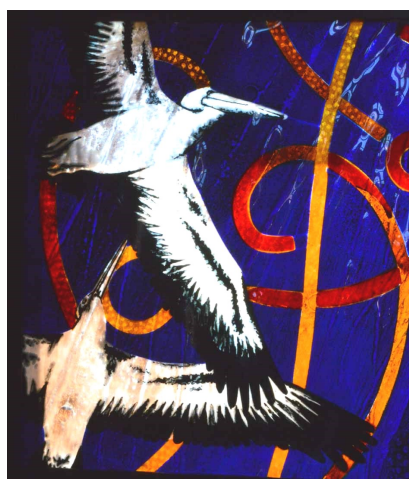
+ Mark Coleridge



- **Gifting options.** As time gets closer to the dedication, the Parish must purchase chairs for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Perhaps this is your opportunity to gift a chair that will be used by people in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A worthy gift. \$300 per chair – we need at least 12.



Four of the fourteen leadlight windows which will be installed in the coming week.



Sections of the stained glass window in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel which was installed last week.

STOP PRESS! Mary, Mother of Mercy Statue has arrived - and it all seems to be in one piece!

Parish News and Happenings

MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY DEDICATION - Friday 10 March, 6pm

We need to know numbers attending for seating and catering purposes by Sunday 26 February.

Please indicate if you are coming on the pink sheet at the door of the church. Transport from the various churches. If you require transport from your local church, please note on the same form and give us a phone number.

Those who have mobility issues are asked to **notify** the Parish Office so that suitable provisions can be made. This will include parking requirements and seating.

All welcome! A great occasion to gather the Parish into our new central Parish church.

- **YOUTH MASS** - Sunday 5 March, 5.30pm. Theme: *Create A New Heart*. Come and celebrate the final Youth Mass in the Doyle Centre. Followed by games, music and food. Singers and musicians please meet at 4.30pm for practice.

- **LENTEN GROUP** - commencing Tuesday 28 February at 6pm in the Parish Office, Executive Dr, Burleigh Waters. From 14 March the group will continue in the Community Centre, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining this group. A contribution of \$10 towards the cost of Lenten resources would be appreciated.

- **EXPOSITION/ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament - Palm Beach Church, Friday 3 March, 9.30 - 10.30am. Benediction at 10.15am.

- The next **MUSIC MEETING** will be held on 22 February, 7pm, 38 Tussock St, Elanora. All welcome.

- **PARISH MEN'S DINNER** - Burleigh Surf Club, Thursday 23 February, 6pm for 6.30pm. Phone Hans 5535 4877.

- **MARYMOUNT COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S TOURS** - Tuesday 21 February, 9am, 11am, 1.20pm. Meet the Principal and Administration Team and enjoy a tour of the College. Bookings essential: tours@marymount.qld.edu.au

- **PARISH WOMEN'S DINNER** - Monday 27 February, 6pm, Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av. Good food, reasonable prices, friendly company. All ladies in our parish, including visitors, welcome. Club courtesy bus within 5kms (book bus through Club on 5576 3177). Further information Margaret 5520 0186.

- **CALLING ALL SEWERS** - Marymount College would appreciate volunteers to lend a hand sewing costumes for this year's Musical in May. Please contact Teagan - tgriffey@marymount.qld.edu.au

- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Fr Tim Harris, appointed to be Townsville's next bishop, talks of his special link with predecessor Bishop Michael Putney ... New seminarians at Banyo a sign of hope ... Fr Frank Brennan talks of his priorities for the poor and marginalised as he becomes CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia.

- **ADULT FAITH EDUCATION** - **Catholicism: The New Evangelisation. How do we proclaim the Gospel with creativity and innovation? Where is the Church alive with a renewed spirit?** This new Adult Faith Series will explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture and is based on Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* lectures. Topics of interest include cultural obstacles, attitudes and questions of faith and morality. Mondays 20, 27 February, 9.30 - 11.30am, Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Dr, Clear Island Waters. Participation is welcome at any or all sessions which will feature a different weekly theme. Gold coin donation for morning tea. Enquiries 5572 5433.

- **2017 DOMINICAN ART EXHIBITION** - An Exhibition by Dominican Artists. Saturday 4 March, 1pm - 6pm; Sunday 5 March, 9.30am - 1pm, San Sisto College, 97 Mayfield Rd, Carina. \$5 entry for catalogue of artists.

- Starting or continuing at Griffith university? Griffith University's Chaplaincy Service is there to help you get off to a good start and reach your goals, within the context of your relationships with God. It provides a confidential and safe place for people of any faith to talk about problems, questions of faith, and how to live in this world. Go to griffith.edu.au and search 'chaplaincy' to find a short video, subscribe to email news or make an appointment. 3735 7113.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 1 March

Mass Times

7am, Burleigh Heads

9.30am, Ozanam Villa

12 noon, Miami

5.30pm, Palm Beach

6pm, Mudgeeraba

7pm, Burleigh Heads

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;

☺ = good;

☺ = hangin' in there;

☺ = help!

Planned Giving roster this week: Mudgeeraba

Family Groups

Goannas Sunday 26 February

12 noon, Miami Rice, underneath Outrigger, 2007 Gold Coast Highway, Miami.

Phone Margaret 5534 2654.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Oscar Lee Boniwell and Rowan Michael O'Dwyer (*Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads*) who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Kamal Rad who has died in Christ. Let us remember his family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

- The Funeral for Jack Robba will take place at Our Lady of Graces Church, Carina (100 Mayfield Rd, Carina) on Wednesday at 10.30am.

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, 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, Denis McNery, 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, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Danny Ricciuti, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Peter Ryan, Dennis Samson, Lito Santos, Helene Scarff, Lina Schembri, Bernie Seeto, William Sheehan, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Nemcio Toledo, Lena and Frank Usaj, Gerald Vanrongen, John Walker, Marie Walker, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, 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: Bako Petar, Janine Kilfoy, John Kilfoy, Una Florence Kilfoy, Les Owens, Kamal Rad, Jack Robba.

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

Liturgical Music for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Let Us Go Rejoicing

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord;
let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

(repeat)

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house

And now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

For the love of my fam'ly and friends, I say:

"Peace be upon you!"

For the love of the house of the Lord.

I will ask for your good.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

The Eucharist Song

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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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Deep In The Spirit

If the Spirit of God lives in you,
sing to the Lord.

Praise him for his goodness.
Deep in the Spirit your song.

I will play for him.
Joy filled is my song.
My life is my melody.
To him I belong.

Deep in Christ I live.
Faith in him my prayer.
When my soul is torn and dry,
faith to sense him there.

Spirit in my heart,
sing for me my prayer.
Deep within my heart I know:
you are always there.

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A VOCATION VIEW

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!"
Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or
religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

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Next week's readings: Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34