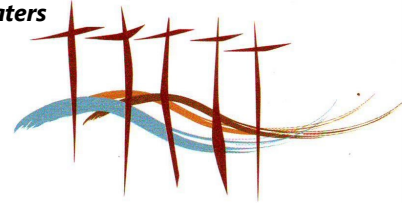


# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **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 - Redondo Av, Miami**
- **MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**



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## Fourth Sunday of Lent 11 March, 2018

Year B: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

next week's Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Recently there have been many calls by media groups and others to strip the Roman Church of her wealth and resources saying that this should all be given to the poor or the government. This is a simplistic view of the complexity of the Church and the vital services she provides for Australians.

As a Church we rarely, if ever, fly our own flag to let others know the good we do. Rather, the Church just simply carries on doing the good work without much recognition or even a simple nod of thanks. We do what we do because of Jesus Christ's command to be in the world bringing justice, mercy and liberty – *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord . . ."*. This is the call of the Lenten journey also.

So how are we to understand this situation? The Sydney Archdiocese has produced a brief video introducing this issue - <http://cathnews.com/cathnews/31505-turning-the-lens-onto-church-s-true-wealth>.

Basically, the Catholic Church in Australia is worth \$30 billion dollars – this is not a secret. This includes all the schools, hospitals, churches, presbyteries, convents, monasteries, retreat houses, churches, homeless shelters, addiction centres, employment offices, welfare places, nursing homes etc. Our own parish is asset rich with a school educating 2400 students, priest units, and 5 churches.

The Australian Government spends each year about \$273 billion on education, health, and welfare. So if the Church were to sell everything and give all its assets to the government this year we could offset the government spending only in 2018 by 40 days – and then nothing ever more. This would mean our 68 hospitals would close, 414 nursing homes would close, child care centres, food shelters, homeless services, disability services, unemployment programs, family support, counselling services, foster and adoption services, churches, and our 1,736 schools representing 765,844 students (catholic or not) would cease. Meaning 220,000 Australians would be unemployed and 5 million catholic people, 3000 priests and 5000 Sisters and Brothers, and hundreds of thousands of others who choose our Church services daily would be left with nothing.

I hope this helps in understanding the vital and worthwhile services and care our Church provides on a daily basis for Australians and others. And furthermore, many of the assets we have, have been given in perpetuity by millions of Australians over hundreds of years in the modern history of this land. Many will not even know this or wish to receive this information but the simple facts are important. Some will even call me naive for writing this. Please watch the video link. We pray for the mission of Jesus in our Church to bring liberty to those who are bound down. *"...but the one who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God"* (Today's Sunday Gospel from John).

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 12 March

8.30am Stations of the Cross - Miami  
9.00am Mass - Miami

### Tuesday, 13 March

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 14 March

7.00am Mass - Miami  
9.30am Mass - Ozanam Villa  
5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Palm Beach  
5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 15 March

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads  
5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Mudgeeraba  
5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 16 March

9.00am Mass - Robina Hospital  
10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 17 March

#### St Patrick

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads  
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami  
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach  
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 17 March

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

### SUNDAY, 18 March

#### Fifth 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  
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters  
5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters

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## HOLY WEEK 2018

- 24/25 March **Palm Sunday** – all Masses as usual
- 26 March 9am 2nd Rite Reconciliation Calvary Miami (instead of Mass, no stations)
- 27 March 7:30am Mass Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
- 28 March 7am Mass Miami (no stations)  
9:30am Mass Oznam Villa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation 5:30pm Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach (instead of Mass, no stations)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation 7pm Mercy Church Burleigh Waters
- 29 March **Holy Thursday**  
No 7am Mass Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads  
1st Rite of Reconciliation 5.00pm St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba  
6pm Mass St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba (5pm Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup> Rite)  
6pm Mass Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach  
1st Rite of Reconciliation 6.00pm, Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters  
7pm Mass Mercy Church Burleigh Waters
- 30 March **GOOD FRIDAY**  
No 9am Mass at Robina Hospital (Mass will resume at the hospital 20<sup>th</sup> April)  
No 10am Mass Mercy Church Burleigh Waters  
10am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Infant Saviour Burleigh Heads (*NB: This is a walk*)  
3pm Commemoration Burleigh Heads, Miami, Mudgeeraba, Palm Beach, Burleigh Waters  
7pm Tenebrae Mercy Church Burleigh Waters
- 31 March **Holy Saturday**  
No 8am Mass Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads  
6:30pm Easter Vigil Mercy Church Burleigh Waters (whole Parish Celebration)
- 1 April **Easter Sunday**  
7.00am Mass at Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads  
7.00am Mass at Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach  
8.30am Mass at Calvary, Miami  
8.30am Mass at St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba  
10.00am Mass at Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters  
5pm Sacrament of Penance at Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters  
\* 5pm Mass at Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach  
5.30pm Mass at Mercy Church Burleigh Waters  
\* 7pm Mass at Calvary Church Miami (the last Sunday Gold Coast Mass)  
\* *These are extra Masses scheduled for Easter Sunday only and to cater for the Commonwealth Games*

Dear Parishioners, the Catholic Church's Liturgy instructs each parish to have only one Holy Thursday Mass and only one Easter Vigil unless for very necessary reasons it needs to have more. Instruction Number 47. *Where pastoral considerations require it, the local ordinary (Bishop) may permit another Mass to be celebrated in churches and oratories in the evening and, in the case of true necessity, even in the morning, but only for those faithful who cannot otherwise participate in the evening Mass. Care should nevertheless be taken to ensure that celebrations of this kind do not take place for the benefit of private persons or of small groups, and that they are not to the detriment of the main Mass.* The ancient instruction is that once a year the parishioners gather as one with their priests on Holy Thursday to celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the celebration of mission and discipleship. And on the Easter Vigil to gather as one with the whole parish to celebrate the Resurrection and the baptism and reception of Adults into the parish community. The full meaning of Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord. Instruction on the Easter Vigil liturgy says 94. *It is desirable if provision were made for several communities to assemble in one church.* We have begun to move toward this under the leadership of Bishop Ken Howell and hopefully we can achieve this one day as a united parish – it's only once a year.

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## MONTHLY PARISH PRAYER

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent. I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust. I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day. Do with me, Lord, as You will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful. I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life. May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all Your faithful. Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent. Humble me so that I may see clearly. Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart. Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord. Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life. Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen. Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love. Strengthen my prayer and make me holy. Help me to turn to You, each day. Amen

# Parish News and Happenings

**The Feast of the Annunciation** usually occurs 25<sup>th</sup> March – nine months before Christmas. As the Feast occurs on Palm Sunday this year and because of Holy Week and Easter Week where no feasts may be celebrated except for the Holy and Easter week, the Feast of the Annunciation is transferred this year to 9<sup>th</sup> April. This is as per instructions in the Church's Ordo.

- **DEDICATION** - 10am Mass on Sunday 11 March will be celebrated to honour the community and its vision in building Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. *Padre*  
**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEN HOWELL**  
*Dear Burleigh Parishioners*  
*You have been very much in my thoughts as you approach the first anniversary of Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Congratulations on all you have achieved and be assured of my prayers as you celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of your central church. I am sure you share my sense of gratitude to God for the blessings bestowed on your Parish through these works for the glory of God. Warm regards, Bishop Ken Howell.*
- **MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - The Pastoral Council met on Monday 5 March and Fr Ladu joined us for the first time. Fr Morgan outlined several items for discussion and insight. The following are a few to note:

## Welcome:

- ▲ We welcomed Brendan Kelly from Miami community to the council.
- ▲ We will welcome Archbishop Coleridge to our parish later this year and will work over the next few months on a program so we can share as much of our parish as possible in the three days of his visit.
- ▲ Looking forward to the Easter Vigil when we will welcome new members to our faith who are completing the RCIA program.

## Build:

- ▲ Mary, Mother of Mercy Church has a few finishing off projects to complete. One example is the space near the piety shop that will now be developed as a parent nook with facilities to change babies and attend to the needs of parents.
- ▲ There is a trial padded kneeler on the front seat near the organ for you to try and give feedback on.
- ▲ Over this year the council will work with Fr Morgan to consider the pastoral directions the parish will need to take for our future role in the community.

## Serve:

- ▲ After Easter there will be an opportunity to consider a program for evangelisation: **Live Christ, Share Christ Movement.**

- ▲ Our parish-school connect Masses will see the Year 6 students serving at the 10am Mass at Mercy Church on Palm Sunday.
- ▲ The Sacramental Program for our parish is up and running with the children preparing for the 1st rite of Reconciliation this month and the program for teenagers to start on 14 March.

- **COME TO VISIT ST TERESINHA'S OSSU AND EAST TIMOR - May 14 - 25 - Expressions of interest.** Burleigh Heads Parish and Catholic Mission offer an opportunity to join an immersion to Timor Leste including our Sister Parish of St Teresinha's Ossu. We have six travelling so far and hope to fill a few more places.

Itinerary has been developed by Catholic Mission. An opportunity to enjoy prayer, friendship and solidarity. Full details and enquiries Sue and Bren Milsom 5522 4880.

- **CHRISM MASS** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen at 7pm on Thursday 22 March.

- **MARCH FOR LIFE** - Sunday 18 March. [www.marchforlife.com.au](http://www.marchforlife.com.au)

- **MYSTAGOGIA RETREAT** - 10am - 4pm, Sunday 15 April, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. A day of prayer and reflection for adults who are recently baptised and adults newly received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Godparents, sponsors, catechists, RCIA Team members and parishioners are also invited to attend. Bring a plate to share for lunch, a pen, journal, hat and sunscreen. \$10 per participant. Contact Sue Thomas [sue@suethomas.net.au](mailto:sue@suethomas.net.au) for more information or to RSVP.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Lennox and Edie who were baptised last week.

## SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, Demosthenes Baldovino, Peter Barnes, Leigh Boulcher, Loretta Brennan, Sylvia Brewer, Noeleen Brown, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Graham Dall, Brian Deere, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Joseph Gardener, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Peter McMurray, John Mooney, June Newdick, Mary Nutter, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Dianne O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Maureen O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Bernadette Petersen, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Imelda Rundall, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Sheldon, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Warren 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:** Katherine Thorburn, Abream Jo, Maria Camenzuli, Joan Dale, Fred Toorenburg, Cesare Fiore, Marie & Noman Boss, John Burge.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...*

*May you find eternal life.*

## LENTEN PROGRAMME

### Stations of the Cross

Each Monday of Lent - 8.30am - Miami (before Mass)  
Each Wednesday of Lent - 5pm - Palm Beach (before Mass)  
Each Thursday of Lent - 5pm - Mudgeeraba (before Mass)

### Friday 16 March

6pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

### Friday 23 March

6pm Stations of the Cross and Twilight Retreat - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Monday 26 March

9am - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Miami (no Mass)

### Wednesday 28 March

5.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Palm Beach (no Mass)

7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters



## PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;

☺ = good;

☺ = hangin' in there;

☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Palm Beach

## Family Groups



**Goannas** Sunday 25 March  
12 noon, Club Burleigh, 1638 Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads. Phone Margaret 55342654

# Liturgical Music Fourth Sunday of Lent

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

#### **Save Us, O Lord**

*Save us, O Lord; carry us back.  
Rouse your power and come.  
Rescue your people; show us your face.  
Bring us back.*

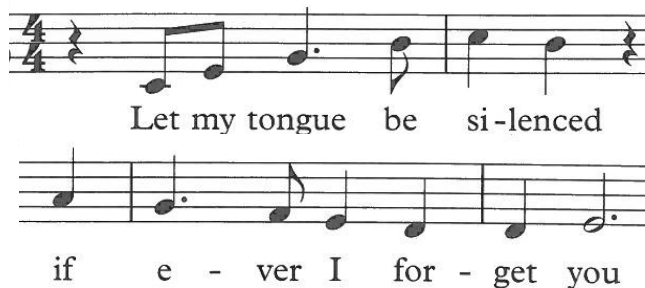
O shepherd of Israel, hear us.  
Return and we shall be saved.  
Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord:  
bring us back.

How long will you hide from your people?  
We long to see your face.  
Give ear to us. Draw near to us,  
Lord God of hosts.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### **Psalm Response:**



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### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If today you hear his voice;  
harden not your hearts.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Acclamation:**

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Communion:**

#### **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 joy and his hope.

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

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### **Thanksgiving:**

#### **Bread Of Life**

*Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.*

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup;  
sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal:**

#### **City Of God**

Awake from your slumber. Arise from your sleep.  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing.  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day.*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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