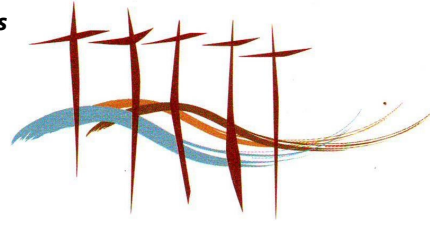




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- **BURLEIGH WATERS** - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters
- **BURLEIGH HEADS** - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads
- **PALM BEACH** - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach
- **MIAMI** - CALVARY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



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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 13 January

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
10.30am Funeral for Raymond Roberts
- Burleigh Waters

Tuesday, 14 January

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
6.30pm Brazilian Catholic Community - Miami

Wednesday, 15 January

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

Thursday, 16 January

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 17 January

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 18 January

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, 18 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, 19 January

Second 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** - Burleigh Waters
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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The Baptism of the Lord 12 January, 2020

Year A: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

next week's Readings: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

For more than two weeks we have celebrated Jesus as an infant. Now once again we begin celebrating Jesus as an adult. Therefore appropriately we begin with Jesus' first public appearance as an adult, his baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.

On the Parish Pilgrimage last year one of the stops was to the River Jordan, where the parishioners gathered by a brown creek which was actually the great river Jordan, and we renewed our baptism promises. Although it seemed surreal and an odd place dispelling all romantic ideas of what the Jordan looks like, it was also deeply moving too as one of the group requested the day before if he could be admitted as a candidate into the RCIA program to then be brought fully into the Church later at Easter 2020 back in the Parish.



It is somewhat ironic, that for most of us as Catholics, the day of our baptism, is not something that we remember. Most of us were infants when we were baptized. Our parents brought us to church. Usually we were dressed up in some special, white baptismal garments. And almost always, lots of pictures were taken. They took pictures of us with our godparents. They took pictures of us with our grandparents. They took pictures of us with the priest or deacon that baptized us. We may not remember the actual event. But thanks to Kodak, and Polaroid, and Nikon, and now the cameras on our phones, we've got pictures to prove the event took place. The pictures make the event that much more real for us, who can't remember that far back.

Of course, as we just heard, at Jesus' Baptism, they didn't need to take any pictures to make the event memorable. St. Matthew tells us today that at Jesus' Baptism the heavens opened up for Him. And He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him. And then of course, there's that loud voice from the heavens, booming across the sky, "This is my Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." You talk about the dramatics of it all! It is interesting that for a baby born in a simple stable, on a quiet night, a silent night. That same baby all these years later, has a pretty dramatic Baptism in the Jordan River.

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UNIVERSITY STUDENT MASS:
26 January, 7pm

Christmas begins with a Silent Night. But the Christmas season ends with God's voice echoing across the sky, telling the world how pleased He is with His Son!

Perhaps we wonder why Jesus requested John to baptize him. Jesus did not have any sins to repent of and the baptism offered by John the Baptist was for repentance of sins (Luke 3:3). When sinners went to John at the river Jordan they did so because they acknowledged their sinfulness and their baptism symbolized turning over a new leaf in their lives and leaving sin behind. Jesus, although like us in every way, was without sin, as the Letter to the Hebrews assures us (Heb 4:15). That explains why John the Baptist objected to Jesus' request for baptism in the Gospel of Matt, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (Matt 3:14). The answer Jesus gave John helps us to understand why Jesus wanted to be baptized, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Matt 3:15) "To fulfill all righteousness" is why Jesus wanted to be baptized. We might say it is difficult to understand this answer because Jesus was not lacking in righteousness and was already righteous. So how could his baptism fulfill all righteousness? (I will draw on Pope Benedict's book Jesus of Nazareth pp 17-23 to help us to answer this question.) Sinless Jesus did not have any sins of his own to take down into the river Jordan, therefore it could only have been our sins that he took down into the river Jordan. Naturally no one would understand this at that time but they would realize this later when they understood that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. So Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and his dying on the cross go together; he did both for our sins. He took our sins on his shoulders as he went down into the Jordan and as he died on the cross.

I think we can see this close connection between Jesus' baptism and his cross in the Scriptures.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied that a servant would suffer because of our sins (Isa 52:13-53:12). You are familiar with this prophecy of Isaiah from hearing it every year on Good Friday. This servant would be righteous and by his suffering would make sinners righteous. We obviously see this prophecy predicting Jesus' Passion.

Jesus, when speaking in prophecy about his Passion, described it as a baptism. *"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"* (Luke 12:50)

When James and John wanted to sit in glory beside Jesus he spoke about his Passion to them but we can be sure that they understand only later. Jesus said, *"You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"* (Mark 10:38).

The Gospel of John tells us that when John the Baptist saw Jesus approaching him in the river Jordan he proclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) It is interesting that as Jesus appears at the river Jordan John the Baptist mentions that Jesus takes away the sin of the world. It is also interesting that John the Baptist describes Jesus as the Lamb of God. In the Gospel of John Jesus dies on the cross as the Passover lambs are being slaughtered in the temple. The Passover lambs were slaughtered in remembrance of the first Passover lambs whose blood was smeared on the doorposts the last night the Hebrews spent in Egypt to protect them from death. Jesus is the new Passover Lamb of the New Covenant who shed his blood for us to save us from our sins and already at his baptism he is proclaimed by John to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

On the cross Jesus took our sins on himself and made us righteous. When Jesus was baptized he was looking forward to taking our sins on himself on the cross. So when Jesus was baptized he was already taking our guilt down into the river Jordan. In this way we can see that when Jesus was baptized all righteousness was fulfilled. When Jonah was thrown overboard the ship the life of everyone else on the ship was spared (Jon 1:12-15) and when Jesus took our sins and unrighteousness on his shoulders we were saved and this begins with his baptism in the Jordan. So when Jesus is baptized he is already accepting his Passion and death.

Just as there is a close link between Jesus' baptism and his cross there is a close link between our baptism and Jesus' cross. Paul in his letter to the Romans tells us, Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Rom 6:3-4).

Paul is saying that when we were baptized we spiritually entered the tomb with Jesus to leave a life of sin behind. When we were baptized we buried sin by spiritually entering the tomb with Jesus and we rose again with the new life of Jesus just as Jesus rose to new life out of the tomb. Our baptism, just like the other six sacraments, receives its power from Jesus' death and resurrection. Our baptism is a sharing in the effects and salvation of Jesus' death and resurrection, a sharing in the new life of Jesus we receive from his death and resurrection.

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan expressed the intention of his whole life right up to dying on the cross for us, taking our sins on himself to save us. Our baptism also expresses the intention of our whole life up to our death, leaving our sin behind and living with the life of Jesus. Every day is to be a living out of our baptism with that new life of Jesus. Every day is another opportunity to turn from sin and continue following Jesus which we began with our baptism. When we were baptized we entered the tomb with Jesus to leave a life of sin behind. Our baptism receives its power from Jesus' death and resurrection. Our baptism is a sharing in the effects and salvation of Jesus' death and resurrection, a sharing in the new life of Jesus we receive from his death and resurrection. Jesus was baptized so that all righteousness might be fulfilled and this happens when we live our baptism by turning from sin to live the life of Jesus and all righteousness is fulfilled.

Based on writings of Fr Tommy Lane. http://www.frtommylane.com/homilies/years_abc/baptism_of_our_lord-3.htm
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Parish News and Happenings

CHURCH CONFESSIONALS

Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Church values the dignity and the Sacrament of Penance and upholds the rights of her people to avail themselves of the Sacrament as professed. Secondly, the Church is very committed to the safeguarding and dignity of people and already undertakes mandatory reporting according to Archdiocesan Policy and Procedure. With this in mind to safeguard the penitent and the priest we are remodelling our church confessionals – so be aware of some changes that are already taking place and will take place.

Padre

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

We will be commencing Sacramental preparation for Penance during Lent this year. Enrolment and Parent Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday 19th February, 2020 at 9.30am and 5.30pm in Mercy Community Centre, Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. Enrolments will be accepted on this day. Further information to follow.

Expressions of Interest: We are looking for expressions of interest from anyone who would be able to assist on the Enrolment Day, and also from potential Catechists.

Email: sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au or contact the Parish Office on 5576 6466.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear fellow parishioners,

your Saint Vincent De Paul Conference would like to thank you for your very generous gifts towards our annual Christmas Hamper collection. The total cost of the Christmas hampers this year totalled \$5,513.65 which included Christmas groceries, chickens and salads. The 60 hams were once again generously donated. Our thanks also go to the parents and children of Marymount College for their donations of Christmas food items to add to the hampers. Thanks also to the volunteers who assisted in gathering all the goodies together, for sorting the gifts, for wrapping them and for helping Vincentian members deliver the Christmas goods to those families in need at this time. In total 56 hampers were delivered to 178 people. Hamper items and toys were also delivered to the women's refuge and also to the Family and Child Support at Robina. Once again your generous donations have brightened the lives of those a little less fortunate in this Season of Christmas.

May the Lord Bless you all and your families.

The following is taken from a Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. (The full Statement appears in this week's copy of *The Catholic Leader*. A limited number of copies are also available at Churches this weekend.)

Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places.

We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops Conference, that national response will include the facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support, collaboration with key national agencies to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community and **taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.**



- **SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - 25/26 January 2020.** Pope Francis has proclaimed the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each New Year as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. A Sunday to highlight the significance of the Bible in our lives. To do this I ask each person to bring their home bible to Church on Sunday (25/26 January) for a blessing over the bibles.

- **MASS FOR YOUTH** - Sunday 19 January, Mercy Church, 5.30pm.

- **CARE & CONCERN** Office will re-open on Monday 13 January.

- **CENACLE OF PRAYER** with Fr Andrew Grace - 18 January, 3pm, Miami Church. Prayer, Adoration, Rosary and Talk. Mass 5pm.

- **UNDERSTANDING MATTHEW'S GOSPEL** - On Tuesday 28 January we will hold an Adult Formation Night on **Understanding Matthew's Gospel** - Mercy Community Centre, 6.30 - 8.30pm. Wine and cheese provided. Bring bible and note book. We will also begin a *Parish Certificate Course in Theology and Church* and a *Parish Certificate Course in Biblical Understandings* this year.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Walt and Avelina who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Helen Crestani 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, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Ida Elda Bonke, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, William Buckley, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Joyce Cabral, Jan Carmont, Brenda Carr, Stephen Cochrane, John Costigan, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Angelita Freda, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Veronica James, Clive Andrew Lang, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Fay & Dennis McGreevy, John Mooney, Pat Moy, Stephen Murray, Josie Nicolas, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Dan Wilson, Graham Zendler, 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: Fr John Rasmussen, Helen Crestani, Tommaso Tanguoso, Darren Lemon, Janine Kilfoy, John Kilfoy, David Gordon Grams, Margaret Ann Supple.

May the choir of angels come to greet you ...

May you find eternal life.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;

☺ = good;

☺ = hangin' in there;

☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

2018 EXPENSES:

Sacramental Supplies & Programs - \$6,800.00



The Recovery Course is a Christ-centred 12 step course for people with any sort of addiction or compulsive behaviour.

Recovery Course resumes on Monday 3 February at 6.30pm in Infant Saviour meeting room. New people are welcome to join the group at any time.

Enquiries Damien Kinnear - 0401 313258 - kinneark@bigpond.net.au

Liturgical Music for Baptism of the Lord

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

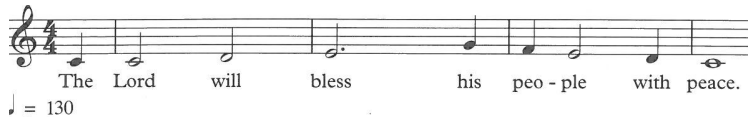
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



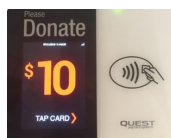
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday: To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.
Tuesday: My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.
Wednesday: Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.
Thursday: Save us, Lord, in your mercy.
Friday: For ever I will sing the goodness of the of the Lord.
Saturday: Lord, your strength gives joy to the king.



PARISH PAY WAVE - In line with the Cathedral and other Archdiocesan parishes we are introducing a Sunday collection paywave point. We will trial the paywave at Mercy Church before rolling out stations in the rest of the communities.

The paywave is set at \$10. All you need do is tap your card as you leave church. Please look for the paywave station at the front door. Thank you.

Padre and the Parish Finance Advisory Council

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion: The Fullness Of God

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power he can give.
May your hidden self grow strong and may you live
strong in faith and built on love until you know
how high and long, how wide and deep
the fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart
what hope his call now holds for you: his promise true:
to fill your heart with power to live
the fullness of God.

Know the way you learnt from Christ: to live life anew.
Let your heart be drawn to him; let Christ renew
the hope in you to grow into goodness and truth.
And living so you'll come to know
the fullness of God.

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Thanksgiving: This Day Was Made By The Lord

*This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord.
Let us rejoice in salvation!*

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life. You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

You opened the gates of heaven,
you have given me life. You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

You are my strength and my Saviour,
you have given me life. You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do.

CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal: We Are Called

Come, live in the light.
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord.
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another;
to walk humbly with God.*

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one.
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

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