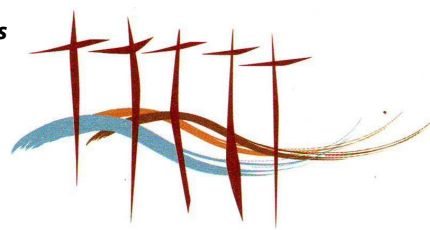


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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 14 January

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday, 15 January

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 16 January

7.00am Mass - Miami

9.30am Mass - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday, 17 January

St Anthony

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

10.00am Funeral for Joan Rigon - Burleigh Heads

11.00am Funeral for Antoinette Neale - Palm Beach

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 18 January

9.00am Mass - Robina Hospital

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 19 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, 19 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5.00pm Mass - Miami

Sat 6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm Mass - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 20 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

13 January, 2019

Year C: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

next week's Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

A central message in the whole book of Isaiah is that God keeps God's word. God does not go back on the promises God has made, even when the people have broken their covenant with God. And that's what they did time after time.

List your favourite and most comforting scriptural passages. On the top of my list would be the one we hear from Isaiah today. It has the tone of a gentle and loving parent speaking to an injured or, in this case, a disloyal child. The prophet is delivering the message to the people who are in Babylonian exile. How did they get there? They were faithfulness to the covenant with God. Therefore, they interpreted their exile as a punishment for their disloyalty to God's covenant with them. The prophets made it quite clear that they deserved their punishment. But prophets, like Isaiah, also had words of encouragement for those in exile waiting for God to come to help them.

The setting for the passage is the heavenly court. God's messengers are assembled before God's throne waiting to receive a message for the people. If we were those messengers what would we expect God to say to the recalcitrant Israelites? Would we have to tell them on God's behalf, "You're getting just what you deserve!" Or, "Didn't I warn you not to betray me with your false gods and alliances with pagan nations?" We tend to say such things to people who have offended, or let us down. And don't we feel justified when we do?

But, if we were among God's messengers awaiting a word for the people we would be taken aback by what God has to say to them. "Comfort, give comfort to my people....Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated." Wait a minute! Where is the justice in that! Well, it certainly isn't human justice, which expects and waits for signs of repentance and promises to make up what debt we are owe, or are owed. No, it's God's justice. To put another word on it, it's God's mercy -- given freely and unearned.

That is the word the messengers are to deliver to the exiles. God's servants also have physical work to do. They are to make a straight road, fill in every valley and level every mountain. Why? Because God is swiftly coming to help the people and there are to be no obstacles in God's way. What will God do when God arrives? God will lead the people home from exile, back to their own country.

Thus, Isaiah is restating the central theme: God's word can be relied on. God will not leave us in exile, or on our own, but is coming to help us. What is God's disposition toward us? God is a loving, caring and protective shepherd who will carry us in loving arms and lead us home. Bottom line... God has a powerful, mighty arm with which to help the people. It is raised in victory and then lowered in tenderness. The passage does not even emphasize the people's worthiness, or their sincere prayers. But what is clear is that, in whatever exile we find ourselves, God will see our need, take the initiative and will come to help us.

God did keep the promise God made to Israel through Isaiah: the nation was freed, they returned to their homeland, rebuilt their nation and their Temple. And what else? God is making the same promise to any of us who find ourselves held captive in any way by habit, indifference, discouragement, ignorance, or addiction. As God acted for Israel, God will act for us with a strong arm to deliver us from whatever holds us captive and will then lead us home, like a gentle shepherd.

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BOND UNIVERSITY SUNDAY MASS

4th Sunday of the month

Bond University - 7pm - in the Student Lounge

27 January

24 February

Isn't it good news to know how God favours us? We think people favour us because of our talents, looks, intelligence, or hard work. That's true for how we evaluate one another. But God is infinitely different from us. Doesn't it cause us surprise and wonder when we hear that, despite what we have done, or deserve, God looks kindly on us and is ready to come to our aid.

In our Isaiah reading we are reminded how much God cares and is concerned for each of us. But not just for us. At our baptism we were called to be prophets. What kind of prophets and what will our message be? Prophets announce God's justice and, it is plain from today's reading, when God proclaims justice God is turning a favourable eye towards us.

In our second reading Peter, who held a special place among Jesus' disciples, has stubbornly come to realize that God is showering favour on the Gentiles. He has arrived at the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, described in Acts as "religious and God-fearing" (10:1). Peter is there as a messenger of God to confirm God's welcome of non-Jews into the Christian community. He has been sent to confirm God's love for Cornelius and his household. Peter shares the vision he has received (10:9 ff) with Cornelius. "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God." There you have it! The message of God in Isaiah and the confirmation of that word through Jesus' life, death and resurrection -- God has shown favour and invited all into God's household.

Jesus fulfils Isaiah's prophecy: he is the "strong right hand of the Lord," that has overcome the sin that has caused our exile. He is also the gentle shepherd who welcomes us into this community -- a people he is leading safely home to our God.

How shall we messengers of God's word convey that to our neighbours, classmates, co-workers and the world? We have been baptized with the same Spirit that descended on Jesus at his baptism. We know the favour God has shown us. How shall we, empowered by that same Spirit, shed the light of love, acceptance and compassion on others?



Burleigh Heads Parish

Holy Land Journey

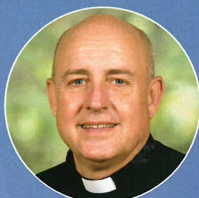
Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem as we prepare for a powerful encounter into the heart of His passion.

9 Nights / 12 Days

Bethlehem (2) / Nazareth / Cana / Sea of Galilee (3) / Mt Tabor / Mt Carmel / Haifa / Jericho / Jerusalem (4)

DEPARTS WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2019

9
NIGHTS



Accompanied by:
Fr Morgan Batt

pilgrim highlights

- + Pay homage in Bethlehem before the silver star that marks the very spot of Jesus' birth
- + Reflect quietly at the Grotto cave of the Annunciation to honour Mary's 'Yes' to God
- + Share the privilege of celebrating a breathtaking Mass on board a traditional sailing vessel in the centre of Lake Galilee
- + Engage in inspired People & Plight encounters and be moved by their stories of faith and resilience
- + Enter as a group into a private gated Garden in Gethsemane for an extended time of prayer amidst ancient olive trees
- + Walk in Jesus' footsteps as we pray the Stations of the Cross at dawn along the deserted Via Dolorosa streets in the Old City of Jerusalem
- + Bow low at the altar of Calvary and touch the very rock of Golgotha where Jesus was crucified
- + Enjoy a Special Celebration Dinner with spectacular views over all of Jerusalem

• **please contact the Parish Office if you would like a Brochure and Booking Form**



Parish News and Happenings

- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND, 4 - 15 September, 2019** Cost of Bible Tour \$6000 including airfare economy (\$1,190 for single supp) Please register your interest at the Parish Office. **Especially suitable for 75+ age group.*
- **AUSTRALIA DAY** - Monday 26 January. 8am Mass, Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads. Cuppa after Mass. All welcome.
- **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS** - Married couples from all Gold Coast parishes are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11am on Sunday 10 February at St Benedict's Church, Mudgeeraba, to celebrate your marriage, whether married only last year or decades ago. Invite the whole family to come along if 2019 is a significant milestone anniversary for you. A renewal of marriage vows will be included during the liturgy. Couples are invited to bring a plate and stay a while to chat with other like-minded couples over a BYO lunch on the veranda. Tea and coffee provided. The World Marriage Day Mass is hosted by Burleigh Heads Parish, St Benedict's Community and 'Teams of Our Lady' Gold Coast. Contact and rsvp Sue and Bren, 5522 4880.
- **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** - The parish is hoping to start a Scripture Study Group. If there are interested parishioners who feel able to co-ordinate the group, could they please ring the Parish Office - 5576 6466.
- **LUKE GOSPEL** - This year - 2019 - our reading cycle connects with Luke's Gospel. We will be holding **FAITH EDUCATION** nights this year on understanding Luke. More information soon.

- **CARE & CONCERN** office will re-open on Monday 14 January. We are looking forward to furthering our ministry of providing clients' transport to medical appointments, catering for funerals and providing refreshments after anointing Masses.
- The **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** - The first meeting of 2019 will be at the home of Kay Harding on Thursday 7 February, before commencing again at Infant Saviour. Paul Gilroy - 5593 3794.
- **NEED SOME SPACE TO DISCERN YOUR NEXT MOVE? You've heard God calling, what next?** - If you're a young man who has heard God's call in your life and you are not totally sure what to do next, you might just need some time to discern exactly how you will respond. Maybe a year of discernment with other like minded guys could be just what you need. There are many who have considered a vocation to the priesthood that have stayed in Canali House the year before they entered the Seminary. Some have gone on to become priests and others are now married, but the process has been well worth it. If you'd like more information please phone 1300 133544. vocationbrisbane.com - [facebook.com/vocationbrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/vocationbrisbane).
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Pope Francis urges Catholics to reflect the 'true light' of the Lord as the Church enters a year of significant challenges for leadership ... Bundaberg community mourns for Catholic MP Hinkler Paul Neville ... Singer-songwriter Paul Kelly performs for a fundraising evening at St Joseph's Nudgee.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Olive, Edith, Evelyn and Grace who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Thelma Mary Agnes Smales 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

FUNERAL MASS for Paul Gamin will be held on Monday 21 January at 11am in Calvary Church, Miami.

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, John Costigan, Michelle Cronin, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, John Hankin, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Terry Maguire, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Joan O'Leary, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Mike Parker, Paula Pinch, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, 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: Antoinette Neale, Ian Doherty, Paul Gamin, Janine Kilfoy, John Kilfoy, Lilly Caruana, Julia Grioli, Leon Grioli, Gerald Caruana, Elvira Caruana.

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

May you find eternal life.



Last Week we farewelled Joan Morson who has retired from Ozanam Villa

Joan has been chaplain to Ozanam Villa Burleigh for 29 years. Her ministry has been one of accompaniment with residents and Staff of the Villa and with many parishioners.

Joan has decided to retire and we say - well done good and faithful servant. We will look at employing a new chaplain soon - anyone with the right chaplaincy qualifications is welcome to place an interest at the Parish Office

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

- Monday:** Let all his angels worship him.
- Tuesday:** You gave your Son authority over all your creation.
- Wednesday:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
- Thursday:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- Friday:** Do not forget the works of the Lord!
- Saturday:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Heads

Family Groups

Have-A-Chat Sunday 20 January
12 noon, Club Burleigh (under Swell)
rsvp Margaret, 17 January - 5520 0186 or crowe.margaret@gmail.com



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 made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

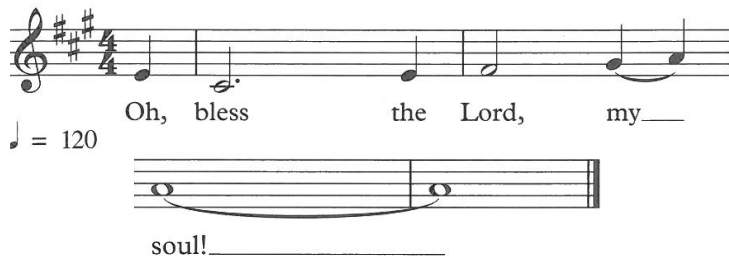
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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?

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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.

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Care & Concern 5576 6318
Choir 5520 2591
Christian Meditation 5593 3794
Family Groups 0412 606492
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 1800 846643
TEAMS Couples 5522 4880

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion: Living Water

I will give you living water.
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart.
Grow deep within me ... filled by my Spirit,
my burdens are easy, my life it is yours. *(Repeat)*

We have been with the lonely.
To the hungry we've given your Bread...
we now come with all our hopes and dreams
to rest awhile with you.

I will give you living water.
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart.
Grow deep within me ... filled by my Spirit,
my burdens are easy, my life it is yours.

To the empty we've carried ...
your Word of hope and of life.
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'till we live in you.

I will give you living water.
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart.
Grow deep within me ... filled by my Spirit,
my burdens are easy, my life it is yours.

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Thanksgiving: As The Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*

You're my friend and you are my brother
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other
so much more than anything.

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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.*

Come, open your heart.
Show your mercy to all those in fear.
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more.

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