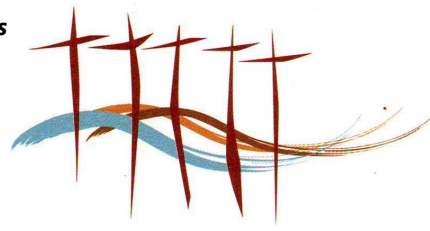


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- **PALM BEACH** - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach
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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 17 September

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 18 September

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 19 September

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

Thursday, 20 September

Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 21 September

St Matthew
9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 22 September

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, 22 September

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Multicultural Mass

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

SUNDAY, 23 September

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Multicultural Mass

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
7.00pm **Mass** - Bond University (Student Lounge)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 September, 2018

Year B: Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

next week's Readings: Wis 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

On the road to Jerusalem Jesus asks his disciples a general question, "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples respond with what people were saying about him. The popular notion was that Jesus was someone like John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the great prophets.

People today might say Jesus was one of the great founders of a world religion; a good man who cared for the poor and outsider; a wise teacher like Moses and Gandhi. Others that he was a radical who wanted to overthrow the oppressive forces over his people. If asked that question a modern probably would go to Google. There one reads that Jesus was, "a first century preacher and religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity."

True enough, but those responses are like the disciples' response to Jesus' first question, "Who do people say that I am?" Popular opinion is one thing. That's not what Jesus was looking for. He wanted a more personal response, one that would not only come from the mind, but also from the heart -- an answer that would include total commitment to him and his ways. After all, Jesus was leading his disciples to Jerusalem where he was anticipating he would be put to death for who he was and what he was doing. So, he asks the disciples to follow him all the way to his death - and then to his resurrection. Will they be willing to stay with him as he gives up his life? Willing to accept the suffering and sacrifice that will come to any who choose to follow him?

Peter's answer, "You are the Christ," that is, the Messiah. It is the right answer. But their notion of a Messiah was a victorious ruler. It certainly did not include any notion of suffering. So, Jesus tells them not to tell anyone until they learn what kind of Messiah he will reveal himself to be.

We can't be too hard on the disciples. There are believers today who still have a notion that following him will bring health and wealth.

This "prosperity gospel," teaches that God wants financial success and well-being for us. Faith can overpower the curses of sickness and poverty. Having faith - and sending donations to certain religious organizations and their ministers as signs of that faith -- will yield security and prosperity for the believer. The "prosperity gospel" first emerged in the 1950's in the United States. Of course it would, its teaching affirmed our fundamental belief about the prosperity of the western world. We are "Christian countries" and therefore blessed by God with wealth and power. In the light of this teaching what would you think if you were poor, or afflicted with a serious disease? Would you take it as a sign you didn't have enough faith? Or, that you offended God and so God is punishing you? Again - we can't be too hard on the disciples because their notion of Jesus as Messiah might not be so very different from our belief and practice.

Jesus had more to teach and show his disciples about what kind of Messiah he was. At this turning point in the gospel he, "warned them not to tell anyone about him." This call to secrecy appears in Mark's gospel. It seems Jesus did not want to become a celebrity known only for his miraculous powers. It was too early in the formation of his disciples to have them spread word of his messiahship. They would have gotten the message all wrong. They would have missed what Jesus meant when he invited us to "take up your cross and follow me."

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NEW SUNDAY MASS

4th Sunday of the month

Bond University - 7pm - in the Student Lounge

23 September

28 October

25 November

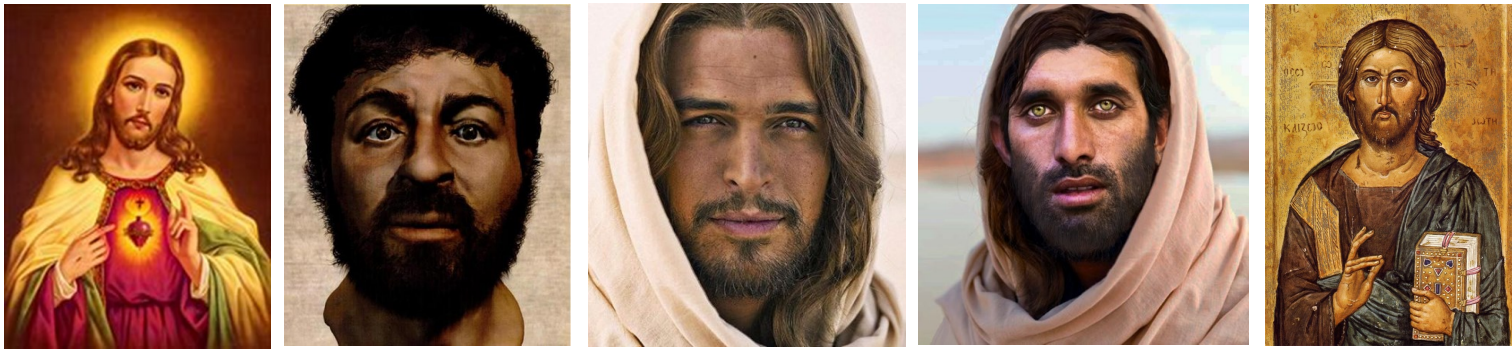
Perhaps the disciples would have been helped in their understanding of Jesus if they had reflected on our first reading. It's one of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah and supports what Jesus says about himself. Early Christians drew on Isaiah and gave Jesus the title "servant." They saw that Isaiah's "suffering servant of God" was realised in Jesus. So, those who wish to follow Jesus must be the kind of servant Jesus was, willing to deny self for others. Our second reading from the Letter of St. James spells out what taking up the cross and following Jesus means in concrete ways. We cannot just declare our faith in Jesus. If we don't put faith into actions it means nothing and is not enough to save us. "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says they have faith, but do not have works?" Just as God became flesh and was revealed to the world in Jesus, so God's proximity and love is revealed in the flesh through the words and deeds of all believers.

We return to Jesus' question to his disciples, now put to us: "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus is not only the model who teaches us how to live our lives in accord with God's will. His life, death and resurrection and his gift of his Spirit, is the very source of the good works we do in his name. (James has spelled out just some of these good works for us today. We will hear more from him next Sunday.)

"Who do you say I am?" Is not a question we have to answer just once at a certain period of our lives. As we pass through various stages our response will vary, depending upon life's circumstances and our own maturity and faith. Today we are again asked: Who is Jesus for us now and what is the meaning of Jesus for our lives? It might be timely for us to take Jesus' question with us through this week.

We could take the question to prayer and silent reflection. Where am I in my life and what's going on now? How has Jesus been the center and guide for my thinking and acting? Then, as the week progresses: what are my responsibilities as his disciple? How am I being asked each day to take up the cross and follow him? Or, to summarise in a familiar dictum - as life presents itself to me these days -- "What would Jesus do?" Who is Jesus for you? Which picture here (or other images) do you relate to about what Jesus was like?

Padre



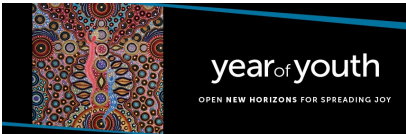
Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be held on 23 October at 7.30pm in Infant Saviour Meeting Room, Burleigh Heads. This is a night when anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend. People willing to be sponsors or to accompany someone to the Enquiry Night are also invited.

For further information phone the Parish Office on 5576 6466 or Josee Hill on 0430 546465.

CONNECT MASS
10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy

Yr 8 21 October
Yr 7 25 November



We have received letters from the Good shepherd Parish in Mount Isa and Sacred Heart Parish in Cunnamulla, thanking us for our donations for the drought affected places in their Parishes.

Fr Michael Lowcock from Mount Isa Parish was delighted to accept our assistance, which will be added to funds planned to be distributed this month.

Maureen Andrews, Pastoral Leader from Sacred Heart Parish in Cunnamulla, said it was a tremendous surprise to receive a cheque from our parish for their small Parish family. This coming week their Pastoral Council will meet to discuss the best way to use these funds.

Both communities have asked that we continue to keep them in our prayers during these difficult times.

Thank you to all who contributed to this Appeal.

Parish News and Happenings

Save
the
Date!

PARISH MULTICULTURAL MASS – all Parish Masses 22/23 September. The Archdiocese theme for this year is Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees (Pope Francis for World Day of Cultures 2018). We encourage parishioners and friends to join us in wearing their cultural dress at Mass which we hope will be celebrated in different languages. Cuppa after Mass.

PARISH DINNER – **Friday 28th September.** 6-9pm, Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre. Please bring along BYO plate of your speciality/country/region. Non-alcoholic drinks available. BYO alcoholic drinks. This is a great community event for the whole parish to come together. Make new friends and enjoy each other's company. Padre will speak about his mountaineering adventures and have his mountain book for sale and signing (\$20 per book).

• **THANK YOU** to the Ozanam Villa Special Works Conference of St Vincent de Paul for their generous donation to the Parish.

• **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - This weekend, during Masses in the Parish, we will share a simple blessing for our young people who have been in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the past five weeks. We encourage them for their continuing journey over the next eight weeks, leading to when they will celebrate this special sacrament. For any families who may have missed the Parent/Child Session 1 - *Baptism*, there will be a catch up session immediately after Parent/Child Session 2 - *Gifts of the Spirit*, on Sunday 7 October at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Please advise of your attendance to sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

• **CARE & CONCERN - Urgent need for Organizers.** If you are interested in volunteering, please email Care & Concern - care.concern.burleigh@gmail.com Care & Concern volunteers provide transport to health-related appointments for eligible residents of the local community. We can arrange to pick up from all aged care facilities within the area. To make a booking phone 5576 6318 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 - 11.30am. For more information please collect a brochure from the back of the church.

• **MARYMOUNT DAY**, which was celebrated on Friday 6 September, was a time of meaningful liturgy, amazing student participation and wonderful gifts of non-perishable food items. These donations will help greatly in the service to those in need. Burleigh heads St Vincent de Paul thank all involved, especially staff, students and parents.

• **MASS for YOUTH** - This Sunday (16 September) Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 5.30pm. Musicians and singers needed. (Please meet 4.30pm for practice.)

• **INVITATION: FREE VOCAL and CHORAL TRAINING** is offered for all interested singers and non singers. (Youngsters, young ones and young once!). Rehearsals ongoing by qualified experienced mentor. We hope to encourage active participation through joyful singing at our Masses. For further information please call Emma on 5530 3614 or 0402 110366.

• Couples celebrating their **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**, together with their family and friends, are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane, on Saturday 6 October at 10am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. rsvp by Friday 28 September - 3324 3030 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

• **LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT** - We are inviting everyone to an afternoon of praise and worship, formation, group discussion and fellowship. This will be on Sunday 23 September, 1.30 - 4pm at the Community Centre, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. Adoration and 5.30pm Mass will follow. "Foundations for Christian Living" is a series of twelve talks, the second of which is "Brothers and Sisters in the Lord" which talks about our special relationship with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. And that we are meant to bind together by the love of Christ. This special relationship identifies us as God's people. It requires full commitment to function as a family. 1 Peter 1:22 "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart". For further information please call Butch and Mini Enriques, 0424 583169/68.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Claude and Maureen Hayson who celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 20 September. Claude and Maureen were married in Sts Michael & John's Cathedral, Bathurst, on 20 September, 1948. Best wishes from all parishioners.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Donny Les Swaby, Annie Margaret Phyllis Colman and Grahame Anthony Rafferty who have died in Christ. Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, John Costigan, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, Mary-Lou Gatt, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Mike Parker, Paula Pinch, 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 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: Ray Taylor, Sheldon McEnery, Alan Bugeja, Phyllis Coleman, Stephen Clarke, Anton Bozi, Stephen Bozi.

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

Family Groups

Goannas Sunday 30 September
12 noon, Treetops Tavern, Classic Way, Burleigh Waters. Phone Margaret 5534 2654

Have-A-Chat Sunday 30 September
12 noon (Qld time), The Ivory Tavern, 156 Wharf St, South Tweed Heads. If attending, phone Hans or Kay 5535 4877 by Thursday 27 September

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Waters

Liturgical Music for Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Praise The Lord My Soul

Praise the Lord, my soul,
let fire and rain give praise to Him,
give praise to Him, who is merciful,
slow to judge; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
let all I am give praise to Him;
and not forget He is kind,
He forgives our sin; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Merciful and kind,
He knows our ways, He knows we're dust;
and like the flowers that flourish,
we soon must die; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to our God,
let all that is give praise to Him;
give praise to Him, all you creatures who live His love;
bless the Lord, O My soul,
bless the Lord, O my soul.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

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:

Lord, We Come To Your Table

Lord we come to your table
hoping to find the way.
Teach us to love one another
faithfully, day by day.
As we come to your altar
fill us with charity.
Let our communion renew our lives
as we honour your memory.

Lord we meet in your glory
let us together feel
part of this heavenly banquet,
part of this holy meal.
Though we all are unworthy
give us the hope to see
how our communion can change our lives;
as we honour your memory.

CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Will You Love Me?

Will you give me your life for ever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

*Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone
like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world?

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire?

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Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.

Tuesday:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock..

Wednesday:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Thursday:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Friday:

Their message goes out through all the earth.

Saturday:

I will walk in the presence of God, with the light of the living.