

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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Third Sunday of Advent

17 December, 2017

Year B: Is 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 18 December

9.00am **Second Rite of Reconciliation** - Miami

Tuesday, 19 December

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
7.00pm **Advent Retreat Session** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 20 December

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Second Rite of Reconciliation** - Palm Beach
7.00pm **Second Rite of Reconciliation** - Burleigh Waters

Thursday, 21 December

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Second Rite of Reconciliation** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 22 December

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
12 noon **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 23 December

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
11.00am **Sacrament of Penance** - Burleigh Waters
5.00pm **Sacrament of Penance** - Palm Beach
5.15pm **Sacrament of Penance** - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 23 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, 24 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

SUNDAY, 24 December

The Nativity of the Lord

5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
6.00pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
7.00pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
Midnight **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
Midnight **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

MONDAY, 25 December

The Nativity of the Lord

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

My dear parishioners,

As you may be aware or not, we have a critical shortage of Priests trained to be PPs of parishes. With this in mind, the Archbishop has appointed Fr Dantus to the parish of Stanley River, as Administrator, from February 2018. So we will farewell Fr Stanley and Fr Dantus on 31 December at 10am Mass at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

This will come as a shock for many - it has for me as a new PP of Burleigh - but we need to trust in the Holy Spirit and give thanks to God for all our priests.

Fr Stanley will leave the parish on 6 January and Fr Dantus on 14 January.

Fr Ladu will join us on 6 January.

Testimonial envelopes for Fr Stanley and Fr Dantus are available at each church.

May Mary our Mother pray with us.

Fr Morgan

Today's gospel passage comes right after the Prologue to John's Gospel. "In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Today's passage moves to the very concrete. We meet "a man named John." While Luke describes the circumstances of his birth to the elderly couple Zachariah and Elizabeth, John's Gospel presents the grownup Baptist already preaching and baptizing near the Jordan River.

John, the first human we meet in John's Gospel, is immediately identified as "sent from God... to testify to the light." John is a recipient of the light and that is his identity: he is one sent to share what he has received with others. He is not described as the baptizer, or prophet, but as a "witness." It is a term used more than 30 times in John's Gospel. "Witness" is derived from the ancient Greek "martyria," from which we get our word "martyr." We have an early hint in this gospel, which is further spelled out in the Synoptics, how John will meet his fate. He will be martyred for witnessing to the light God has sent into the world. John's fate is also a hint to the opposition those who follow the Light of the world will meet. By our baptism we, like John, are called to be witnesses to the Word-made-flesh.

But to give witness means we have first witnessed the events we are giving testimony to. What kind of witness shall we be? It depends on how well we have come to personally know Jesus. Where and how do we see and hear him in our lives? We experience him today in the Word and Sacrament; and in the teachings of our church; in our faith community; among the poor and outcast. As Christmas draws closer and we hear the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt we are reminded that Christ is also found among displaced refugees and exiles. We also meet the Word in the world of nature, the arts and in our quiet times of prayer. In these and many other places, the light pierces the darkness of our world. Like John, we are then to be voices that prepare for the coming of Christ.

One of the most direct ways of witnessing to our faith in Christ is by talking about it. Perhaps Catholics are the shyest believers when it comes to "giving witness." Surely we can find ways to do that without being confrontational, or "in the face" of people. How could I be a "voice" that prepares for Christ's coming? -- by witnessing to my faith in my church community through active participation in parish and diocesan ministries; being part of my civic community's efforts to help the poor, abused, uneducated and migrant; speaking up for the unborn, terminally ill, and those condemned to die; protesting violence towards minorities; loving our enemies and being a voice for God's beloved creation. What would you add to that list?

Peace on earth to those of Good will/witness.

Fr Morgan Batt

Christmas Mass Times

<u>Sunday 24 December</u>		<u>Monday 25 December</u>	
5pm	Calvary Church, Miami	7am	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
6pm	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters	7am	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach	8.30am	Calvary Church, Miami
7pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba	8.30am	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
Midnight	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters	10am	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters
Midnight	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	** PLEASE NOTE: <u>NO</u> 5.30pm Mass	

GUIDE FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

Your obligation for Sunday / Christmas

Option 1: Saturday evening + Sunday evening

Option 2: Saturday evening + Monday

Option 3: Sunday + Sunday evening

Option 4: Sunday + Monday

Option 5: Sunday evening (before 4pm) + Sunday evening (after the first Sunday evening Mass)

Option 6: Sunday evening + Monday

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 18 December - 9am, Miami

Wednesday 20 December - 5.30pm, Palm Beach

Wednesday 20 December - 7pm, Burleigh Waters

Thursday 21 December - 5.30pm, Mudgeeraba

First Rite of Reconciliation

Saturdays 16 & 23 December - 5pm, Palm Beach

Saturday 16 & 23 December - 5.15pm, Burleigh Heads

Saturday 23 December - 11am, Burleigh Waters

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

In the crazy world of End of Year and Christmas Preparation I invite our Parish to spend a few minutes each day in prayer – to ready our hearts for Christmas and the Lord's return.

This is a Retreat for You at Home – self paced alone or with others.

How does it work? There are resources in the Parish newsletter for you to use at home. Combined with this there will be a Retreat Session at MMM Church on Tuesday 19th December 7pm-8pm conducted by Fr Morgan. The retreat session will focus on Advent and Mary's fiat (yes).

This invitation is to encourage prayer at your own pace at home and to gather for some fellowship, formation, and prayer on Tuesdays.

Third Sunday of Advent – Your resources for praying at home (type in link and click to begin). There are three online prayer links for this week or pick up flyer at church door.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/seeing-the-invisible>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/open-to-listen>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/good-news-of-great-joy>



Parish News and Happenings

Safeguarding - Parish Implementation progress

Please keep those forms coming in

Our Volunteer Registration continues – please keep sending your forms in. Remember to fill in your volunteer ministry and sign all three places of the Declaration, Code of Ethical Behaviour, and Privacy acknowledgement.

Forms returned to Churches and the Parish Office are being processed each week by entering to our Volunteer Register. This will take well into next year to be completed in our large Parish. Blue Card, Blue Card Exemption, Blue Card Linking, and Police Security Checks will be processed after the New Year. You will be contacted over the coming months, if signatures have been missed or extra security checks are required for your nominated Volunteer Ministry.

Co-ordinating Team: Calvary Church - Pat Bransdon; Infant Saviour - Elizabeth Fowler; Our Lady of the Way - Bob Merrotsy; St Benedict's - Clive Muchamore; Mary Mother of Mercy – Bev Tronc.

Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish Coordinator – Bren Milsom 0407533048

- Training will be offered in 2018, but do look at <http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/Code-of-Conduct-Training.aspx>

Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

The postal survey on same-sex marriage is behind us, and now we await the legislation that will follow. That is largely beyond our control, but there are other things that are within our control; and we would do well to look at these, particularly as we journey through Advent towards Christmas when we celebrate the marriage of heaven and earth.

- For the full text please see last week's Catholic Leader, or go to the Archdiocesan website - brisbanecatholic.org.au

- **FAREWELL FOR FR STANLEY and FR DANTUS** - Sunday 31 December following 10am Mass, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL** - Annual Appeal envelopes are available at the front door of the Church or the Piety Stalls. Your generous support to assist the local poor would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes can be placed on any collection plate or mailed to the address on it. Thank you.

- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREE** - Presents, gift cards or cash to assist the poor can be left at the Gifting Tree near the front door of the church. On behalf of those in need - Thank You.

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

- **CHRISTMAS VIGIL** - children are invited to come in costume to create a live nativity scene (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise people) at **6pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church** and **7pm, St Benedict's**. Please arrive early for a quick practice.

- **COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS** - available from Piety Stalls. Calendars \$9 each and packs of 8 Christmas Cards \$3.50.

- **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** will resume on Thursday 1 February at the home of Kay Harding at 6pm. Further details from Paul 5593 3794.

- **VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS** - Expressions of interest for training as a volunteer hospital pastoral carer are being sought for training in 2018. Centacare Pastoral Ministries offers scholarships for training in return for a one morning per week commitment for a minimum two year period. Pastoral care teams in hospitals are highly valued by patients, staff and management. Pastoral care is a very rewarding volunteer role and if you would like to know more please contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au Phone 3324 3193.

- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - New congregation of religious sisters considering a move to Brisbane ... St Gerard Majella Church wins top prize in 4KQ Christmas Lights Competition ... Catholic aged-care facility on Sunshine Coast breaking new ground with church connection wins national award.

- **CHERISH LIFE QLD** is open to people of all faith backgrounds. The common bond of members is the regard for human life from conception to natural death. The Gold Coast branch meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Centre, Nerang (39-49 McLaren Rd). Further information Fiona - 5578 1513 - 0457 781513.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Planned Giving roster this week: Miami

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Peyton, who was baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Maureen O'Mahoney 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, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, Demosthenes Baldovino, Leigh Boulcher, Loretta Brennan, Sylvia Brewer, Noeleen Brown, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Ben Clarke, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Joan Dale, Graham Dall, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Des Fox, Lance Fry, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Robert Harvey, Vera Havlik, Claude Hayson, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Pasquale Leonello, Tina Mass, Denis McNery, 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, Lucky Papas, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Imelda Rundall, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Max Smales, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Warren 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: Bishop John Gerry, Maureen O'Mahoney, Lina Schembri, Alice & Patrick Shannon, Gloria O'Rourke, Jacki Maggs, Vic Wall, John Adams.

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

Liturgical Music for Third Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Prepare The Way Of The Lord

There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light,
the voice of one in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

*Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,
the winding paths be straightened
and all on earth shall see his face;
Prepare the way of the Lord.

He is the Lamb of God and you must follow him
who takes the sin of the world,
for he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

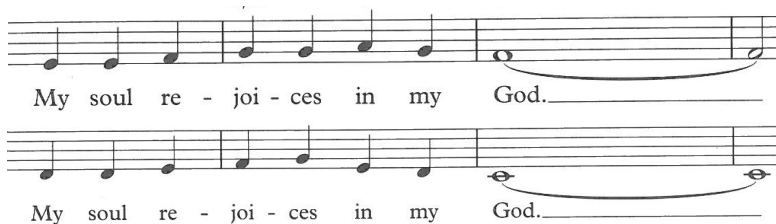
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Lighting of Advent Candle:



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



Word we thirst for - Ma - ra - na - tha

Key of David - Alleluia - Son of Mary - Maranatha
Promised Saviour - Alleluia - True Messiah - Maranatha
Cry of Prophets - Alleluia - Hope of ages - Maranatha

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion: The Body Of Christ

*This is the body of Christ,
blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ.*

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life.

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within.

If you would live in my love,
hold my word, my promise in your heart.

Gathered as one in my name,
take my joy, my freedom to the world.

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Thanksgiving: You Are Near

*My Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe, and you lead me,
in ways everlasting.*

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal: 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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