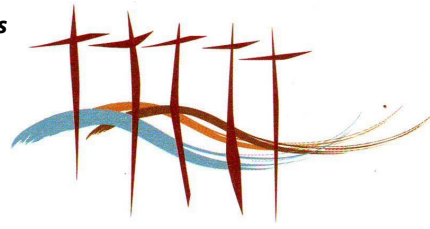


# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 February, 2019

Year C: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

next week's Readings: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

### Blessed are you...

Dear brothers and sisters,

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." (6:20)  
"But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort." (6:24)

The first shocker is Jesus' word of the blessedness of the poor, and a hopeless future for the rich. I'm not sure the poor would agree, and the rich would probably laugh.

But Jesus is talking about a different kind of wealth than monetary wealth. Jesus told a parable about the farmer who was so wealthy that he planned to tear down all his barns and build new ones so he had enough room to store all his grain. He measured his wealth in possessions, but Jesus' commentary on his life was that he was "not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21). Money is a very poor indicator of spiritual riches.

What would we do in this life if we REALLY believed that money had no lasting value and that serving God with all our heart accrues spiritual riches? So often we value money higher than Jesus! In these Blessings and Woes, Jesus is challenging our money-based value system and calling it worthless. True riches are spiritual.

Why does Jesus bless the poor? Aren't there any rich believers? Of course, but Jesus is using a sharp contrast to make a vital point to his disciples. Those who are wealthy feel insulated by their wealth. Their needs don't seem to be as acute as those of the poor, and they are less often desperate enough to change. The rich tend to be self-satisfied. The poor, on the other hand, are forced to trust in God, since they have no wealth to trust in to tide them over. It really is a case that you can't have two masters -- God AND Money (Matthew 6:24). Each master has a diametrically opposed value system.

Jesus' commission was "to preach good news to the poor" (4:18), and the poor heard Jesus' words gladly. Why are the poor so blessed? Because through their faith and trust in God they are the heirs of God's kingdom. They are fabulously wealthy "King's kids." The true wealth is theirs.

Fr Saji



## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 18 February

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

### Tuesday, 19 February

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 20 February

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

### Thursday, 21 February

#### St Peter Damian

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

### Friday, 22 February

#### The Chair of St Peter

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

### Saturday, 23 February

#### St Polycarp

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, 23 February

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### SUNDAY, 24 February

#### Seventh 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 Water  
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters  
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters  
7.00pm **Mass** - Bond University

MASS TIMES are available on our Website -  
[www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes](http://www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes)

- The St Vincent de Paul Society has set up an Appeal to assist families and individuals affected by the recent floods. Credit Card donations can be directed to the website: [www.vinnies.org.au/donate](http://www.vinnies.org.au/donate) or to the North Queensland Flood Appeal. CBA Bank - A/c name: St Vincent de Paul Society, BSB 064-000, A/c No. 13661492.

## READING LUKE'S GOSPEL



During 2019 our liturgical cycle of reading uses Luke's Gospel on Sunday. Understanding Luke's Gospel helps us in understanding the Gospel and the homily.

The book of Luke was written to give a reliable and precise record of the history of Jesus Christ's life. Luke spelled out his purpose for writing in the first four verses of chapter one. Not only as an

historian but also as a medical doctor, Luke paid great attention to detail, including dates and events that happened throughout the life of Christ. A theme that is emphasized in the Gospel of Luke is the humanity of Jesus Christ and his perfection as a human. Jesus was the perfect man who gave the perfect sacrifice for sin, therefore, providing the perfect Saviour for humankind.

### Author of the Gospel of Luke

Luke is the author of this Gospel. He is a Greek and the only Gentile Christian writer of the New Testament. The language of Luke reveals that he is an educated man. We learn in Colossians 4:14 that he is a physician. In this book Luke refers many times to sicknesses and diagnoses. Being a Greek and a doctor would explain his scientific and orderly approach to the book, giving great attention to detail in his accounts.

Luke was a faithful friend and travel companion of Paul. He wrote the Book of Acts as a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Some discredit Luke's Gospel because he was not one of the 12 disciples. However, Luke had access to historical records. He carefully researched and interviewed the disciples and others who were eyewitnesses to the life of Christ.

He may have been converted to Christianity by Paul.

He probably studied to be a physician in Antioch, in Syria. In the ancient world, Egyptians were the most skilled in medicine, having taken centuries to perfect their art. First century doctors like Luke could perform minor surgery, treat wounds, and administer herbal remedies for everything from indigestion to insomnia.

Luke joined Paul at Troas and went with him through Macedonia. He probably travelled with Paul to Philippi, where he was left behind to serve in the church there. He departed from Philippi to join Paul on his third missionary journey, through Miletus, Tyre, and Caesarea, ending in Jerusalem. Luke apparently accompanied Paul to Rome and is last mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:11.

No definite information is available about Luke's death. One early source says he died of natural causes at age 84 in Boeotia, while another church legend says Luke was martyred by idolatrous priests in Greece by being hanged from an olive tree

### Date Written

Circa 60 A.D.

### Written To

The Gospel of Luke was written to Theophilus, meaning "the one who loves God." Historians are not sure who this Theophilus (mentioned in Luke 1:3) was, although most likely, he was a Roman with an intense interest in the newly forming Christian religion. Luke may also have been writing in general to those who loved God. The book is written to the Gentiles as well, and all people everywhere.

### Landscape of the Gospel of Luke

Luke wrote the Gospel in Rome or possibly in Caesarea. Settings in the book include Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Judea and Galilee.

### Themes in the Gospel of Luke

The predominant theme in the book of Luke is the perfect humanity of Jesus Christ. The Saviour entered human history as the perfect man. He himself offered the perfect sacrifice for sin, therefore, providing the perfect Saviour for humankind.

Luke is careful to give a detailed and accurate record of his investigation so that readers can trust with certainty that Jesus is God. Luke also portrays Jesus' profound interest in people and relationships. He was compassionate to the poor, the sick, the hurting and the sinful. He loved and embraced everyone. Our God became flesh to identify with us, and to show us his genuine love. Only this perfect love can satisfy our deepest need.

Luke's Gospel gives special emphasis to prayer, miracles and angels as well. Interesting to note, women are given an important place in Luke's writings.

### Key Characters in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus, Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary, the disciples, Herod the Great, Pilate and Mary Magdalene.

### Key Verses

#### Luke 9:23-25

*Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? (NIV)*

#### Luke 19:9-10

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (NIV)*

### Outline of the Gospel of Luke:

- The Birth and Preparation of Jesus the Saviour - Lk 1:1-4:13
- The Message and Ministry of Jesus the Saviour - Lk 4:14-21:38
- The Death and Resurrection of Jesus the Saviour - Lk 22:1-24:53

**NOURISHING SPIRITUALITY:** A contemplative prayer day drawing on psalms, poetry, art and music, linking wonder and Creation.

**Saturday 16th March, 9.30am-3.00pm. Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre, Burleigh Waters.**

Facilitator: Judith Keller. For registrations contact Judith Keller 0448 188937.

Morning tea is provided. Please BYO lunch.

Suggested donation \$20 or what you can afford to cover the cost of resources.

# Parish News and Happenings

An **INFORMATION SESSION** for anyone interested in finding out more about the **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND** in September will be held on **TUESDAY 26 February at 7pm** in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters.

*Pilgrimage will be from 4 - 15 September and is especially suitable for 75+ age group.*

*Please contact the Parish Office for a brochure and booking form.*

- **PARISH PASTORAL LEADERSHIP RESTRUCTURE** - Last year the Parish Council considered a new structure of leadership in the Parish. The Parish seeks to create a council that is representative of each Mass (not just each Church, but each Mass) and every group in the Parish. This new group will be called the **Parish Pastoral Entrepreneurs Council (PPEC)**. With this understanding we call for all Mass Co-ordinators, Church Reps, Parish Group Reps to our first meeting on Saturday 2 March. The PPEC will be vital for organising events and issues in our very large Parish. If you want a voice please attend or at least nominate yourself as a representative. Our new Parish Advisory Council Chair is Mr David Sewell. **PARISH MEETING Saturday 2 March, 9am - 10.30am, MMM Community Centre. Padre**
- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will resume on the first Wednesday of the month in the Boardroom at the Parish Office. There is plenty of parking and there are no parking officers! The session will begin at 1pm and go until 2.30pm so that we can be clear of the area when the school exits! If you haven't been to this group before, you will be warmly welcomed. It is a safe place to deal with difficult things. Wednesday 6 March, 1pm. Any questions to Pat Tomlinson.
- **MASS FOR YOUTH** - This Sunday, 17 February, Mercy Church, 5.30pm.
- **RE INSTRUCTORS and ASSISTANTS NEEDED** - to help teach children in our State Primary Schools about Jesus. No experience required. Further details please phone Helene - 5539 4374 or email helene.mccowan@gmail.com
- The Infant Saviour **WCCM Meditation Group** will now meet in the community room at Infant Saviour on Wednesday evenings at the usual start time of 6pm. Further information from Paul Gilroy 5593 3794 or 0499 487270.

## OUR PARISH HOPES TO START UP A MOTHER EFFECT GROUP.

**Many Mums are interested - we need, however, 2 Mums prepared to be Leaders / Co-ordinators. Please contact the Parish Office or the Priests if you would like to lead this exciting new ministry.**

### GOALS:

For the Mother, as the heart and connector of the family, to come to know/deepen her relationship with God and be drawn into the life of the Church.

- To grow a community of support, encouragement and fellowship for Mothers of young children
- To introduce the child to Jesus and the Church
- To bridge the gap from baptism to enrolment in formal schooling

### WHAT it looks like

- A weekly gathering
- Each gathering will be casual, with a time of shared fellowship, morning tea and play time. It has elements of FUN, FAITH and LIFE.
- There will be a short circle time with child friendly input, including prayer with songs, instruments, actions and some presentations, based around Scripture and Liturgy.

**From one of our mums** "A nurturing space for both Mother and Child. A space to take time out of the busy-ness of life and to focus on the development and awe of the child. Blessed by Mother Effect with my first born daughter. Blessed a second time with my second daughter. Looking forward to the journey with my third daughter in this sacred space."

Lisa - Mother Effect Brisbane 2018.



### Where:

Parish Space

### When:

Weekday morning during school terms

### Who:

Invitation to all mothers of young children in the Parish and school through the Newsletter and flyers, as well as social media, also being open to any mothers and children who would like to come!

**'OUR WORLD NEEDS A REVOLUTION OF LOVE! LET THAT REVOLUTION BEGIN WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES'**

POPE FRANCIS  
AUGUST 2018



## BAPTISMS

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

## FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Christina O'Brien and Gloria Julia MacRae who have died in Christ.

Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

*God will raise you up an eagle's wings*

## 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, Jan Carmont, John Costigan, Michelle Cronin, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, 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, 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, Velma Phillips, Paula Pinch, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Odette Sweeney, 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:** Tom Hill, Paul Dwyer, Peta Bako, Gloria MacRae, Christina O'Brien, Mary-Ann Hunter, Arsenio, Isabel, Paquito, Romeo, Vecente.

*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: Burleigh Heads

## Family Groups

**Goannas** Sunday 24 February  
12 noon, Dog & Parrot Tavern, 2 Scottsdale Dr, Robina. Phone Margaret 5534 2654.



# Liturgical Music for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

#### **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.*

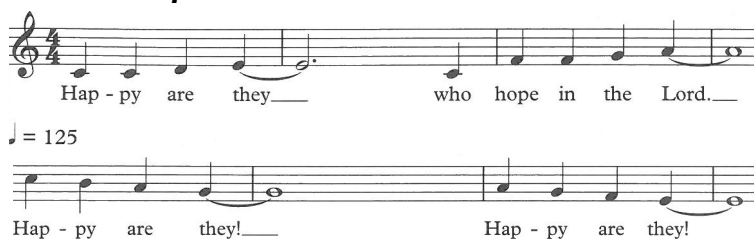
Come, open your heart.  
Show your mercy to all those in fear.  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more.

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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## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### **Psalm Response:**



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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.

### **Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:**

#### **Monday:**

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

#### **Tuesday:**

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

#### **Wednesday:**

To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

#### **Thursday:**

From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

#### **Friday:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

#### **Saturday:**

I will praise you name for ever, Lord.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Communion: The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,  
blessed are the gentle  
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice.  
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted,  
blessed are the clean of heart  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,  
and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful  
for mercy they will find,  
blessed are the peacemakers  
for they shall be called God's children.

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### **Thanksgiving: A New Commandment**

A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal: Blest Are They**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

*Rejoice and be glad.*

*Blessed are you, holy are you.*

*Rejoice and be glad.*

*Yours is the kingdom of God.*

Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy,  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
they shall see God.

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