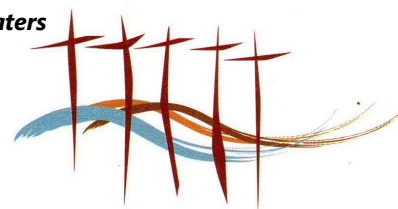


# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **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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## First Sunday of Lent

18 February, 2018

Year B: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

next week's Readings: Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



In this year's Project Compassion, Caritas Australia celebrates *A Just Future for All* in conjunction with the Year of Youth.

Project Compassion 2018 shows the many ways Caritas Australia works around the world with local partners to offer hope to the people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Through a holistic approach which concentrates on their social, economic and spiritual development, Caritas is working with young people to become the leaders of tomorrow, pursuing a just and fair world, free of poverty and where communities are the architects of their own development.



The Caritas Australia Project Compassion story this week tells us of Janaki. She grew up in a world of poverty and disadvantage in Nepal and was forced to marry at an early age, with her husband dying just two years into their marriage.

Janaki made a number of choices that put her on the path to a better future. She joined a youth club where she took part in training and was encouraged to follow her dream of having her own sewing business. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine and two years on, Janaki is living a life of independence and influence. She has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, as well as teaching others how to sew. She is considered a role model in the community.

With the supportive relationships of Caritas Australia's partners, Caritas Nepal and Ekata Foundation Surkhet, Janaki gained the confidence and the skills that empowered her to support herself and her family. In the words of her mother Khima, "*due to her we are able to live a happy life*".

- View a short film about Janaki at [www.caritas.org/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org/projectcompassion)

## PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,  
you accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Through the life and mission of your Son, you give us the gift of mercy.  
May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people.

In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.

Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 19 February

8.30am Stations of the Cross - Miami

9.00am Mass - Miami

### Tuesday, 20 February

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 21 February

7.00am Mass - Miami

9.30am Mass - Ozanam Villa

5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Palm Beach

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 22 February

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 23 February

#### The Chair of St Peter

9.00am Mass - Robina Hospital

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters

6.00pm Stations of the Cross - Burleigh Waters

7.00pm Twilight Retreat - Burleigh Waters

### Saturday, 24 February

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, 24 February

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 5.00pm Mass - Miami

Sat 6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm Mass - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 25 February

#### Second Sunday of Lent

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

MASS TIMES are available on our Website -

[www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes](http://www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes)

### **The Focus of St. Mark's Gospel**

Each of the four Gospel writers wrote their Gospels for a different audience. St. Matthew wrote his Gospel for the first audience to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." He wrote his Gospel to bring the Jews of the Old Covenant into the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah foretold by the holy prophets of God. St. Mark recorded what he had learned from St. Peter's account of Jesus' ministry while living in Rome as a member of the Christian community and serving as St. Peter's secretary when Peter was Bishop of Rome. Mark's Gospel was written for Romans, unlike St. Luke who served as a missionary with St. Paul in Asia Minor and Greece and wrote for Greek culture Gentiles (Hellenists), or St. John, who wrote his Gospel for Greco-Romans while he was serving as the head of the eastern branch of the Church in Ephesus in Asia Minor, the third most important city in the Roman Empire after Rome and Alexandria.

Each of the Gospel writers also had a different focus in their presentation of Jesus' life and ministry:

- St. Matthew's focus is that Jesus has come to fulfill all the prophecies of the prophets.
- St. Mark's focus is Jesus as the authoritative Son of God and Davidic King.
- St. Luke's focus is Jesus the "Son of Man" who is the Messiah prophesied by the holy prophets.
- St. John's focus is Jesus the divine Word and only begotten Son of God.

Each Gospel writer, however, proclaims that Jesus came to announce God's Kingdom of Heaven on earth: St. Matthew refers 51 times to the "Kingdom," St. Mark speaks of the "Kingdom" 14 times, and St. Luke 39 times (*Navarre Bible Commentary: Matthew*, page 23).

The key word in Mark's Gospel is the Greek word *euthus*, an adverb meaning "now" or "immediately." Mark uses the adverb 47 times in his 675 verses; it is used more in Mark than in the rest of the New Testament verses combined. The word is often omitted in many parts of the modern English translations, but the use of this word by Mark is deliberate. It points to the divine urgency of what God is doing in and through Jesus.

Internal evidence that Mark wrote his Gospel for Gentile Romans can be found in Mark's omission of information that would not be important to a Gentile audience such as:

- The genealogy of Jesus
- The fulfilled prophecy of the Old Testament prophets
- References to the Law of Moses
- Jewish customs and feasts

Mark does, however, add information that helps Gentile readers:

- He interprets Aramaic words that would not be familiar to a Gentile from Rome (Mk 3:17; 5:41; 7:34; 15:22).
- Even though he wrote his Gospel in the international language of his times, which was Greek, he uses a number of Latin terms in place of the Greek equivalents (Mk 4:21; 6:27, 42; 15:15, 16, 39).
- Mark wrote in an inelegant Greek style which shows he was not a native Greek speaker, but his use of a large number of Latin loan words suggest a native Latin speaker who is familiar with the Roman world, its language, and its civil government.
- His Gospel demonstrates that he and the community he

wrote for was concerned about the Church's mission to the Gentiles.

### **The Structure of St. Mark's Gospel**

St. Mark has structured his Gospel geographically rather than chronologically. He begins his story in his prologue with Jesus coming out of the Galilee to travel south into Judah to be baptized by St. John the Baptist on the banks of the Jordan River and then to face His ordeal of temptation by Satan (1:1-13). After Jesus' temptation as the "second Adam," the action returns to the Galilee (1:14-9:49), then moves through the area "across the Jordan" to the east side of the river (10:1) in a journey south toward Jerusalem. From the city of Jericho (10:46-52), Mark's Gospel takes us to the climax of Jesus' mission in Jerusalem (11:1-16:8), followed by His Resurrection and the instruction by an angel to the Apostles after His Resurrection to return to the Galilee (16:1-8). This is the end of the "shorter version" of the Gospel of Mark. Other ancient manuscripts have a longer ending that includes:

- Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene on Resurrection Sunday (16:9-11)
- Jesus' appearance to two disciples (13:12-13)
- The commissioning of the eleven Apostles (16:14-18)
- The Ascension (16:19-20)

Either some of the copies of the original ancient manuscript lost the last section of the Gospel of Mark, or St. Mark or another inspired writer added an addition. Both versions are found in the oldest manuscript copies of the Gospel of St. Mark.

St. Mark's Gospel, more than the other Gospels, is also strongly oriented on the Christology of Jesus. From the Greek words *Christos*, which has the meaning of the Hebrew "Messiah," and the word *logia*, meaning "study," Christology is the study of the nature and person of Jesus as set down in the canonical Gospels and epistles of the New Testament. Christology is primarily concerned with the relationship of Jesus' nature and person with the nature and person of the Most Holy Trinity. The study of Jesus in this context focuses on the details of Jesus' ministry, His deeds and His teachings, to arrive at a clearer understanding of His true identity and His role in salvation history. In revealing Jesus' true identity, Mark's focus is on:

Jesus is the Son of God (Mk 1:1, 11; 9:7; 15:39; 14:61).

Jesus is the promised anointed King-Messiah (Christ/ *Christos*) and the heir of David (Mk 1:1; 9:41; 12:35; 15:32).

But Mark also identifies Jesus as the "Son of Man" (Jesus' favourite title for Himself), a term Mark uses not simply as a description of Jesus' humanity (see Mk 13:26; 14:62), but as a reference to the prophetic figure of the prophet Daniel (cf. Dan 7:13-14 with Mk 13:26; 14:62) and in connection with Jesus' destiny and His path to suffering and vindication (Mk 8:31; 10:45).

Almost forty percent of Mark's Gospel is devoted to a detailed account of the last eight days of Jesus' life from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His Passion and Resurrection. But throughout his narrative, St. Mark's emphasis is on the power and authority of Jesus as the eternal Son of God:

- His authority as teacher of the new covenantal order (Mk 1:22)
- His power over Satan and unclean spirits (Mk 1:27; 3:19-30)
- His power over sin in His authority to forgive sins (Mk 2:1-12)
- His authority over the Sabbath (Mk 2:27, 28; 3:1-6)
- His power over nature (Mk 4:35-41; 6:45-52)
- His power to heal (Mk 5:21-34)
- His power to raise the dead (Mk 5:35-43)
- His authority over the Temple and to define right worship (Mk 7:1-20; 11:15-18)

# Parish News and Happenings

- **THANK YOU from Padre** for the wonderful Parish celebration for his Installation as Parish Priest last Sunday.
- Padre encourages the Parish Family to deepen their Lent journey through prayer and online resources. Here is a valuable link that you are welcome to try <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>
- **SAFEGUARDING IMPLEMENTATION** - Our volunteer registration has now reached 200 forms received. If you are a volunteer in any of our Churches or Parish organisations please complete and return the form. The next step is for processing of Blue Cards, Linking and Exemption Forms. Once all Cards are through, our Volunteer Team will start the Security Police Checks for those few who require them. Enquiries Bren Milsom 0407 533048
- **BURLEIGH BLAZE YOUTH NIGHT (Lenten Program)** - An evening of games, new friendships and sharing faith in a safe environment. Friday 2 March at the Parish Community Centre, Mercy Church, from 6.30 - 8.30pm. Dinner provided.
- **PARISH MEN'S DINNER** - Thursday 22 February, Burleigh Surf Club. 6pm for 6.30pm. All welcome. Lance 5576 2623.
- **YOUTH MASS** - Sunday 4 March. Theme: **SIGNS and WONDERS**. 5.30pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Musicians and singers needed. Followed by games, music and food.
- **CALL FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS TO AGED CARE FACILITIES** - Pastoral care of our aged care residents is an important focus for our parish. More volunteers are vital to maintain this ministry of taking Holy Communion to residents, either on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Please phone the Parish Office for further information. 5576 6466.
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - This weekend we welcome families commencing preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. The prayerful support of our Parish community is greatly appreciated.

## LENTEN PROGRAMME

### Stations of the Cross

Each Monday of Lent - 8.30am - Miami (*before Mass*)

Each Wednesday of Lent - 5pm - Palm Beach (*before Mass*)

Each Thursday of Lent - 5pm - Mudgeeraba (*before Mass*)

### Friday 23 February

6pm Stations of the Cross; 7pm Twilight Retreat - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Friday 2 March

6pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

### Friday 9 March

6pm Stations of the Cross; 7pm Twilight Retreat - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Friday 16 March

6pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

### Friday 23 March

6pm Stations of the Cross; 7pm Twilight Retreat - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Monday 26 March

9am - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Miami (*no Mass*)

### Wednesday 28 March

5.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Palm Beach (*no Mass*)

7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Thursday 29 March (Holy Thursday)

5pm - First Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

6pm - First Rite of Reconciliation - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper

6pm - Mudgeeraba; 7pm - Burleigh Waters

### GOOD FRIDAY

10am - *Ecumenical Stations* - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

3pm - *The Passion of the Lord* - Burleigh Waters; Burleigh Heads; Palm Beach; Miami; Mudgeeraba.

7pm - *Tenebrae* (The Ancient Liturgy of Light) in the Columbarium, Mercy Church

### HOLY SATURDAY

6.30pm - *Easter Vigil* - Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters



## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Theodore and Lola who were baptised last week.

## SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, Demosthenes Baldovino, Peter Barnes, Leigh Boulcher, Loretta Brennan, Sylvia Brewer, Noeleen Brown, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Joan Dale, Graham Dall, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, 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, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Bernadette Petersen, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Imelda Rundall, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Sheldon, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teehey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Warren 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: Janelle Connolly, Louis Rowan, Mary Corbett, Jim Gardiner, Annette Therese Boulton, John O'Neill, Jack Robba, Mary-Ann Hunter.

*May the choirs 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 Waters

## Family Groups

**Goannas** Sunday 25 February  
12 noon, Burleigh Heads Golf Club,  
cnr Bardon & Albion Av, Miami  
Phone Margaret 5534 2654.





# Liturgical Music for First Sunday of Lent

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

#### **Hosea**

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;  
So must we to others call.

*Long have I waited  
for your coming home to me  
and living deeply our new life.*

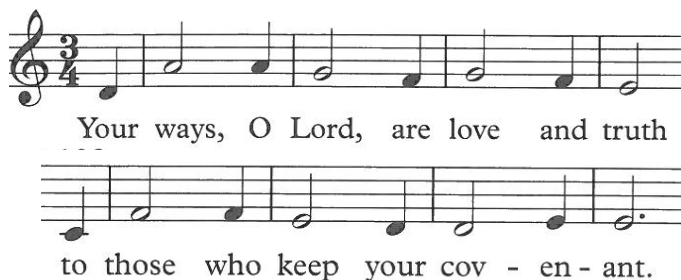
The wilderness will lead you  
to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice  
with tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace;  
faithfulness will be your joy.

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The Benedictine Foundation

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### **Psalm Response:**



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### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If today you hear his voice; harden not your hearts.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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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.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Communion:**

#### **The Eucharist Song**

This is my body, take now and share.  
Deep in the memory of my own prayer.

This is my blood, come drink and live.  
In all completeness this power I give.

You are my people, my chosen friends,  
come share the Spirit my Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,  
my peaceful presence, gift of my heart.

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### **Thanksgiving:**

#### **The Servant Song**

Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal: A New Heart For A New World**

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
- we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth.

Restless, the hearts who yearn for your peace  
in this land.  
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems.

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