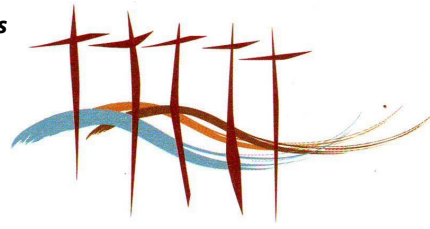


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- **BURLEIGH HEADS - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads**
- **PALM BEACH - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach**
- **MIAMI - CALVARY CHURCH - Redondo Av, Miami**
- **MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**
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First Sunday of Advent 2 December, 2018

Year B: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25,34-36

next week's Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Dear brothers and sisters

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. The very word "Advent" means coming. But there are two comings of Christ: his first coming, when he was born of Mary in Bethlehem, and his second, when he will come again in glory at the end of time. And so the church divides Advent into two parts.

The first part, which begins today and goes until December 16th, emphasizes preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second part, from December 17 through Christmas Eve, emphasizes preparation for the celebration of his birth.

Advent should be a joyful time, since expectation of a happy event is always a happy thing. Though the "Gloria" is not said in the Mass, it is omitted not because we are sad or sorrowful, but only so that on Christmas our singing of this great song of the angels may in certain sense be a new experience for us.

Today we begin the joyful expectation of the final coming of Christ at the end of time. In the gospel we have just heard, St Luke paints an awesome picture. Frankly, we are not quite sure what this picture means. The images in the gospel are taken largely from the Old Testament, and they refer to a judgment by God. God's judgment destroys one thing only: sin, not goodness. And the World, the universe is good. That is the view the early Christians had.

That there will be a change, even an upheaval, at the end of time seems clear, but not in the sense of annihilation of the universe, but in the sense of the final fulfilment of all things in Christ. All sin, all evil will be removed from the universe by the coming of Christ. Notice what the gospel says "when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand." May the God of truth, life, grace, love, justice and peace be with you always as we begin the journey of Advent?

Fr Ladu

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 3 December

St Francis Xavier

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

Tuesday, 4 December

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 5 December

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

Thursday, 6 December

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

Friday, 7 December

St Ambrose

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
 9.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 - Palm Beach
 10.00am **Anointing Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 8 December

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

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, 8 December

Second Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, 9 December

Second 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
 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
 5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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Christmas Mass Times

Monday 24 December

5pm Calvary Church, Miami
 5pm St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
 6pm Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
 6pm Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
 Midnight Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
 Midnight Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

Tuesday 25 December

7am Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
 7am Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
 8.30am Calvary Church, Miami
 8.30am St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
 10am Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 19 December - 5.30pm, Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach; 7.00pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters

Thursday 20 December - 5.30pm, St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba. **Monday 24 December** - 9am, Miami

Benefits of pastoral care

A new report by researchers at Australian Catholic University (ACU) confirms the significant benefits of pastoral care to hospital patients and aged care residents.

While those working in this area know intuitively that pastoral care practitioners provide hospital patients and aged care residents with support that enhances their wellbeing, there is surprisingly little research into this important area of care.

This unique Australian research project sought to better understand the perspectives of people who receive support from pastoral care practitioners.

Released on Tuesday 20 November, the findings will have impact for understanding and improving services, recognising and acknowledging the contribution this dedicated group of professionals make to the wellbeing of the community, and demonstrating the benefits of care in order to retain and expand funding for the provision of services.

The report, *What are the benefits of Pastoral Care to hospital patients and aged care residents?*, adds to the emerging literature on the impact of pastoral care in hospital and aged care settings. A total of 728 people from across Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia shared their views on the pastoral care they had received in hospital or aged care settings. Overwhelmingly, participants indicated that they perceived considerable benefits from engaging with a pastoral care practitioner.

Participants were asked five questions about the quality of this care. Almost all (99 per cent) of participants reported that during their meetings with the pastoral practitioner they felt they were treated with dignity and respect, and more than 90 per cent said they felt that they were listened to, were able to talk about what was on their mind, had their situation understood, and had their faith/beliefs valued.

More than three quarters of participants reported that "often" or "all of the time" after meeting with the practitioner they felt they were able to be honest with themselves about how they were really feeling, they had a positive outlook on their situation, they felt in control of their life, they felt peaceful and they did not feel anxious.

Through open-ended questions participants also shared their thoughts about the most helpful aspect of their experience. They noted the caring, supportive and empathetic presence of the pastoral care practitioner, and commented on the value of feeling listened to, being able to freely express their emotions, and feeling encouraged and uplifted by their time with the pastoral care practitioner.

Participants also said that the pastoral care practitioner met specific needs, including their spiritual needs, friendship/social support needs, and practical needs.

ACU Pro Vice-Chancellor of Engagement Professor Sandra Jones said, "The results demonstrate that participants perceive considerable benefits from engaging with a pastoral care practitioner, including aspects of care that are not provided by other services."

A key strength of the study was its cross-organisational context and large sample, enabling the benefits and impact of pastoral care to be explored across a diverse range of organisations and participants. Participants were patients and residents from six organisations: BapCare, Cabrini, Mercy Health, Southern Cross Care Vic, St John of God, and Villa Maria Catholic Homes.

Professor Jones said, "The quality of the study was underpinned by deep and meaningful engagement of the University research team with the individuals and organisations who provide this important, but often undervalued, aspect of health and aged care."

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Parish Christmas Party

Sunday 23 December, 7pm (after 5.30pm Mass)
Mercy Community Centre, Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

- * *Bring a plate to share ... Bring your Christmas cheer ...*
- * *Wear your Christmas gear ... Bring your voice to sing ...*
- * *Join in everything ... and make it a Christmas Party to remember!*

PRIZE FOR BEST DECORATED CHRISTMAS HAT



Tickets in the **CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE** are on sale at each church.

The hamper will be drawn on Thursday 6 December at the Christmas luncheon to be held at the Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Avenue.

- **If anyone would like to attend the luncheon (both men and women) it is always a fun day. Cost is \$25 per head. Please ring Val (5576 2553) by 2 December.**

Parish News and Happenings

- **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES CARDS** are available at Churches this weekend. Please take a supply of cards and hand to family, friends and visitors ... and invite them to celebrate Christmas in our parish.
- **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.*
- A sponsored Edition 24 of the **CATHOLIC LIFE** periodical is available at your Church, informing of Parish activities. Please take a copy. Also available on the Burleigh Heads website.
- **PALMS AUSTRALIA** - Make an Encounter in 2019. Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms Mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. www.palms.org.au/encounters.
- **CHOOSE LIFE** - With the changes to the Queensland law, we need to seek the way forward so that life may be protected as fully as possible. All invited to the end of year Cherish Life Gold Coast meeting - Tuesday 4 December, 6.30pm, 39-49 McLaren Rd, Nerang. Light refreshments will be served.

- **CHRISTMAS TIME AT THE PIETY STALL** - There are beautiful calendars and cards available at the piety stalls, along with many items which would make lovely gifts.
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4.30 - 5.30pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Catholic Priest says the tragic death of a baby girl found washed up on a beach highlights the shocking crisis of homelessness on the Gold Coast ... Damaging bushfire across Central Queensland pulls community together during times of need ... St Stephen's Cathedral's Christmas sound and light show to feature an animation written and narrated by Red Wiggle ... Pastoral carers graduate and commissioned to service in the archdiocese ... Report reveals an increase of oppression of religious activity across the world ... A poor man's plea prompts a professional to rethink priesthood.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Miami

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Soul, Reese, Nate, Tahiti, Finn, Hudson and Maverick who were baptised last 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, Michelle Cronin, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, 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, 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: Alice & Patrick Shannon, Lily Caruana, Alfred Gatt, Marie Evans, Vincent Bugeja.

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

May you find eternal life.

Advent Reflection Series

Advent is a season of preparation. Preparation to celebrate Emmanuel: God-With-Us. Preparation to open our hearts to God incarnated in us. Our four week Advent Reflection Series continues this Tuesday night 4th December 7pm-8pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. There is no cost to these evenings, which are offered to all interested in reflecting on what it is that we are being called to as people of faith in the 21st Century, within the Church and beyond. Theme for Week 2. *Visitation – Support and nurture in discernment*; Week 3. *Journey – The journey of discernment and opening our hearts*; Week 4. *Birth – What is it that God is inviting us to birth*. For further information and to RSVP contact Sue Thomas via email sue@suethomas.net.au or leave a message at the parish office 5576 6466.

Bereavement Support Group.

The next meeting of our support Group will be at 2pm on Wednesday, 12 December. Everyone will be warmly welcomed, whether you attended the last session or not. We gather in the meeting room at Infant Saviour Church.

"Grief never ends but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. It is the price of having loved."

This group is a safe place for sharing what we need to.

Pat Tomlinson

Dementia

We all know someone with Alzheimers or Dementia and many of us are worried that we might get it ourselves.

I went to a fantastic talk a couple of weeks ago on "DEFY DEMENTIA". The talk was given by a medical doctor who is a leading authority on improving brain function. She showed us step by step how to rewire the brain and reshape the body! Doesn't that sound like a dream come true!!!

I have booked her to speak to us next February... so watch this space.

Pat Tomlinson

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Tuesday:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Wednesday:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thursday:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Friday:

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Saturday:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.

Liturgical Music for First Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering: Open The Heavens

*Open the heavens, Lord,
Come to your people,
Hide not your face, O God.
Open the heavens, Lord,
Come to your people,
open the heavens and come.*

Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.
Water your vineyard again,
scattered and broken, return to our aid,
open the heavens and come. *(Refrain)*

Wake, a-wake, O Israel, see your light has come.
Rise and clothe your self in strength,
know your Lord is near.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, to-day.
Listen to hear when he comes
know that salvation will break like the dawn,
open the heavens and come. *(Refrain)*

[coda] Open the heavens and come,
open the heavens and come.

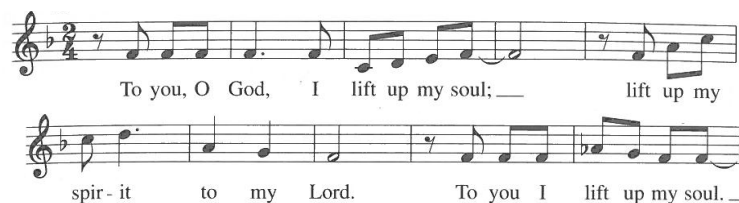
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Lighting of Advent Candle:



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



Word of mercy, Alleluia, live among us. Maranatha!
Word of power, Alleluia, live within us. Maranatha!
Word of freedom, Alleluia, save your people. Maranatha!



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Preparation of the Gifts:

Lord, We Come To Your Table

Lord, we come to your table.
Lord, we hear your Word.
Lord, you are our Bread of Life
and we, the Body of Christ.

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Communion: Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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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.

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Let The Valleys Be Raised

*Let the valleys be raised
and the mountains made low.
Ev'ry meadow and field overturn.
Make the pathway straight
and the highways run smooth
for the coming of God in our day.*

God has come to His people
as He promised of old.
He has raised up a Saviour
in the sight of us all.

You, little child, go before Him
like the prophets of old,
bringing news of His coming
by the mercy of God.

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