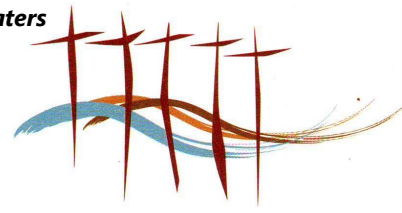


# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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- **MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**



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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 January, 2018

Year B: Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

next week's Readings: Deut 18:15-21; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

## A Call to All: "Come and See"



Dear Friends,

Jesus calls all people at all times ..., those who receive His call will experience and enjoy His Heavenly happiness. Today's Gospel tells us Jesus' call and its responses. Jesus is calling some simple men, mostly fishermen, to share the responsibility of gathering the family of God and proclaiming the good news of salvation to all. Among these men, many of them were completely unprepared and they did not even belong to any religious groups at that time. They did not study in some well known schools and colleges ... they were neither learned nor wealthy ... they were fishermen. So we say they were ordinary people. No one ever believed in the ordinary people as Jesus did. ... A man should never think so much of what he is but as of what Jesus Christ can make of him. As of the twelve, they were challenged by Jesus' words to become 'fishers of men', and so they followed Jesus and wanted to know Him better and preached about Him to other people ...

Nowadays, this work of becoming 'fishers of men' is continued by the Church and her Priests and Bishops. They have the obligation by virtue of their divine calling, to constantly strive to overcome their human weaknesses and also become better Priests and servant leaders. Consequently, we continue to strive to live as good shepherds, servants and stewards of people whom God has given to us ... But still we hear criticisms about our Church leaders ... Yet, the creative and positive criticism will restore the Church to its former glory.

Finally, many have the idea that the call of Christ to preach the good news is solely for the Priests and Bishops. This is not true ... Christ Himself commissions every Christian to a ministry of love and justice by virtue of his/her Baptism and Confirmation. Vatican II says: "incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through Baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, the laity are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself" (Apostolicam Actuositatem Para:3). So whoever you are – a teacher, a doctor, a nurse or an officer, you share in the apostolate of preaching, teaching, healing and witnessing to Christ's teachings in your particular work, office, and endeavour through your works of mercy and concern.

*Fr Saji George*

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 22 January

9.00am **Mass** - Miami  
- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11,00am

### Tuesday, 23 January

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 24 January

#### St Francis de Sales

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

### Thursday, 25 January

#### The Conversion of St Paul

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

### Friday, 26 January

#### Australia Day

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

### Saturday, 27 January

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach  
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 27 January

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### SUNDAY, 28 January

#### Fourth 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 Waters  
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the Universal Church practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the chalice. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host into the chalice if this is your custom.

Let's not draw too much from today's first reading to paint a luminous portrait of the prophet Jonah. If we just read today's passage we might conclude that Jonah is an exemplary servant of God who responds instantly to God's call. God gives him instructions to go preach in Nineveh and we read, "So, Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh." Not so fast.

Actually, this was the second time God called Jonah. The first time he heard God's call he resisted and fled by boat. After all, Nineveh was an Assyrian city and they were the enemy who had conquered and oppressed Israel. While Jonah was attempting his escape at sea, God caused a storm that terrified the sailors. They threw Jonah into the sea, where he was swallowed by a large fish and, after three days, the fish dropped him ashore near, of all places, Nineveh. No escaping God's will!

Today's reading narrates the second time God sends Jonah to the Ninevites. He responded to the call, probably hoping God planned to destroy the city. That's what Jonah wanted, but it's not what God wanted. First the Assyrian king, and then all the people, repented and God spared the Ninevites.

Jonah was very upset by God's mercy towards his enemies. He tells God, "I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in clemency, loathe to punish" (4:2). That's our God! Jonah knew his God well and realized that God used him as an instrument of forgiveness and mercy. He went to great lengths to resist God's first call and then expressed frustration with God when the Ninevites heard Jonah's preaching and repented.

It's not just that God forgave the sins of the pagan people. But more. God used a reluctant prophet to communicate mercy to a people the prophet despised. This small-minded person didn't want to be God's voice of forgiveness. But God used him anyway. Maybe, in Jonah, we might see a reflection of part of ourselves. We tend to classify certain individuals, or peoples, as outside God's loving embrace. We can't imagine God loving them with their faults and ungodly ways. What have they done to deserve God's mercy? Nothing, we protest, but God offers it to them anyway.

What's more, we might be the very ones God uses to reach out to them. Imagine that! The Jonah story shows to what lengths God will go to welcome home the sinner and outsider. Why, God might even want us to be God's instruments! To whom is God sending us? Can we put aside our negative feelings for them and make the journey Jonah did to be instruments of God's peace to them?

Jonah should have remembered God's mercy. Hadn't God chosen and showed mercy to Israel – who did nothing to deserve it? God was magnanimous towards the Israelites and so they were to be a "light to the Gentiles," to open their eyes to the merciful God of Israel.

A note in passing on the second reading from first Corinthians. All of chapter 7 is devoted to advice to the married and unmarried. It's also a teaching about marriage and divorce to unbelievers. What might help us understand the reading is what Paul says in the opening verse, "I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out." He believed that the world was soon to end and that they were living in the last days. So, he advises the Christians not to worry about what is transitory. In the light of the impending end the only thing that counts is to serve the Lord. He says that this is his own opinion and not a command from the Lord, so he is not imposing it on all believers. Still, we can draw from Paul a sense of urgency as we respond to our call to turn to God and dedicate our lives to serving the kingdom. Being a Christian is a full-time vocation and should take priority in our lives. Which leads us to the gospel.

Unlike Jonah, who responded to God's call reluctantly, the first disciples accepted Jesus' invitation to follow him immediately. Before he invites his new followers, Jesus proclaims, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel." I must admit that the story of the call of the first four of Jesus' followers is a bit unbelievable. The people of Jesus' day were no less circumspect and hesitant than we moderns. Before dropping everything to follow Jesus why didn't the four small business people first ask the questions I would have asked? Questions like: "Who are you? Where will we be going? How long are we going for? What do you mean by "fishers of people"? What kind of fishing will that be? What about our father Zebedee and our families, who will take care of them?" I could fill a page with just the first questions that would pop into my mind if Jesus said to me, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of people."

Indeed, in the course of my life, I probably have asked similar questions about Jesus' call. In an ongoing attempt to respond wholeheartedly, I must admit I have held back. I will place that hesitancy and compromise at the altar today for healing and once again, with the community, invoke the Holy Spirit to come upon us and make us wholehearted disciples of Jesus.

The narrative begins with an ominous tone: John the Baptist has been arrested. The message is clear, God's kingdom is coming and it will involve commitment and personal sacrifice. If John was arrested, Jesus' disciples can expect similar treatment. It will cost these fishermen, and us, if they respond to Jesus' call, "Come after me...." God's reign of forgiveness, peace and justice has arrived with Jesus, but there will be much suffering by his disciples before it is fully established.

Jesus calls his hearers to, "Repent and believe in the gospel." In the original language "repentance" means more than asking forgiveness for this or that sin. It is a term that asks us to make a complete 180° turn, an about-face to God. It calls us, like the disciples, to leave our former ways behind and start a new life following Christ.

Haven't we done that already? We were baptized and here we are worshiping in church as Jesus' followers. But conversion is an ongoing process. We are reminded that we must continue in our conversion by many changes of heart and mind as we receive the Good News again and again. We live under the reign of God, whose coming Jesus announced, and who now sends us to share with others what we have heard and seen in Jesus - "The kingdom of God is at hand...turn 180 degrees in God's direction."

*Padre Morgan*





# Parish News and Happenings

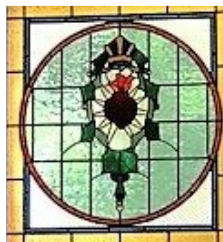
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**FR MORGAN BATT**

**AS 6th PARISH PRIEST OF BURLEIGH HEADS PARISH**

**ON SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 10am**



**BLESSING OF THE SACRED HEART WINDOW**, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church - 16 February, 12 noon Mass. All welcome - especially those who helped restore the window.

## **CARE & CONCERN**

With operations for 2018 now recommenced, our Care and Concern volunteer roster still has a few vacancies. If you are able to give two hours every six weeks over the coming year to take bookings over the telephone - we would love to hear from you. For more details, copies of our brochures are located at the back of the Church. Please contact the parish office 5576 6317 (office hours) or 5576 6318 - 9.30 - 11.30am, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Someone from Care and Concern will speak at all Masses this weekend.

**HOSPITALITY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AFTER AUSTRALIA DAY MASS**, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Friday 26th January 12 noon. Australiana Food such as Damper, Lamingtons, Vegemite Sandwiches or alike would be much appreciated to share afterwards with a cuppa.

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

**THANK YOU FROM OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** - Through your generous support for the Christmas Appeal and the Gifting Tree, our Conference was able to provide 70 families with a Christmas hamper and 140 children with Christmas presents. On behalf of these grateful families - **THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY**. Christmas Appeal envelopes and Columban Calendars are still available at the back of the church or from the Piety Stall.

**ST TERESINHA'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OSSU - Stage 2**. Donation cards are now in our churches as we start the journey to stage 2 of this project in our sister Parish in Timor Leste. Your support for this project will help pay for more toilets and washrooms, three new classrooms, a new computer learning centre and a new library. Please take a donation card from the stand at the door of the church. An opportunity to visit St Teresinha's is being planned for May 2018. Enquiries Sue and Ben Milsom 5522 4880.

**PARISH MENS DINNER** - Resumes Thursday 25th January at Burleigh Sports Club 6pm for 6:30pm. New parishioners & visitors most welcome. Phone Lance 5576 2623

## **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS**

Couples are invited to a celebration of Eucharist at 11am, St Benedict's Church, Mudgeeraba on Sunday 11 February - to celebrate your marriage, whether married only last year or decades ago. A renewal of Marriage Vows will be included during the Liturgy. Bring a plate to share over a BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Contact and rsvp: Sue and Bren - 5522 4880.

## **LADIES 1ST THURSDAY LUNCH AT BURLEIGH SPORTS CLUB**

- Christine Avenue on Thursday 1st February commencing 12 noon. New to the Parish or lonely, come join our friendly group. Phone Margaret for bookings on 5535 8714. All welcome.

## **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.

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

A reminder that preparation for the Sacrament of Penance will be commencing very soon. For those who have yet to register, **please return completed enrolment forms to the Parish Office by Monday 29 January**. Parent Information Sessions on Thursday 15 February, further details will be advised. Email Angela Williams on sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

## **YOUTH MASS**

- Sunday 4 February, Theme — GO FORTH. Come join us to celebrate Burleigh Blaze Youth Mass at 5:30pm in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Come support us to make it a joyous celebration. We are looking for Musicians and Singers. Followed by Games, Music & Food. Singers & Musicians please meet at 4:30pm for practice.

## **MARYMOUNT COLLEGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

- Friday 23 March, Book Launch: 'My God & My All' A History of Marymount College and 50 Stories from Former Students. Tickets available now from [www.trybooking.com/TEVO](http://www.trybooking.com/TEVO) For more information about our 50 Year Events visit [www.marymount.qld.edu.au](http://www.marymount.qld.edu.au)

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Elodie, Alicia, Mia and Carter who were baptised last week.

## 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, 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, 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 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:** Denis Callinan, Pasquale Leonello, Ian Doherty, Gordon Grams, Margaret Ann Supple, Ignacio Abarquez, Natalia Abarquez, Sherry Ann Abarquez, Ben Clarke

*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: Miami

# Liturgical Music Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### Gathering:

#### Sing A New Song

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.*

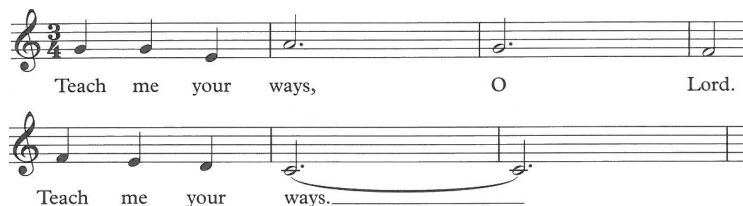
Shout with gladness, dance for joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for God on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### Psalm Response:



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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

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Choir 5520 2591  
Christian Meditation 5593 3794  
Family Groups 0412 606492  
Ladies' Dinner 5576 2623  
Ladies' Lunch 5576 2623  
Marymount Primary 5535 1803

Marymount College 5586 1000  
menALIVE Group 0412 270828  
Men's Dinner 5576 2623  
Ozanam Villa 5507 0800  
St Vincent de Paul 1800 846643  
TEAMS Married Couples 5522 4880  
Youth 0430 960802

### A VOCATION VIEW

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow me'.

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### Communion:

#### 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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### Thanksgiving: You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,  
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,  
come and rest in me.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you,  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.*

I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### Dismissal: The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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