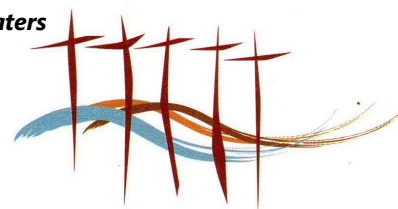


BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

25 March, 2018

Year B: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

next week's Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7

The Priests of the Parish wish all our School and College Families a safe Easter Holiday and blessings for this wonderful feast time in the Church (see you on the 17th April if not before). Also well done to the School and College Teachers and Staff – enjoy your down time (I hope).

- The Games will start soon and many of our parishioners are volunteering and working during this time for the Games – well done. We also welcome all our Games visitors and hope they enjoy their time in our Parish and her communities. Please keep aware of changes and check into the “Set for the Games” web site.
- On the 8th April we have our Parish Youth Mass and the beginning of the Archdiocesan Youth Week – our Parish will launch the International and National Youth Year at this Mass and Bless the Youth Banner. We have also invited some of our young people to give a testimony at some Masses – please encourage them in their wonderful witness to the faith. We thank the Youth Team for their awesome work.
- Please also pray for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) adults who we are baptising or welcoming into the Church this Easter – there are 18 of them which is the largest group in the Archdiocese.
- We have begun our Teen RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens) who are preparing for baptism and initiation at Pentecost 20th May this year – there are 6 candidates – and 2 adults.
- We pray for the over 100 children who will enrol in First Communion on the weekend 21/22 April at our Parish Masses.
- Thank you to Yr 6 for their Ministry Connect Mass this weekend.
- Lastly the Parish Easter Retreat – Labyrinth Retreat Day – 29th April is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our Easter Blessings 10am-4pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 26 March

Monday of Holy Week

9.00am Second Rite of Reconciliation - Miami

Tuesday, 27 March

Tuesday of Holy Week

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters

2.30pm Funeral for Norm Hogan - Palm Beach

Wednesday, 28 March

Wednesday of Holy Week

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, 29 March

Holy Thursday

5.00pm First Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

6.00pm Mass - Mudgeeraba (Anniversary of Dedication)

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

6.00pm First Rite of Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

7.00pm Mass - Burleigh Waters

Friday, 30 March

Good Friday

10.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross - Burleigh Heads (*this is a walk*)

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

- Burleigh Heads

- Miami

- Mudgeeraba

- Palm Beach

- Burleigh Waters

7.00pm Tenebrae - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 31 March

Holy Saturday

6.30pm Easter Vigil - Burleigh Waters

SUNDAY, 1 April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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

5.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters

7.00pm Mass - Miami

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www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes

PALM SUNDAY

Suppose we were to focus our preaching on the Procession Gospel, Mark 11: 1-10? This opening reading about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is celebratory, filled with biblical imagery of long-held hopes now fulfilled. There is lots of symbolism pointing to the Jewish, royal, messianic expectations. For example, Jesus uses a traditional prerogative of kings when he requisitions a colt for his entrance to the city of David (Zech. 9:9). His disciples are instructed to say, "The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once." This request is enough to satisfy the bystander's question, "What are you doing...?" At this stage of the week, Jesus is in complete charge of events. He exhibits knowledge of events to come and he shows his royal authority.

The people spreading their cloaks and branches on the road are doing what people did for entering kings (2 Kings 9:13). "Hosanna" originally meant "save us"; and later became a shout of praise. So there is a dual significance to the crowd's shout. We now know there are two reasons to proclaim Jesus, for he is both our saviour and our sovereign. The people were anticipating the arrival of David's kingdom; they see Jesus linked to the glorious moment when the David-like messiah would come.

We hear this highly charged and emotional reading at the very opening of today's liturgy. Later, in the passion narrative, we will hear the crowds shouting to Pilate for Jesus' death -- "Crucify him!" How many homilies

have we heard about the fickle crowd; one moment pro-Jesus, the next, anti-Jesus? Why take that usual slant on the passage? Consider weighing in on the side of the crowd. I notice that this event, with all its excitement, takes place outside the city, “near the city” (11:1). Later, Mark will tell us that Jesus enters the city alone (11:11). So, the excitement is by those outside the city.

Jesus goes into Jerusalem and there he meets opposition and death.

It seems to be the outsiders who are the ones excited about Jesus. Think of their life-long desperation. Are they the gospel “highway and by-way” people -- those who never get special places at table, invitations to upper-crust banquets, or places of honour in temple and synagogue? Jesus’ mission has been to them. They have already experienced, or heard about how welcome their lot is with him. Finally, someone from God to tell them they are not forgotten, indeed, they are loved, by God! Jesus, the one with authority, has recognized them, healed their afflictions and forgiven their sins. They know too, that Jesus is a Galilean, an outsider, one of their own, raised up by God and, as Zechariah had promised, come to Jerusalem riding on a colt.

We can look back to the first Sunday of Lent (February 18, Mark 1:12-15), when Jesus started proclaiming his message, “This is the time of fulfilment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.” Now we are at the end of the same gospel, Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The sudden reversal that will lead to his suffering and death is about to take place. What happened to the bright promise of his beginnings? And, is this what the “Time of fulfilment” looks like? This total collapse? During the intervening episodes, Jesus’ public ministry, we have learned more about the identity of Jesus, the nature of his reign and what it means to be his disciples. (After the Easter season, we will return to hearing Mark’s gospel on Sunday) “Time of fulfilment,” has taken flesh in Jesus. He is the reign, the kingdom of God. He fulfils ancient promises, but not as his contemporaries expected.

In Jesus’ lifetime he has shown his authority over sickness, evil spirits and his opponents. He was also in control as he prepared to enter Jerusalem. Now he will use his power and authority; but it will not be in the way the world does. Rather, his power will be in service for others, he will lay down his life for our benefit. We will see in his way of service a new kind of authority over sin and evil, a triumph that will come, not by force, but by self-sacrifice in the interest of the other. His authority will not be forced on others; we will be free to choose his way to life through death. While we might ordinarily exert ourselves through power and military might, he will do so in self-emptying humility. Paul makes it clear that Jesus was willing to give all, hold back nothing on our behalf. No sacrifice was too great in order for Christ to show us God’s love for us. The church in Philippi was suffering both internal strife and outer persecution (1:28-29). There were also those Jewish Christians who wanted all converts to keep the old observance. Paul places a reminder before this Christian community. Christ gave up all for them, from his equality with God, to his suffering and death: That’s the big sacrifice the community needs to focus on - and not on its differences and theological squabbles.

Jesus’ rejection, suffering and death fulfil what he has been telling his disciples. This should come as no surprise to Mark’s audience. Jesus’ own suffering is a central focus in the story and must have been a consolation to Mark’s community and to us contemporary Christians, for whom faith and allegiance to Jesus come with a cost.

When the passion narrative begins we can hear that a change has taken place in the gospel. Jesus, the one with authority and power, now becomes the one who suffers. He is on the receiving end of much activity. He is: conspired against, denied, betrayed, arrested, tried, convicted, tortured, crucified and finally buried. In his suffering, Jesus identifies with those who have undergone similar injustices and with all those who suffer. One of the names we give this day is “Passion Sunday.” The word passion, has roots in words meaning “suffering” and “being acted upon.” There are many people who must suffer, or have something done to them; they have no choice. We suffer old age, sickness, physical debilitation. We also suffer from the pressures of economic and social systems. We cannot always change these circumstances and so, we identify with Jesus, receiving strength from his own endurance under his passion.

Passion, in English, also suggests strong feelings. In this sense Jesus was an initiator, one who felt strongly about what he was to do and went about doing it. He was a passionate lover of God and humanity and this passion energized and forged his determination to continue on the path God gave him to follow for us; to preach God’s love for the outsider. No opposition could prevent this passionate saviour from completing his task for us, even if it meant his death.

In truth this was the Son of God – can we leave the Church today and really live this acclamation?

Padre



Parish News and Happenings

- **WORLD LABYRINTH DAY** is a movement which encourages people from around the world to reflectively walk a labyrinth on the same day for world peace. Usually held on the first Saturday in May, the theme is *Walk as One @ 1*. That is, all walk together at 1pm in their local time. Because the weekend of 5/6 May is a busy one for our parish, we will host facilitated labyrinth walks in Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters on Sunday 29 April. Please join us after 10am Mass or after 5.30pm Mass as together we pray for peace in our troubled world. The Sunday night walk will be candle lit. To find out more about the labyrinth - www.veriditas.org or contact Sue Thomas sue@suethomas.net.au
- **MERCY CHURCH - DONOR ROLL BOARD UPDATE** - A few changes are being made to the Mary, Mother of Mercy Church Donor Roll. Anyone who has not already advised of a name change has the opportunity to correct any error by Friday 30 March. Please contact the Parish Office ASAP. This is the **ONLY** opportunity to make changes.
- **PARISH MEN'S DINNER** - Due to Holy Thursday being the date of the normal monthly Dinner, it has been decided to cancel for this month.

- **LADIES' LUNCHEON** - Due to the impact of the Commonwealth Games, the normal first Thursday meeting has been changed from April to 29 March. Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av, 12 noon 29 March. Shuttle bus available (contact the Club directly on 5576 3177). Please rsvp to Margaret - 5535 8714.
- **REFLECTION MORNING** - Saturday 5 May. Theme: *Christ Consciousness and meditative prayer*. Presenters - James and Bernadette Stewart. 9.30am - 12.30pm, Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Dr, Clear Island Waters. Booking 5520 7242 or bernadette.stewart2@bigpond.com
- **SAFEGUARDING - IMPLEMENTATION** Thank you to all for sending forms in. All correctly completed Blue Card forms have been submitted. There are a number of volunteer forms at the office where all signatures have not been provided or where ID has not been provided (Blue Card). We have phoned and left messages for many. If you have submitted a Blue Card form and have heard nothing by mid-April, please call in and check. Training dates are being arranged through the Pastoral Council with the Diocesan Office and will be announced soon. Enquiries Bren Milsom 0407 533048.

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, Margaret Crowe, Chris Curran, Colin Dahler, Graham Dall, Brian Deere, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Joseph Gardener, Anne Gavaghan, 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, 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, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zandler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

HOLY WEEK 2018

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| 26 March | 9am, 2 nd Rite Reconciliation, Miami |
| 27 March | 7.30am Mass, Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters |
| 28 March | 7am Mass Miami
9:30am Mass Ozanam Villa
5.30pm 2 nd Rite Reconciliation, Palm Beach
7.00pm 2 nd Rite Reconciliation, Mercy Church Burleigh Waters |
| 29 March | Holy Thursday
5.00pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation, St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
6.00pm Mass, St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
6.00pm Mass, Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6.00pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation, Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
7.00pm Mass, Mercy Church Burleigh Waters |
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10am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Infant Saviour Burleigh Heads
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| 31 March | Holy Saturday
6:30pm Easter Vigil, Mercy Church Burleigh Waters |
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7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads; Palm Beach
8.30am Mass - Miami; Mudgeeraba
10.00am Mass - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
* 5.00pm Mass - Palm Beach
5.30pm Mass - Mercy Church Burleigh Waters
* 7.00pm Mass - Miami (the last Sunday Gold Coast Mass) |



DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Noel Haupt, Julia Grioli, Rita Galea, Mary Caruana, Sheila Brew, George Bury, Richard Thomas Wright, Norm Hogan, Volodymyr Kovika.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

On Monday evening 50 families celebrated the Sacrament of Penance – First Rite of Reconciliation. This group of families were the first to have completed this particular program in line with the Sacramental Policy reviewed in 2015. Congratulations to the children and parents for their participation and commitment, and we welcome the children as fully initiated members of our faith community. We will soon begin preparation for the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**. Registration forms are requested to be **returned to the Parish Office by Tuesday 27th March**. Parent Information Sessions will be held on Thursday 19th April and the Rite of Enrolment at all Masses on the weekend of 21st and 22nd April. Thank you to our Parish communities for supporting families with your continued prayers.

Enquiries: sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
Angela Williams - Sacramental Co-ordinator

* These are extra Masses scheduled for Easter Sunday only and to cater for the Commonwealth Games

Liturgical Music for Palm Sunday

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

All Glory, Praise And Honour

*All glory, praise and honour
to you, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and blessed One.

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
as we and all creation,
exultant, make reply.

The people of the Hebrews,
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:

My God, my God,
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why have you a - ban-doned me?

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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:

Communion Song

We see bread and wine before us,
but hidden from our view
lies the flesh and blood of Jesus,
now sacrificed for us anew.

*Jesus, we bring to you our bodies.
Jesus we bring to you our souls,
needing nourishment, needing healing,
seeking peace.*

On the night before he suffered,
He took the bread into His hands.
Giving thanks and praise He broke it,
saying, "Take and eat, this is my body".

And when supper was then ended
He took the wine again gave thanks,
saying "Take and drink of my Cup,
this is my Blood to be shed for you".

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Thanksgiving:

We Remember

*We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people,
and hold them in your heart.

Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
the presence of the Lord.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

(Please leave in silence)

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PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Waters