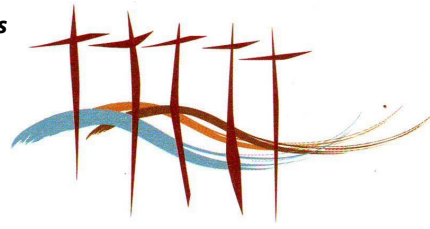


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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 August, 2018

Year B: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

next week's Readings: Deut 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

This Sunday the Brisbane Archdiocese Celebrates Multicultural Sunday. Pope Francis calls us to consider - In our own small ways, how do we assist in welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees?

**Our Parish will celebrate Multicultural Sunday on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at all Masses.** Please come dressed in your cultural dress.

The Pope's address may be found on the following link - <https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html>

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 27 August

#### St Monica

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

### Tuesday, 28 August

#### St Augustine

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 29 August

#### The Passion of St John the Baptist

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

### Thursday, 30 August

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

### Friday, 31 August

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

### Saturday, 1 September

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, 2 September

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### SUNDAY, 2 September

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Fathers Day

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



## 104TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

**WELCOMING, PROTECTING,  
PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Migrant & Refugee Week 20th - 26th August 2018

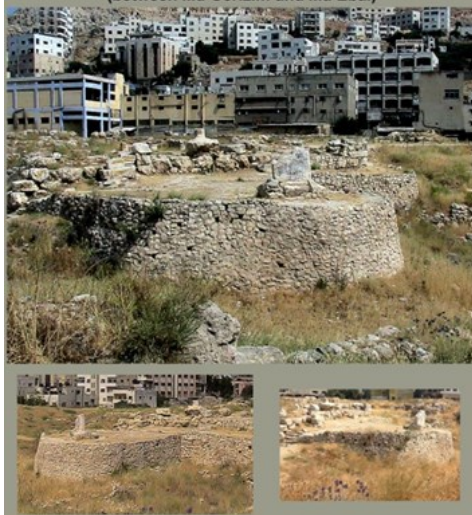


How many decisions do we make each day? Most are ordinary, just part of our daily routine: What shall I have for breakfast? Shall I have an egg?

What time shall I go to bed? Will I watch television tonight... go online... or read? Others, not as frequent, require deliberation and are more consequential: What kind of work will I do? Which school will I attend?

With whom will I form a friendship, or enter into a lasting relationship? These are decisions similar to the ones today's readings challenge us to make: they call for commitment. They are not choices we are forced to make out of fear or punishment. But what we choose will affect our whole lives -- how we view the world. They will also guide us in our making life-directing decisions. Today's readings ask us: whether we will continue to choose, or not choose God, as we face the new challenges life puts before us.

### Stone Pillar and Sacred Site at Shechem (between Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal)



In our first reading Moses' successor, Joshua, is now the leader of the people. We are at the close of the Book of Joshua and the people are ending their 40 year desert journey. They are about to enter Canaan, where they will not only meet opposition, but their allegiance to God will be tempted by the new difficulties and false gods they will encounter. Before they cross over Joshua addresses them. The setting is important, Shechem was the place of the shrine Abraham visited (Genesis 12:ff). It also may have been the place where, for a time, the ark of the covenant was housed. It is the appropriate place for Joshua to call the people to renew their covenant with God.

### NEW SUNDAY MASS

4th Sunday of the month

**Bond University - 7pm - in the Student Lounge**  
**23 September**  
**28 October**  
**25 November**

Before he asks for the people's commitment, Joshua reminds them what God has done for them: "For it was the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery." God chose the enslaved people, freed them from bondage and cared for them for the 40 years they travelled across the desert. When Moses first went to the people, he invited them to trust God and follow him out of slavery into the desert. It was a turning point -- a moment of decision. Now, Joshua invites them to renew their commitment. Once again they are at a turning point; once again they are invited to choose God. Based on what? Based on what God has done for them in their past. In case they have forgotten, or are hesitant, Joshua reminds them of who their God is and what God has already done for them. He is assuring them that God will continue to be their protector and deliverer in this new moment of the community's life.

Not all of life's turning points lead to something better. Sometimes we are faced with a moment of crisis - a death, collapse of our life's project, rupture in a relationship, family disruptions, etc. At these moments it is as if Joshua is standing before us saying what he said to the Israelites at a crucial moment in their history - Remember God's faithfulness in your past difficult moments; when your strength was not enough to see you through. Remember how God was with you each step of that difficult journey. Drawing on that memory can you once again trust in "the God of our ancestors" to sustain and enlighten you each new step you must take? The God of the Covenant, your Deliverer and Protector, Joshua proclaims, was and still is your faithful God.

Drawing on our past experience of God we do our best to profess, as Joshua did: "As for me and my household we will serve the Lord." Parents, like Joshua, are called to be the prophetic leaders of their "household"; called to guide their families in commitment to God's ways.

That seems more difficult these days, as fewer of our children profess the faith we, who gather in worship, profess today. Should we invite Joshua to join us in prayer for those we parent, teach in religion classes and also in our classes at school? God is loyal to us, Joshua assures, and we pray today to be faithful to the God Joshua and Jesus reveal to us.

We have been hearing readings from John 6, which began with the multiplication of the loaves and fish. In the "Bread of Life Discourse" following the miracle, Jesus has been teaching its significance for our faith. Today his teaching comes to a close, next week we return to Mark, our gospel for this liturgical year. Jesus' disciples were no different than the Israelites crossing the desert. When times were difficult they also murmured against God. The Israelites complained about the stress of their long desert travel. Jesus' disciples murmured about what he had just said to them, after he multiplied bread for the crowds.

Today we are at a turning point in Jesus' ministry. As he ends his discourse he asks his disciples for a decision: will they

accept the bread he is offering them - his teaching and his very self? They have eaten the bread he fed them and, just as Joshua asked faith from the gathered tribes at Shechem, Jesus asks his disciples to profess faith in him. Will they accept what he has taught them and accept him, the bread of life?

Jesus is forthright with his disciples. He is inviting a faith that will encourage them to draw near to him, faith not in the wonders he performs, but in himself, the life he has shown in the signs he has performed. What was it that turned many of his followers away? Was it the hard saying that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood? Or, was it what he said about participating in the death he was about to undergo himself? Either was hard for them to grasp and accept.

Jesus reminded them and us what makes our faith possible, who is the Source that enables us to follow him. "No one can come to me unless it is granted by my Father." Peter's faith will falter; like ours does when it is tested. But after hearing Jesus' challenging words, Peter does not turn away. He may not understand the consequences of saying "Yes" to Jesus, but he believes in the one he has come to love and will continue to follow him.

Today, at our Eucharistic celebration, Jesus is again teaching and encouraging us to accept and follow him. Then, he gives us the gift of real food and drink - his very self. Joshua's words echo in the discussion between Jesus and his disciples: "Decide today, who will you follow." When we eat and drink the meal offered us at this Eucharist do we realize the choice Jesus gave his disciples is also put before us? But the very fact we come forward to eat and drink is a sign of the Spirit's life in us and that Spirit will enable us to profess what Peter did, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God."

*Padre*



Shechem is near Sychar in Samaria

**EXTENSION TO MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE** - In the next few weeks construction will be commencing on an extension to the Multi-purpose Centre (MPC) at Marymount Primary School. The MPC sits to the west of the Mary Mother of Mercy Church at Burleigh Waters and the extension will be added on the northern end of the existing building so it will sit in behind the Parish meeting rooms. Workmen will be on site from late next week with the main construction of the extra curved roof to take place just before and during the September school holidays - 22 September to 7 October. We would hope that the whole project will be completed by mid to late October. There should be minimal disruption to our church and surrounds ie. car park and entry road as there is no need for road closures. Further information and building updates will be posted if needed.

**PARISH MULTICULTURAL MASS** - all Parish Masses 22/23 September. The Archdiocese theme for this year is Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees (Pope Francis for World Day of Cultures 2018). We encourage parishioners and friends to join us in wearing their cultural dress at Mass which we hope will be celebrated in different languages. Cuppa after Mass.

**PARISH DINNER** - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. 6-9pm Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre. Please bring along BYO plate of your speciality/country/region. Non-alcoholic drinks available. BYO alcoholic drinks. This is a great community event for the whole parish to come together. Make new friends and enjoy each other's company. Padre will speak about his mountaineering adventures and have his mountain book for sale and signing (\$20 per book).

Save the Date!



## We abandoned the little ones: Pope Francis



Published: 21 August 2018

Pope Francis has acknowledged the Church "did not act in a timely matter" to protect children from sexually abusive priests and bishops/cardinals over a period of decades, saying in a letter to Catholics that the Church "abandoned" minors. Source: NCR Online.

"With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been ... realising the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives," the Pontiff said in the letter, released yesterday in response to the Pennsylvania grand jury report.

"We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them," the Pope said.

In the three-page letter, addressed to the "People of God," Francis also says the Church has "delayed" in implementing measures to protect children and to hold those who have abused them to account.

Praising zero-tolerance policies and "ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable," Francis said, "We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future."

Although Francis did not outline specific steps for the Church to adopt, he said "no effort must be spared" to protect children and called on Catholics globally to consider taking up the spiritual practices of prayer and fasting to foster solidarity with those who were harmed.

"I invite the entire holy faithful people of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting," the Pope said. "This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says 'never again' to every form of abuse."

Francis' letter comes six days after the August 14 release of the grand jury report, which revealed that at least 1,000 minors were abused by Catholics priests across six dioceses in the state of Pennsylvania over a period of seven decades.

The Pope's letter, which the Vatican said was written in Spanish, Francis' native language, begins with a quote from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it."

**Again and again our Burleigh Catholic Parish and its leadership team and parishioners offer a sincere apology and offer acts of fasting and repentance for these heinous crimes against the vulnerable.**

• **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - Thank you to all who attended Parent Information Sessions for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and many thanks to all who contributed to making this a great occasion to share. This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Enrolment during Masses. Small group sessions commence from this weekend, and assistance from any retired RE teachers or catechists to help with small groups would be appreciated. For further information please email [sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au)

• **ROSIES STREET MISSION** - Rosies are asking to use the old office at Infant Saviour for their South Coast Street Mission HQ. No, there will not be homeless at the office, as it is a place to prepare their vans (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings) and store consumables. All interested parishioners are welcome to come and hear Rosies Mission hopes and needs at a meeting on 8 September, 9am, Infant Saviour Church. I fully support the idea and believe an outreach parish is a mission parish - but I would really like parish endorsement for this project. *Padre*

• **MASS FOR YOUTH** - Sunday 2 September, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 5.30pm. Musicians and singers needed - please meet at 4.30pm for practice.

• **PARISH MEN'S DINNER - BURLEIGH MEN - EXPLORING A NEW PARISH MINISTRY WITH MEN** - Thursday 30 August (and last Thursday of each month thereafter). Upstairs Meeting Room Burleigh Surf Club, 6pm for 6.30pm. To further the development of a new Parish Ministry, we have invited Leo Rawlings from St Joseph's Tweed Heads to address this meeting. Leo was the driving force behind the establishment of the very successful men's group in their parish. Bring a friend to the dinner and support this development. Keith Richards 0400 017087.

### PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Heads

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Koa, Azariah and Grace 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, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, Mary-Lou Gatt, 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, 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, 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:** Pat Finnimore, Denise McCarthy, Hendrika Toorenburg, Patricia Burke, Frances Gauci, Arsenio Aribal, Isabel Aribal, Vecente Garces, Romeo Francisco, Paquito Aribal, Baby Angel.

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

*May you find eternal life.*

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# Liturgical Music for Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

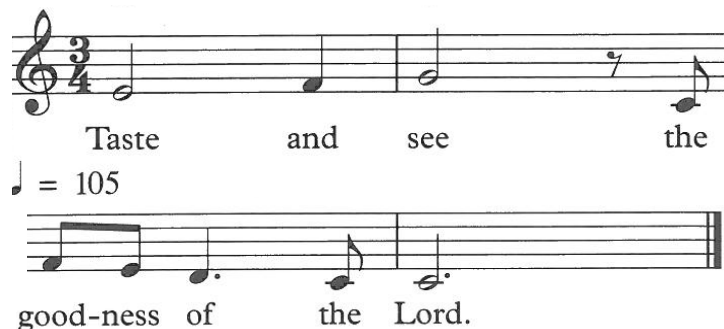
#### **Alleluia! Sing To Jesus**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;  
hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own.  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne:  
thou within the veil has entered,  
robed in flesh our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

## 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.

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

#### **Monday:**

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

#### **Tuesday:**

The Lord comes to judge the earth.

#### **Wednesday:**

I will sing your salvation.

#### **Thursday:**

I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

#### **Friday:**

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

#### **Saturday:**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Communion:**

#### **Communion Song**

We see bread and wine before us,  
but hidden there 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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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal:**

#### **Christ, Be Our Light**

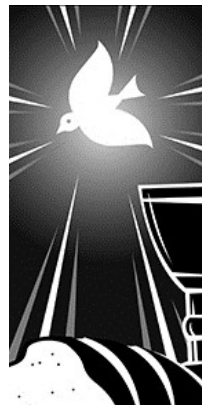
Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light.  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

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**menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON.** It is happening on 8/9 September at the grounds of Mary, Mother of Mercy Church and Marymount College. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Leaders from the menALIVE ministry team will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Forms available at churches, or phone Jim Littlefield 0488 350565 or Chris Kennedy 0412 270828.

