

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 Advent

3 December, 2017

Year A: Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? (Isaiah 63: 17)

And so it begins. . .Advent. This season celebrates homecoming, but not just a typical homecoming. No, Advent is a time when we are in anticipation of the arrival of a very special family member. It is the time when we prepare our souls for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, into our hearts. We think we have many things to do. However, in the spiritual life, like a woman in the last month of her pregnancy, our being is more important than our doing. All the past year, we may have wandered far from God and let the world dictate our desires. In a homily during a visit to Aparecida (7/24/13), Pope Francis states, "It is true that nowadays, to some extent, everyone, including our young people, feels attracted by the many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure. Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols." Now we are called home to await a new arrival with a new or renewed emphasis on the importance of our spiritual journey.

How do we do this?

First, we must make a decision. We must decide that this Advent our focus will be on our life in Christ. In anticipation of a new arrival, we must take stock of everything that distracts us from our path.

This leads us to our second action.

We must take time from our worldly lives. For some, this time may be expressed by setting up the crèche scene without the infant, Emmanuel, "God is with Us," or lighting the first Advent candle and saying prayer. If this has become a perfunctory part of your Advent journey, it may well be a good time, to just sit and contemplate the new spiritual life that wants to be born within you.

Third, Advent should be a time of active listening. Listening for the cries of the world, listening for your own cries and listening for laughter too. A pregnant woman feels the weight of the child she is bearing. She also feels the new life yearning to come forward. Listen to what possibility sounds like interiorly.

Happy wandering in the direction of the Lord this first week.

Fr Morgan Batt

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 4 December

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

Tuesday, 5 December

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
7.00pm **Retreat Session** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 6 December

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

Thursday, 7 December

St Ambrose

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

Friday, 8 December

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
12 noon **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
12 noon **Hour of Grace** - Miami

Saturday, 9 December

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.00pm **Sacrament of Penance** - Palm Beach
5.15pm **Sacrament of Penance** - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 9 December

Second Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, 10 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
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

MASS TIMES are available on our Website -
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.

The Archbishop has appointed Fr Stanley Orji as Associate Director of Vocation Brisbane and Sacramental Administrator of St John's Wood, The Gap, effective 6 January, 2018. We will farewell Fr Stanley on Sunday 31 December following 10am Mass at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. We welcome Fr Ladu Yanga to the Parish, from 6 January, 2018.

Christmas Mass Times

<u><i>Sunday 24 December</i></u>		<u><i>Monday 25 December</i></u>	
5pm	Calvary Church, Miami	7am	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
6pm	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters	7am	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach	8.30am	Calvary Church, Miami
7pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba	8.30am	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
Midnight	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters	10am	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters
Midnight	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	** PLEASE NOTE: <u>NO</u> 5.30pm Mass	

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 18 December - 9am, Miami
 Wednesday 20 December - 5.30pm, Palm Beach
 Wednesday 20 December - 7pm, Burleigh Waters
 Thursday 21 December - 5.30pm, Mudgeeraba

First Rite of Reconciliation

Saturdays 16 & 23 December - 5pm, Palm Beach
 Saturday 16 & 23 December - 5.15pm, Burleigh Heads
 Saturday 23 December - 11am, Burleigh Waters

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT – FIRST SUDAY ADVENT

A 3 minute Retreat each day. This invitation asks you to take a short online prayer break at your computer or mobile phone and to spend some quite time reflecting on a scripture verse. As everyone does not pray at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen a continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on.

If you are not tech minded then please pick up the Retreat Resources at the front door of the church. Again all self paced.

Don't forget to gather for fellowship, formation, and prayer Tuesdays 5th, 12th & 19th December 7pm-8pm conducted by Fr Morgan. The retreat sessions will focus on Advent and Mary's fiat (yes).

First Sunday of Advent – Your resources for praying at home (type in link and click to begin). There are 3 online prayer links for this week or pick up flyer at church door.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/i-forgive-you>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/first-sunday-of-advent>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/marys-yes>



Waiting with Patient Expectation

Dianne Bergant CSS

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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Parish News and Happenings

Safeguarding Children – Parish Implementation continues – we are all learning.

Volunteer Registration commenced with forms placed in all Churches and the Parish Office. Thanks to all for your grace and patience with the process.

Volunteer Registration Forms Every volunteer is asked to complete and return one. Forms are now also available from our Parish Website 'Calendar' to be filled in electronically, but we do ask you to print them off and sign. The form includes the Code of Ethical Behaviour, for those who work in the service of the Church – which we are all asked to read and sign, together with a privacy statement. A chart has been placed on each Church Noticeboard which explains the Security check level needed for each Ministry. Representatives below will help you with any questions.

Blue cards, all types, and Police checks, if required can be followed up later for any who need them. There are no costs to you, forms will be submitted in batches by the Archdiocesan Human Resource Office.

Return of Forms: Envelopes are provided for all filled forms to be left back at your Church or they can be passed in at the Parish Office.

Coordinating Team: Calvary Church - Pat Bransdon; Infant Saviour - Elizabeth Fowler; Our Lady of the Way - Bob Merrotsy; St Benedict's - Clive Muchamore; Mary Mother of Mercy - Bev Tronc. Parish Coordinator - Bren Milsom 0407533048

Filling the Form: - Volunteering Details Part C - remember STOP at top of Page 2 and sign. Three areas are signed: Page 2 - volunteering, Page 3 Code of Behaviour, Page 4, Privacy matters.

- Fill as many Ministries on these lines as you are involved eg. Choir/reader/hospitality/communion minister etc.
 - We all report to our Parish Priest
 - Date commenced - just the year is fine.
 - Days and times – Tick all days and just put "as rostered" or "as required"
 - Training will be offered in 2018, but do look at <http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/Code-of-Conduct-Training.aspx>
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- **FAREWEL FOR FR STANLEY** - Sunday 31 December following 10am Mass, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.
 - **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL** - Annual Appeal envelopes are available at the front door of the Church or the Piety Stalls. Your generous support to assist the local poor would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes can be placed on any collection plate or mailed to the address on it. Thank you.
 - **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREE** - Presents, gift cards or cash to assist the poor can be left at the Gifting Tree near the front door of the church. On behalf of those in need - Thank You.
 - **LUNCH and GET-TOGETHER for MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK** - Club Burleigh, 1640 Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads, 11 December. 12.30pm lunch. Free parking. Further information Jan 0431 052423.
 - **CALVARY CHURCH, MIAMI - The HOUR OF GRACE** - 12 noon - 1pm, Friday 8 December - The Immaculate Conception.
 - **CHRISTMAS VIGIL** - 6pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church - children are invited to come in costume to create the live nativity scene (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise people).
 - **COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS** - available from the Piety Stalls at each church. Calendars are \$9 each and packs of 8 Christmas Cards are \$3.50. *Keep Christ in Christmas.*
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- **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.
 - **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Pope Francis' historic visit to Myanmar ... Brisbane has new parish to care for one of state's fastest-growing regions ... More pastoral carers sign up for Church's ministry to people with mental illness in Brisbane.
 - Gold Coast City Choir presents **THE MYSTERY and the MAJESTY - A Cantata by Joseph m Martin and other Advent Music.** Sunday 3 December, 3pm, Robina Anglican Church, Robina Town Centre Drive. Entrance \$10. All welcome.
 - Celebration of Fatima Day - Wednesday 13 December, Marian Valley. Bus leaves 7 Lind Av, Palm Beach, 7.45am and Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. \$20 return. Paula 0402 930918.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Planned Giving roster this week: Mudgeeraba

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Sonny, Hugh and Joshua 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, Sylvia Brewer, Noeleen Brown, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Ben Clarke, 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, Pasquale Leonello, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Patrick McMahon, 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: Matthew McGarry, Thomas Taylor, Gerald Dwyer, Alan Bugeja, Vincent Bugeja, Celena McGovern, deceased relatives of Max & Dymphna Morris.

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

Liturgical Music for First Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

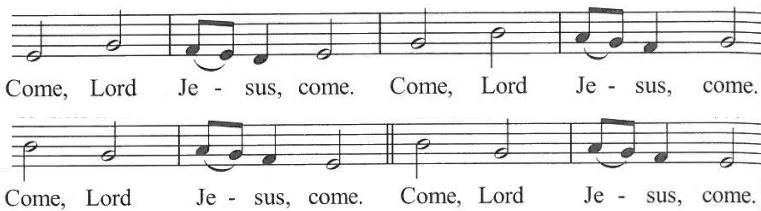
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

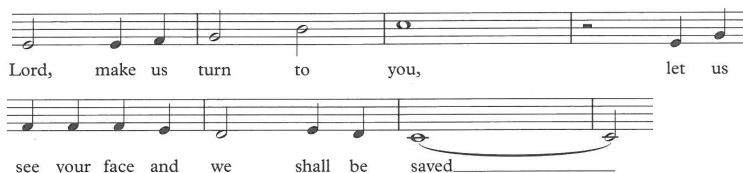
O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Lighting of Advent Candle:



LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



Come to dwell here Ma- ra- na- tha

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:

Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Come And Eat This Living Bread

Come and eat this living bread.
Take and drink this wine.
Come, be nourished, healed and fed,
shaped into God's sign.
Gathered 'round as family
many are made one.
Forming love's community
one we now become.

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Thanksgiving:

As The Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*

You're my friend and you are my brother
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Let Heaven Rejoice

*Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through ev'ry land:
"Hosanna to our king".*

Sound the trumpet into the night;
the day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord.

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