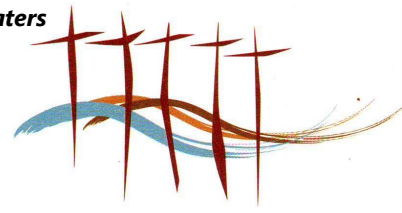


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- **BURLEIGH WATERS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters**
- **BURLEIGH HEADS - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads**
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 31 December, 2017

Year B: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

next week's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

FAREWELL MESSAGES FROM FR DANTUS AND FR STANLEY

With gratitude...

Dear Parishioners of Burleigh Parish,

As I begin to write this farewell I wish to thank you for making my last twenty one months in this parish a time of new discovery, and a time of real joy, there are so many wonderful memories to recall. As I reflect on this time my heart is overflowing with gratitude for the gift you have been to me in my priestly life. First of all I thank God who has given me the opportunity to be here with you in this amazing Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish.



Dear friends, I have received more than I have given. I leave with lots of experiences, with memories enriched with happiness and strong bonds of relationships. I have learnt a lot about life and people and about myself through this faith community. I have also benefited very much from the feedback, collaboration, support and friendship that I have experienced from my fellow priests and all the parish office staff. So I am extremely grateful to God because you have helped shaped me into what I am today. The Holy Eucharistic celebrations, adoration and Rosary devotion, how silently the Lord comes amongst us with His peace and love. Together we have journeyed and celebrated. I shall never forget these, the happiest days of my life. I sincerely appreciate your love, kindness and support, and of course your tolerance and forgiveness of my many imperfections.

To our schools communities, and the dedicated Principals, APRE's, and the wonderful teachers and students of Marymount, thank you to you all, I've always enjoyed the time I spent with you, especially the class Masses and liturgies.

I gratefully remember and acknowledge Bishop Ken who welcomed me to this parish and for all the support and pastoral guidance he showed me, from the beginning of my time here.

Finally please allow me to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for being part of my life journey. To each of our five communities which make up the Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish, I say that I have enjoyed my participation in your faith journeys and am leaving with fond memories in my heart. I'd appreciate please your prayer support as I begin my ministry in the Stanley River Parish on 24th February. Know that I will always keep you in my prayer.

Thank you so much..... Wishing you all a Happy New year that is bright, happy, and filled with abundant blessings. God bless you.

Fr Dantus Thottathil

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 1 January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
(followed by Morning Tea)

Tuesday, 2 January

St Stephen

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 3 January

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
10.00am Funeral for Roger Evans - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 4 January

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

Friday, 5 January

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

Saturday, 6 January

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

Saturday, 6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

SUNDAY, 7 January

The Epiphany 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
5.30pm **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.



Joy to all at Christmas time!

All I want to say to you as I go is A Big Heartfelt Thank You.

You have certainly been a family to me since arriving here in January. The amazing genuine family atmosphere that I have experienced here in Burleigh Heads parish, I believe, must say something about God. We are always “the family of God,” and Jesus himself who gathers and feeds us at the family feast is a member of this family, together with Joseph and Mary. We are connected with the Holy Family, and therefore are inspired to be the same in our own families.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, I offer the Holy Mass especially for our Burleigh Heads family and for your individual families. I think of you always as my family. I have just returned from the weddings of my two sisters and from visiting my family back home in what has been an absolutely refreshing and life-renewing experience. Connectedness is the DNA of life and we are all linked to others in some ways. My family back home believes that through me (our connectedness) we all form one beautiful large family beyond boundaries, real and imagined. They are thankful to you for being my family too. Now as I think of our time here in Burleigh family, I wish to join my voice with that of my family back home to say as I go:

“A Big Heartfelt Thank You.”

Fr Stanley Orji

Fr Stanley Orji has been appointed Associate Director of Vocation Brisbane and Sacramental Administrator of St John's Wood, The Gap.

Fr Dantus Thottathil has been appointed Administrator of Stanley River Parish.

We will farewell Fr Stanley and Fr Dantus this Sunday (31 December) at 10am Mass at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

Fr Stanley will leave the parish on 6 January and Fr Dantus on 14 January.

Fr Ladu Yanga and Fr Saji George will join us on 6 January.

Testimonial envelopes for Fr Stanley and Fr Dantus are available at each church.

A Prayer for Pilgrims and Wanderers

**God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking
God be in my mouth and in my speaking
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and at my parting.**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out-- Hebrews 11:8 Anyone familiar with the Bible realises that there are many stories of people on the move, people from whom will come the chosen one of God.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are also on the move. First to Bethlehem for the census and then, depending on which Gospel story you read, they flee to Egypt in Matthew, or journey to Jerusalem and then Nazareth in Luke. How should we treat the travellers who come to us? *There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.... This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. There was a prophetess, Anna.... She never left the temple but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. Simeon and Anna were vigilant in prayer and watching -- waiting for God to enter their lives. They were wide awake and receptive to something new and unexpected. God is there in surprising ways for those with open minds and hearts. Like Simeon and Anna, those who have put their hope in God will recognize the messiah when at last he does come.*

So we ask ourselves:

For what revelation from God am I waiting?

Where and how am I waiting?

What will be the sign that will tell me God has visited me in my waiting?



Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 states that all of us “belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth, whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded.” In his message for the 51st World Day of Peace for January 1st, Pope Francis establishes four mileposts for action: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.

1. “Welcoming” calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights. Scripture reminds us: “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” [Hebrews 13:2]
2. “Protecting” has to do with our duty to recognise and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited. God does not discriminate: “The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the orphan and the widow.” [Psalm 146:9]
3. “Promoting” entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. The Bible teaches that God “loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.” [Deuteronomy 10:18-19]
4. “Integrating”, lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community. Saint Paul expresses it in these words: “You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people.” [Ephesians 2:19] Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Fr Morgan

Parish News and Happenings

- **SAFEGUARDING** - **Parish Implementation progress.** Our Volunteer Registration continues - please keep sending your forms in. Remember to fill in your volunteer ministry and sign all three places of the Declaration, Code of Ethical Behaviour and Privacy acknowledgement. All volunteers are asked to fill out the volunteer registration form. Thanks to all who are helping what this large and important task.
- **MUSIC MINISTRY** - Organists, musicians, singers and interested parties are invited to attend the next Music Meeting on Wednesday 10 January at 9.30am in the Community Centre, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. **OPEN INVITATION** to all music ministers to **LUNCH** at Burleigh Bears Sports Club, Christine Avenue, 12 noon, following the meeting on 10 January.
- **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 Bren Milsom 5522 4880.
- **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** will resume on Thursday 1 February at the home of Kay Harding at 6pm. Further details from Paul 5593 3794.
- **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.
- **CHERISH LIFE QLD** is open to people of all faith backgrounds. The common bond of members is the regard for human life from conception to natural death. The Gold Coast branch meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Centre, Nerang (39-49 McLaren Rd). Further information Fiona - 5578 1513 - 0457 781513.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL** would appreciate **USED STAMPS** which can be left at Piety Stalls. Many thanks to those already contributing.

- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL** - Envelopes are available at the door of the Church or the Piety Stalls. Your generous support to assist the local poor is greatly appreciated. Envelopes can be placed on any collection plate or mailed to the address on it. Thank you.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S NEW CENTRE** is located below the Community Centre adjacent to Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. The Centre is not equipped to handle donations of clothing, household goods or furniture and **THESE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT OUTSIDE OF THIS BUILDING.** The Centre services our parish area predominantly by visiting those in need. Those needing assistance should use the new Helpline number freecall 1800 VINNIES or 1800 846643 and choose option 1 from the menu. Those wishing to donate and have furniture to be collected should phone freecall 1800 VINNIES or 1800 846643 and choose option 2. Those wishing to donate clothing, blankets, sheets, etc, cutlery, books and other non-electrical household goods should take these directly to the VINNIES SHOP at Santa Maria Crt, Burleigh Waters or any other VINNIES SHOP. Those assessed during visitations and needing such donated items are handed free \$25 Vinnies Gift Cards and referred to Vinnies Shops to select the items needed. The Society is a non-profit Catholic Charity and any profit made by VINNIES SHOPS selling to the public is used to help those in need.
- **TWO MINUTE HOMILIES** - Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis. To view or listen to a podcast visit <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.
- **REPORTING PERSONAL ACCIDENTS** - Under strict Archdiocesan guidelines, the parish is required to complete an accident form for each and every accident that occurs in parish buildings, property and on volunteer duties. An accident must be reported to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Report forms will be provided and must be completed, which includes recording as much detail as possible, photos and witnesses. The reports will be kept on file in case any future problems arise. The cause of an accident will be investigated and remedied where possible.
- Anyone wanting to enquire about the Catholic faith, meetings are held each Wednesday at 7pm in Infant Saviour meeting room.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Palm Beach

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Noah, Lily and Oscar who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Dulcie Jean Critchley and Elizabeth Margaret Eaton who have died in Christ. Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

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, 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 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: Roger Evans, Sheila Mills, Leon and Julia Grioli, Gerald & Vira Caruana, Patrick McMahon, Chris Petersen, Michael Petersen.

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

May you find eternal life.

Liturgical Music for Holy Family

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

The First Nowell

The first Nowell, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

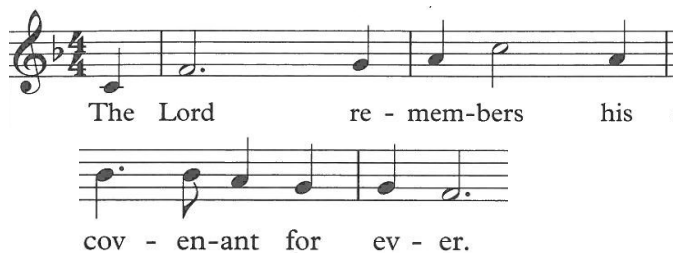
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

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.

CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

Thanksgiving:

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.



Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see:
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"