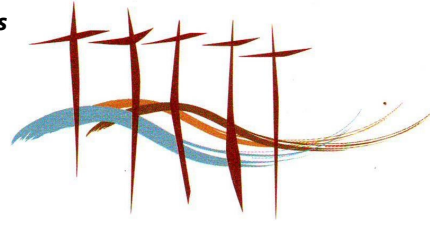


# BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **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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## Second Sunday of Advent 9 December, 2018

*Year B:* Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6  
*next week's Readings:* Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### In the Wilderness

As we move into the second week of Advent, the words of St. Paul remind us "to be pure of heart and come blameless filled with the fruit of holiness through Christ Jesus for the glory and praise of God." In the first reading from Baruch we are summoned to rejoice and dress in the splendour of God's glory, wrapping ourselves in the cloak of justice and bearing the mitre of God's eternal name, for our God leads us home.

Advent is a time of eager waiting. We wait for Christ and to get back to our home. Waiting is one of the hardest things for us nowadays. There is so much urgency about even the smallest things in our modern world. Therefore we have to meet John the Baptist before we can meet Christ. We have to begin with John, "a voice crying in the wilderness" demanding tough decisions. So let us enter the wilderness of our world and our own being .... And wait there for developments undergoing a total transformation.

John the Baptist challenged the people to go down to the river Jordan and to receive baptism allowing them to be immersed in the water. The word 'baptism' literally means being overwhelmed by or immersed in water. It is used in the case of Naaman in 2Kings 5:14 who was cured of leprosy by being immersed seven times in the waters of Jordan. Judith immersed herself in purifying waters in preparation for the mission God had for her (Judith 12:7). It was from the chaos of the swirling waters that God brought forth creation. It was through the waters of the Red Sea that the people had to pass to find freedom (Ex. 14:21-31).

John's baptism is described as a 'baptism of repentance'. Repentance involves the change of mind and heart, and turning to God. In brief, the preparation of Christmas involves casting away of all that would distract us from reaching our goal and to receive the good news. Once saint Mother Theresa said: 'The fruit of faith is love and fruit of love is service'. Therefore the real transformation ends with real service.

*Fr Saji*

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 10 December

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

### Tuesday, 11 December

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 12 December

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

### Thursday, 13 December

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

### Friday, 14 December

**St John of the Cross**  
 9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital  
 10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Saturday, 15 December

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, 15 December

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami  
 Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach  
 Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 16 December

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 4.00am **Mass** - Simbang Gabi - Burleigh Waters  
 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

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## Christmas Mass Times

<i>Monday 24 December</i>		<i>Tuesday 25 December</i>	
5pm	Calvary Church, Miami	7am	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
5pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba	7am	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach	8.30am	Calvary Church, Miami
6pm	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters	8.30am	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
Midnight	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	10am	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
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**SUNDAY MASS** - 4th Sunday of the month  
**Bond University** - 7pm - in the Student Lounge  
 20 January  
 24 February

# We are John the Baptists

John the Baptiser was an eccentric figure. We read he was dressed in a cloak made out of camel hair to protect him from the chill of the desert night, and that he ate locusts and wild honey, what he could scavenge as a truly poor man.

And so we can think that a person who prepares the way of the Lord has to be somewhat extraordinary, somewhat eccentric, even bizarre, the sort of person whose arrival somewhere draws a crowd.

But, *you and I* are called to 'prepare the way of the Lord'. Some of you do qualify as eccentric and bizarre, but for most of us of the ordinary ilk, our vocation is to do what we can to prepare the hearts and minds of those with whom we come into contact so that Our Lord Jesus Christ can enter into the history of that person's life.

Every act of unselfishness, every act of companionship, every act of setting to right some injustice, every act of encouragement so that a person begins to bloom in a new way, every act of advice to avoid some folly which would hurt or stunt someone, all these actions and many, many more, make the path straight for Our Lord to enter that person's heart.

But, lest we become just another moralising meddler in other people's lives, we have to let God prepare *our* heart for *our* role. John the Baptist helps us understand what is involved.

First, we must 'repent'. We can all identify that part of our lives which we need to turn around, sometimes 180 degrees! Second, we have to carry out our role believing with John the Baptist that '*all who live* shall see the salvation of God'. We must not allow ethnic or social identity to limit our role as John or Joan the Baptists in this world.

In this respect there are signs of hope in our world. Without having a clue of what I am talking about, I am sure that we should encourage social media, and much of the blogging and twittering which link millions of young people across the planet. Their constant and instantaneous communication negate the contours of geography and the boundaries of nations.

Young people are saying 'we are one community of human beings on this fragile planet whether in Tanzania, Chile, Oklahoma or Tasmania'.

With his pastoral guidance and with a new generation of truly global Catholics, Pope Francis wants us to be 'les misericordieux sans frontieres'. Were that realised, we would be hastening the day when all who live shall see the salvation of God.

In the meantime, the challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

We cannot put boundaries on the effect of our preparing the way of the Lord in that person's heart because, when the Lord Jesus comes, it is as the Sovereign Lord of History, the Ruler of the powers of the Cosmos, so the effect may be felt beyond that person's individual situation, into his social setting, community, and so to the world.

With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to change the course of history!

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## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

**Wednesday 19 December**

5.30pm, Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach; 7.00pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters

**Thursday 20 December**

5.30pm, St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba

**Monday 24 December**

9am, Miami

## Parish Christmas Party

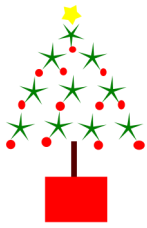
**Sunday 23 December, 7pm** (after 5.30pm Mass)  
Mercy Community Centre, Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters

- \* *Bring a plate to share ... Bring your Christmas cheer ...*
- \* *Wear your Christmas gear ... Bring your voice to sing ...*
- \* *Join in everything ... and make it a Christmas Party to remember!*

**PRIZE FOR BEST DECORATED CHRISTMAS HAT**



# Parish News and Happenings



**CHRISTMAS GIFT TAGS** - You are invited to take a tag from the Christmas tree in your church - then buy a present to suit the tag and return with tag attached (no wrapping), as soon as possible. These presents need to be sorted and wrapped well in advance of delivery, so any tagged presents not returned on time need to be purchased by the St Vincent de Paul Conference. Thank you for your generosity - may it be returned to you with smiles and happiness on Christmas day.

- **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES CARDS** are available at Churches this weekend. Please take a supply of cards and hand to family, friends and visitors ... and invite them to celebrate Christmas in our parish.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND, 4 - 15 September, 2019** Cost of Bible Tour \$6000 including airfare economy (\$1,190 for single supp) Please register your interest at the Parish Office. *\*Especially suitable for 75+ age group.*
- **CHRISTMAS VIGIL** - Children are invited to come in costume to create a live nativity scene (angels, shepherds) for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5pm St Benedict's Church, Mudgeeraba and 6pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. Please arrive early for a quick practice.
- **PASTORAL CARE SKILLS COURSE** - All parishioners providing pastoral care and visitation in aged care and nursing home facilities, and any interested person wanting to become skilled at the very special art of pastoral listening, are invited to join those training to become hospital pastoral carers in an uplifting, engaging, fun and spirit-filled 5 day pastoral care listening skills course. Surfers Paradise Parish Centre, 9am - 4pm, 21- 25 January. This course is being sponsored by Centacare Pastoral Ministries. Attendance is free but registration is essential. Further details [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) Registrations close 14 January.
- **PALMS AUSTRALIA** - Make an Encounter in 2019 - a rich immersion to challenge perception, guided by Palms Mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters).
- **CHRISTMAS TIME AT THE PIETY STALL** - There are beautiful calendars and cards available at the piety stalls, along with many items which would make lovely gifts.
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4.30 - 5.30pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- The **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL** at St Gerard Majella, Chermside West, is now on. Huge lights display, gift shop, coffee shop, BBQ, operating from 6 - 10pm every night until 23 December.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Mackay region priest pays tribute to the courage of firefighters who battled extreme bushfires in Central Queensland ... A Brisbane parish evangelises the town through a spectacular display of Christmas lights ... Brisbane parishioners contribute a total of \$1.5 million towards a community development project in East Timor ... Catholic chaplain reacts to findings of new youth survey showing a growing concern for mental health among young people.

## Advent Reflection Series

Advent is a season of preparation. Preparation to celebrate Emmanuel: God-With-Us. Preparation to open our hearts to God incarnated in us. Our four week Advent Reflection Series continues this Tuesday night 11 December 7pm-8pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church. There is no cost to these evenings, which are offered to all interested in reflecting on what it is that we are being called to as people of faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, within the Church and beyond. Theme for Week 3. *Journey – The journey of discernment and opening our hearts*; Week 4. *Birth – What is it that God is inviting us to birth*. RSVP Sue Thomas via email [sue@suethomas.net.au](mailto:sue@suethomas.net.au)

## Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

- Monday:** Our God will come to save us!  
**Tuesday:** The Lord our God comes in strength.  
**Wednesday:** O bless the Lord, my soul.  
**Thursday:** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.  
**Friday:** Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.  
**Saturday:** Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Grace, Daisy, Luna, Tyson, Olivia and Paige who were baptised last week.

## FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Marie Evans, John Desmond Buttenshaw and Edward Charles Winton 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, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, John Costigan, Michelle Cronin, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, John Hankin, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Terry Maguire, 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, Maureen Pocock, 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:** Gerald Dwyer, Arlette Grilas, Sr Joe Maria Thottathil (sister of Fr Dantus).

*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: Burleigh Heads



# Liturgical Music for Second Sunday of Advent

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering: Open The Heavens**

Open the heavens, Lord,  
Come to your people,  
Hide not your face, O God.  
Open the heavens, Lord,  
Come to your people,  
open the heavens and come.



Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.  
Water your vineyard again,  
scattered and broken, return to our aid,  
open the heavens and come. (*Refrain*)

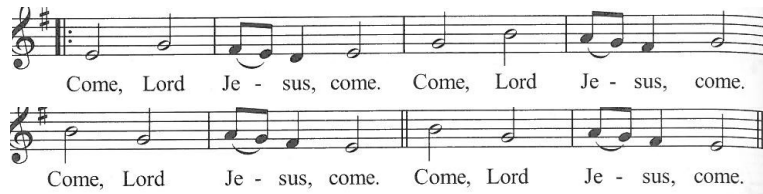
Wake, a-wake, O Israel, see your light has come.  
Rise and clothe your self in strength,  
know your Lord is near.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, to-day.  
Listen to hear when he comes  
know that salvation will break like the dawn,  
open the heavens and come. (*Refrain*)

[coda] Open the heavens and come,  
open the heavens and come.

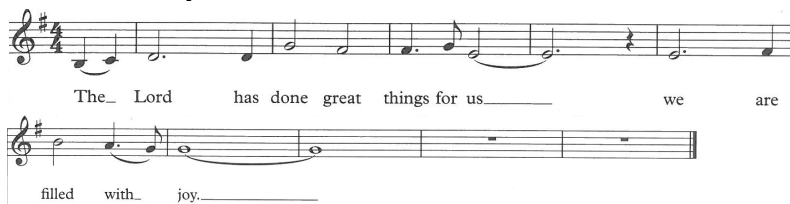
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### **Lighting of Advent Candle:**



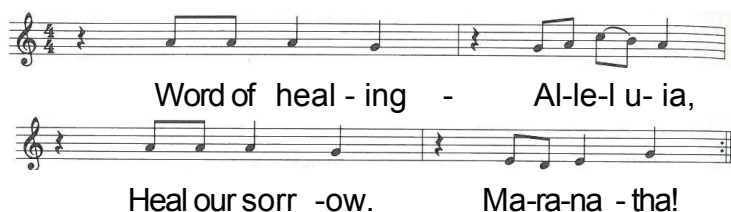
## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### **Psalm Response:**



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### **Gospel Acclamation:**



Word of comfort, Alleluia, bring us hope now. Maranatha!  
Word of gladness, Alleluia, fill our hearts now. Maranatha!  
Word of wisdom, Alleluia, come renew us. Maranatha!

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Preparation of the Gifts:**

#### **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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#### **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: 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.

## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal: Prepare the Way Of The Lord**

There was a man of God whose name was John.  
He came to speak for the Light,  
the voice of one in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

*Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,  
the winding paths be straightened  
and all on earth shall see his face;  
prepare the way of the Lord.

He is the Lamb of God and you must follow him  
who takes the sin of the world,  
for he has come to give you life.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

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