

# 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 10 December, 2017

Year A: Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

This Sunday's readings are all about preparation - and not just any kind of preparation. No, we are to get ready for the coming of God's Chosen One. What are we to do? Look at the last line of the responsorial Psalm 85:14, "Justice shall walk before him", and the second reading in 2 Peter where we look to a time when "righteousness dwells" and we are reminded that cultivating a disposition that leads to good action is another important way to get ready. This preparation requires us to be involved in works of justice and for us to practice an interior peace, kindness, and generosity that will transmit to others. But, we have so much to do...clean the house, trim the tree, buy the presents, cook the food...who has time for anything else? Perhaps, if this has a familiar ring, it is time to re-prioritize your life in Christ.

Here are some suggestions to "make way" for Christ by serving him in his guise of the poor and vulnerable and by participating in seeking a more just world:

1. Join one of these parish advocacy groups - Congregations for Social Justice, Justice for Immigrants, Respect for Life
2. Walk in relationship with a disadvantaged person - Door Ministry, Gabriel Project, Habitat for Humanity, Prison Ministry, or Support Circles, Care and Concern, Vinnies
3. Say G'day to someone you usually don't say hello to
4. For your children - have them collect clothing for underprivileged children - a Note in the Pocket. For smaller children - create a "kindness chain" to hang on your tree, adding a link for every kind thing they do for someone between now and Christmas - these will be their gifts to the Christ child. (And your actions for a more just world will be your gifts!) All of our parish ministries can be found at [www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au](http://www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au) > groups
5. Join the Burleigh Parish Advent Retreat Experience - websites, Advent Resource flyer, Tuesday Retreat Nights at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

*Fr Morgan*

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 11 December

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

### Tuesday, 12 December

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

7.00pm **Advent Retreat Session** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 13 December

#### St Lucy

7.00am **Mass** - Miami

9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 14 December

#### St John of the Cross

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 15 December

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital

12 noon **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Saturday, 16 December

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.00pm **Sacrament of Penance** - Palm Beach

5.15pm **Sacrament of Penance** - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 16 December

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 17 December

#### Third 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](http://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	<b>** PLEASE NOTE: <u>NO</u> 5.30pm Mass</b>	

## GUIDE FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

Your obligation for Sunday / Christmas

- Option 1: Saturday evening + Sunday evening
- Option 2: Saturday evening + Monday
- Option 3: Sunday + Sunday evening
- Option 4: Sunday + Monday
- Option 5: Sunday evening (before 4pm) + Sunday evening (after the first Sunday evening Mass)
- Option 6: Sunday evening + Monday

### 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

In the crazy world of End of Year and Christmas Preparation I invite our Parish to spend a few minutes each day/week in prayer – to ready our hearts for Christmas and the Lord's return.

This is a Retreat for You at Home – self paced alone or with others.

How does it work? Each Sunday of Advent there will be resources in the Parish newsletter for you to use at home. Combined with this there will be a Retreat Session at MMM Church on Tuesday Nights, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-8pm conducted by Fr Morgan. The retreat sessions will focus on Advent and Mary's fiat (yes).

This invitation is to encourage prayer at your own pace at home and to gather for some fellowship, formation, and prayer on Tuesdays.

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

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/your-hearts-desire>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/retreats/in-gods-time>



# Parish News and Happenings

## Safeguarding - Parish Implementation progress

**Please keep those forms coming in**

Our Volunteer Registration is now in full swing - thanks to all for your cooperation and early returns.

**Volunteer Registration Forms** are in all Churches and the Parish Office. 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. Please note - there are three places to sign. We expect the process to take us well into next year to be completed in our large Parish.

**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. You will be contacted over the coming months if signatures have been missed or extra security checks are required for your Volunteer Ministry

**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.

Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish Coordinator - Bren Milsom 0407533048

- 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>

- **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.

- **CHRISTMAS VIGIL** - children are invited to come in costume to create a live nativity scene (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise people) at **6pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church** and **7pm, St Benedict's**. Please arrive early for a quick practice.

- **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.*

- 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.

- **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](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au) Phone 3324 3193.

- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Five Australian Catholic teachers heading to Myanmar next month, inspired by Pope Francis' visit ... Missionary congregation promises four priests for Townsville diocese ... Vinnies worker, seminarian and parishioners on the frontline caring for poor people and homeless on Sunshine Coast.

- **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** - last meditation evening for 2017 is Thursday 14 December. Please bring a plate to share. Meditation will restart on Thursday 1 February at the home of Kay Harding at 6pm. Further details from Paul 5593 3794.

- **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.

- Anyone wanting to enquire about the Catholic faith, meetings are held each Wednesday at 7pm in Infant Saviour meeting room.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Angus, Amelia, Skye, Harper and Charlotte 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, 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 Zendler, 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:** Lina Schembri, Frank Usaj, Collette Taylor, Patrick McMahon.

*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!

Planned Giving roster this week: Burleigh Waters



# Liturgical Music for Second Sunday of Advent

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

#### **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.

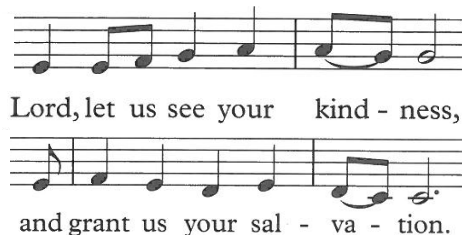
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### **Lighting of Advent Candle:**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### **Psalm Response:**



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### **Gospel Acclamation:**



Heal our sorrow - Ma-ra-na-tha

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:

### **Communion:**

#### **Eat This Bread**

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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### **Thanksgiving:**

#### **O God, You Search Me**

O God, you search me and you know me,  
all my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonders of who I am I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal:**

#### **Let The Valleys Be Raised**

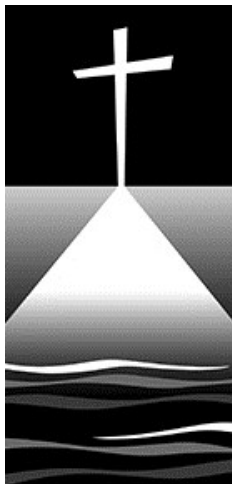
*Let the valleys be raised  
and the mountains made low.  
Ev'ry meadow and field overturn.  
Make the pathway straight  
and the highways run smooth  
for the coming of God in our day.*

God has come to His people  
as He promised of old.  
He has raised up a Saviour  
in the sight of us all.

You, little child, go before Him  
Like the prophets of old,  
bringing news of His coming  
by the mercy of God.

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### **A VOCATION VIEW**

The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness".  
Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

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